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Request for 'Fast Track' Tier Reclassification of SDG indicator 10.3.1 & 16.b.1: "Proportion of population reporting having personally felt discriminated against or harassed in the previous 12 months on the basis of a ground of discrimination prohibited under international human rights law"

Dear Co-chairs of the Inter-Agency Expert Group on SDGs,

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, as custodian agency of indicator 10.3.1 & 16.b.1, would like to request the IAEG-SDG to consider reclassifying this indicator as a Tier II indicator.

The pledge to leave no-one behind and eliminate discrimination is at the centre of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The elimination of discrimination is also enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the core international human rights treaties. The purpose of this indicator, referred to under SDG targets 10.3 and 16.b, is to measure a prevalence of discrimination/harassment based on the personal experience reported by individuals. Using data collected through household surveys, the indicator would provide a unique opportunity to inform and assess impact of relevant policy and programmes by measuring the prevailing situation directly on the concerned population(s).

The definitional and methodological framework for this indicator is based on both international human rights and statistical standards. The development of the proposed survey module for collecting the data benefited from the guidance and experience of national statistical offices from several regions, the Praia City Group on Governance Statistics as well as national and regional human rights institutions. The proposed module is consistent with a considerable set of discrimination surveys and questionnaires already implemented by national statistical offices, human rights institutions and civil society organisations at national and regional levels.

The re-classification of the indicator to Tier II will contribute to furthering data coverage, provide a stronger basis for stakeholders to apply the methodology at national level and for OHCHR and its partners to support capacity building and compilation at global level.

The metadata and other supporting documents on the recommended methodology accompany this request. My team is available to provide further information and support to the IAEG-SDG.

Yours sincerely,

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