Subject: Call for Contributions - OHCHR comprehensive report on mental health and human rights (HRC resolution 52/12)

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights presents its compliments to all Permanent and Observer Missions to the United Nations Office in Geneva, specialized agencies, other intergovernmental organizations, national human rights institutions, and non-governmental organizations and has the honour to inform of the following:

At its fifty-second session, the Human Rights Council adopted resolution 52/12 on mental health and human rights.

The resolution requests the High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize a one-day consultation and to prepare a comprehensive report on challenges and best ways to implement at the local, national and regional levels enabling normative and policy measures for the realization of the human rights of persons with psychosocial disabilities and current or potential users of mental health services. It also requests the High Commissioner, in his report, to include suggestions of policy tools for the implementation of a human rights perspective to mental health, and to present the report to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-eighth session.

In this regard, OHCHR is seeking inputs on the following, in particular:

(a) Existing enabling normative and policy measures at the local, national and regional level applied for the realization of the human rights of persons with psychosocial disabilities and current or potential users of mental health services;
(b) Challenges encountered and good practices in the implementation of enabling normative and policy measures;

(c) Whether and if so, how, the OHCHR’s Mental Health Guide (Mental health, human rights and legislation: guidance and practice) was used and any feedback on the Guide itself;

(d) Suggestions of other policy tools for the implementation of a human rights perspective to mental health mindful of the centrality of mental health for the full realization of the right to health;

(e) Disaggregated data on persons with psychosocial disabilities and current or potential users of mental health service, as well as mental health services, including community-based services.

Submissions should be limited to five pages and be submitted in an accessible format (Microsoft Word). The Office would be grateful for any inputs to be submitted by 4 October 2024, addressed to the Registry of OHCHR, indicating in the subject matter ‘Input to HRC resolution 52/12 – mental health. Submissions will be made publicly available, in full and as received, on the OHCHR website, unless otherwise requested. For any follow-up queries, kindly contact Mr Khaled HASSINE (khaled.hassine@un.org).

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