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## **48<sup>th</sup> Human Rights Council September – October 2021**

### **General Debate Item 5: Human rights bodies and mechanisms**

We commend the Council's hard work over the years to promote the UDHR. As a result, most people around the world know their human rights. However, we feel that very few people know about the complaints procedure.

We take note of Report A/HRC/48/3. We are encouraged that there is increasing recourse to complaints against Businesses and TNC's.

However, there seems to be a considerable difference between the number of human rights complaints against States reported to the UN and the hundreds of thousands of abuses reported by the world media. In a world population of some eight billion, a mere 369 complaints seem to be microscopic.

It is possible that the complaints procedure is either not known around the world or is too complex for ordinary people.

We would like to suggest an HRC mandate raising world-wide public awareness of the complaints procedures. We also suggest making them simpler, more accessible and less complex to fill. We further think that the complaints mechanisms should be made fit for purpose in today's world of social media communication.



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We believe that publicising the complaints procedure and making communication simpler will inspire greater confidence in the integrity and relevance of the UDHR to the average person.