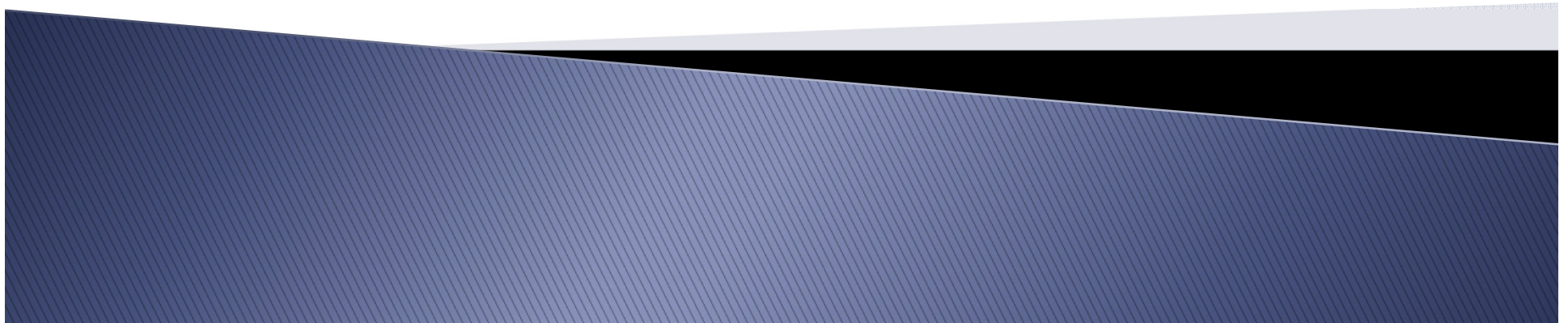


Submissions to the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion of Belief



Form (model questionnaire)

Model questionnaire of the UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief 3

Model questionnaire

The questionnaire below should be filled out and sent to:

Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief
c/o Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
United Nations at Geneva
8-14 avenue de la Paix
CH-1211 Geneva 10
Switzerland
Fax: (+41) 22 917 90 06
E-mail: freedomofreligion@ohchr.org or urgent-action@ohchr.org
(then please include in the subject box: Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief)

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- Does the incident involve an individual or a group?
- If it involves a religious or belief group please state the number of people involved and the denomination of the group:
- Country(ies) in which the incident took place:
- Nationality(ies) of the victim(s):
- Does domestic law require (re-)registration of religious associations and if yes, what is the current status of the group in question?

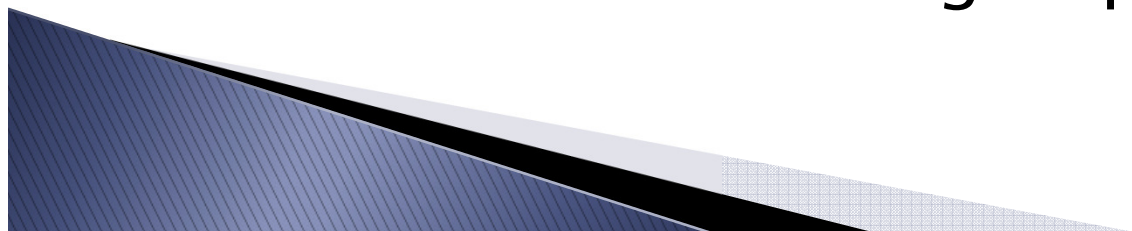
2. IDENTITY OF THE PERSONS CONCERNED
Note: if more than one person is concerned, please attach relevant information on each person separately.

- Family name:
- First name:
- Denomination of his/her religion or belief:
- Place of residence or origin:
- Age:
- Sex:
- Nationality(ies):

- ▶ Part of the SR's job is to examine violations and recommend solutions
- ▶ The SR invites organizations and individuals to submit information about violations
- ▶ The form requests:
 1. General information
 2. Identity of the person concerned
 3. Information regarding the alleged violation
 4. Steps taken by the victim, his/her family, or anyone else on his/her behalf


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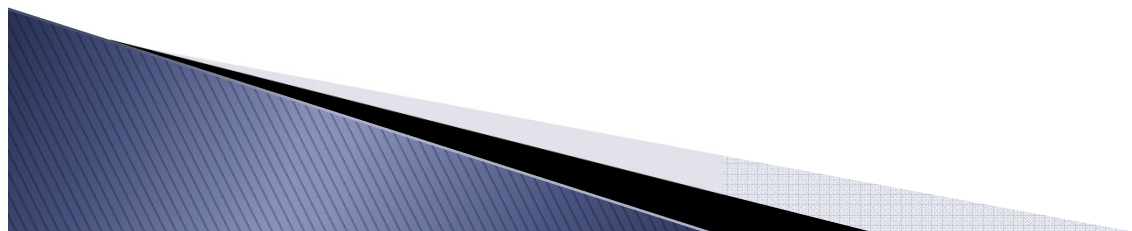
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For each victim...

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3. INFORMATION REGARDING THE ALLEGED VIOLATION

- ▶ *Date* and *time*
- ▶ *Place* (location and country/countries)
- ▶ *Detailed description* of the circumstances of the incident
- ▶ Evidence that the victim(s) has been *targeted* because of his/her religion or belief?
- ▶ Identification of the alleged *perpetrator(s)* (name(s), function, motive)
- ▶ Are the perpetrator(s) known to the victim?
- ▶ Are *state agents* or *non-state-actors* believed to be responsible?
- ▶ If the perpetrators are believed to be *State-agents*, please specify (police, military, rank and functions, etc.), and indicate *why* they are believed to be responsible; be as precise as possible.
- ▶ If identification as State agents is not possible, do you believe that *Government authorities* or persons linked to them, are responsible for the incident, why?
- ▶ *Witnesses* – names, ages, relationship and contact address. If they want to be anonymous, indicate if they are relatives, by-passers, etc.; if there is evidence, please specify.



4. STEPS TAKEN BY THE VICTIM, HIS/HER FAMILY OR ANYONE ELSE ON HIS/HER BEHALF?

- ▶ Have complaints been filed? When, by whom, and to which State authorities
- ▶ Were any other steps taken?
- ▶ Were any steps taken by the authorities?
 - investigations?
 - what kind of investigations?
 - other measures?
- ▶ How have those authorities dealt with any complaints? What has been the outcome?



- ▶ Exercise: Complete the form using the example case
- ▶ Discussion point: choose one section of the form. Why do you think this information is important?

