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**Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil,
political, economic, social and cultural rights,
including the right to development**

Good practices and challenges faced by States in using the guidelines on the effective implementation of the right to participate in public affairs

Note by the Secretariat

1. In its resolution 39/11 on equal participation in political and public affairs, the Human Rights Council requested the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare, in consultation with States and all other relevant stakeholders, a follow-up report on good practices and challenges faced by States in using the guidelines on the effective implementation of the right to participate in public affairs, and to present it to the Council at its forty-eighth session.
2. In the light of the financial constraints faced by the Organization, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights is unable to submit the report within the deadline for the forty-eighth session. The Office intends to submit the report to the Council at its forty-ninth session.

