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**Joint NGO Statement**

***The Third Phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education***

***and the UN Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training***

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General Debate

Thank you, Mr. President,

We welcome the plan of action for the third phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education (2015-2019)[[1]](#footnote-1) prepared by the OHCHR.

We also welcome the new web resource “the Right to Human Rights Education”[[2]](#footnote-2), launched by the OHCHR on 10 September.

Together with the UN Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training, these tools must be fully utilised and implemented.

The third phase of the World Programme aims at promoting social inclusion of marginalised groups; fostering interreligious and intercultural dialogue; and combating stereotypes and violence.

We urge all Member States to implement the third phase of the World Programme, keeping in mind the following:

Firstly, the focus group of the third phase of the World Programme, “media professionals and journalists”, have public responsibilities for respecting human rights, and at the same time the protection of their rights, especially the freedom of expression with their safe environment must be ensured.

Secondly, human rights education requires the involvement of all relevant actors and the mutual collaboration between civil society and the government in all countries, for its very aim at realising all human rights of all persons, women and men, young and elderly.

Thirdly, the Council should consider a follow up resolution in the 28th session next year on the UN Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training, in order to reaffirm the political commitment enshrined in the Declaration.

Mr. President,

With appreciation to seven Member States of the Platform for Human Rights Education and Training[[3]](#footnote-3), civil society actors including the NGO Working Group on Human Rights Education and Learning at the UN and an international coalition of NGOs, HRE 2020[[4]](#footnote-4), will continue to mainstream human rights education in the work of the Council and other human rights mechanisms.

Thank you, Mr. President.

1. A/HRC/27/28 (4 August 2014), “Plan of Action for the third phase (2015–2019) of the World Programme for Human Rights Education”. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Education/Training/Compilation/Pages/Listofcontents.aspx> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Costa Rica, Italy, Morocco, Philippines, Senegal, Slovenia and Switzerland. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. The coalition was created in December 2013. Website: <http://www.hre2020.org> [↑](#footnote-ref-4)