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## **UNDP Statement**

Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on human rights defenders  
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UNDP welcomes the report of the Special Rapporteur.

We are committed to working with UN Environment and OHCHR on the roll-out and implementation of the common UN guidance to Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams pertaining to the plight of environmental human rights defenders, prepared as an output of the joint UN Task Force formed by the Secretary General's Call to Action on Human Rights.

Furthermore, as part of the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, UNDP has pledged to operationalize the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment in 100 countries by the year 2030.

We are actively working to achieve this by:

**Firstly**, assisting environmental human rights defenders, be they from civil society organisations, Indigenous Peoples, and local communities, in accessing nature and climate finance as part of our work on Climate & Forests, and through the UNDP-implemented GEF Small Grants Programme.

**Secondly**, integrating the right to a healthy environment into joint programming on environmental justice under our [UNDP Nature Pledge](#) and [UNDP Climate Promise](#) in more than 120 countries

**Thirdly**, updating and supporting implementation of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans in line with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, with a focus on the 'nexus' with NDCs under the Paris Agreement

I thank you.