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ORAL STATEMENT

Item 5: Human rights bodies and mechanisms – General debate

TIME FOR RENEWED COMMITMENT TO THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS MECHANISMS

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Mr. President,

Amnesty International would like to recognize the work done by the Special Procedures during a very challenging time in 2021, and welcomes the resumption of country visits as well as over one thousand communications sent to states.

The Special Procedures continue to demonstrate their important role in prevention and early warning, and their agility to quickly adapt and continue working, even during a global crisis. We encourage states to engage with the Special Procedures constructively, and seek their guidance on draft laws as well as on how to improve domestic implementation of international human rights law.

Amnesty International continues to be concerned at the practice of some states to take every opportunity to attack mandate holders whose findings they do not like. These practises must end.

Finally, UN member states must make real the promise of putting human rights first and not miss the opportunities of the Secretary-General's Call to Action and Our Common Agenda to ensure better use of human rights mechanisms within UN processes. In practice, this means enhancing the synergies between human rights and the other pillars of the UN, as well as ensuring sustainable funding for the mechanisms and the timely allocation of resources to the mandates created by this Council.

Thank you.