Model pledges

UN entities

Intergovernmental organisations

Regional and international mechanisms

*All participants – including States, CSOs, international and regional organizations and mechanisms, national human rights institutions, academic institutions, experts and other professionals – are encouraged to register pledges to demonstrate their commitment to the global fight against enforced disappearance and readiness to take action.*

*Pledges will also allow to make and measure progress towards the goal of eliminating enforced disappearance everywhere in the world.*

*Pledges’ content should fulfil the following criteria:*

* *Pursue the overall goal i.e. the protection of all persons from enforced disappearance;*
* *Be developed in consultation with stakeholders, especially victims;*
* *Be action-oriented and outline concrete actions;*
* *State clear, measurable commitment(s);*
* *Provide a timeframe.*

*To facilitate the drafting process, these model pledges have been provided by the WCED team. Pledging entities are invited to pick the elements that best correspond to their situation and adapt the model texts to their individual priorities and contexts.*

*The list is neither exhaustive nor exclusive. Please feel free to use it as guide.*

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# Strengthening legal and institutional frameworks to fight against impunity and ensure accountability

Pledge number

The organisation/mechanism commits to:

* Support the ratification and domestication of the Convention, as well as the recognition of CED's competence, to ensure that the appropriate legal framework for the prohibition and criminalization of enforced disappearances, and redress for victims, is in place.

*The pledge refers to activities 5.6 and 5.7 of the proposed Action Plan.*

**Indicators for measuring progress**: [if applicable]

**Resource implications**: The organisation/mechanism will determine the resources that may be required to carry out this pledge based on the objectives they set and the actions they choose to take in their specific context.

**Expected deadline within which the pledge will be realized**: DD/MM/YYYY

Pledge number

The organisation/mechanism commits to:

* Consult and involve civil society, including victims and their families, and the NHRI in processes related to the ratification and domestication of the Convention.

*The pledge refers to activity 5.11 of the proposed Action Plan.*

**Indicators for measuring progress**: [if applicable]

**Resource implications**: The organisation/mechanism will determine the resources that may be required to carry out this pledge based on the objectives they set and the actions they choose to take in their specific context.

**Expected deadline within which the pledge will be realized**: DD/MM/YYYY

Pledge number

The organisation/mechanism commits to:

* Establish or strengthen international safeguards and mechanisms to protect victims (including family members) and those who assist them (including witnesses in relevant processes) from reprisals.
* Ensure that actions that criminalize, intimidate persecute or stigmatize disappeared persons, their families or the people that support them are investigated internationally and that the perpetrators are punished.
* Support the mandate of international mechanisms set up to protect against reprisals.

*The pledge refers to activities 4.2 and 4.5 of the proposed Action Plan.*

**Indicators for measuring progress**: [if applicable]

**Resource implications**: The organisation/mechanism will determine the resources that may be required to carry out this pledge based on the objectives they set and the actions they choose to take in their specific context.

**Expected deadline within which the pledge will be realized**: DD/MM/YYYY

Pledge number

The organisation/mechanism commits to:

* Establish and/or contribute to regional and international interconnected databases of verifiable statistics on the number of forcibly disappeared persons.

*The pledge refers to activity 2.7 of the proposed Action Plan.*

**Indicators for measuring progress**: [if applicable]

**Resource implications**: The organisation/mechanism will determine the resources that may be required to carry out this pledge based on the objectives they set and the actions they choose to take in their specific context.

**Expected deadline within which the pledge will be realized**: DD/MM/YYYY

# Empowering victims

Pledge number

The organisation/mechanism commits to:

* Ensure that a gender-based perspective and the rights of persons in vulnerable situations are fully integrated in actions and strategies related to the prevention of and protection from enforced disappearance.

*The pledge refers to activities 3.2 and 3.3 of the proposed Action Plan.*

**Indicators for measuring progress**: [if applicable]

**Resource implications**: The organisation/mechanism will determine the resources that may be required to carry out this pledge based on the objectives they set and the actions they choose to take in their specific context.

**Expected deadline within which the pledge will be realized**: DD/MM/YYYY

Pledge number

The organisation/mechanism commits to:

* Support, consult and involve civil society (including victims, their families and their representatives) in relevant processes and efforts, including in international search and investigation processes.

*The pledge refers to activities 3.1 and 5.11 of the proposed Action Plan.*

**Indicators for measuring progress**: [if applicable]

**Resource implications**: The organisation/mechanism will determine the resources that may be required to carry out this pledge based on the objectives they set and the actions they choose to take in their specific context.

**Expected deadline within which the pledge will be realized**: DD/MM/YYYY

Pledge number

The organisation/mechanism commits to:

* Provide and promote access to legal remedies at the national, regional and international levels.
* Monitor and ensure that all persons deprived of liberty have access to a lawyer from the first moment after arrest.

*The pledge refers to activities 3.6 and 4.4 of the proposed Action Plan.*

**Indicators for measuring progress**: [if applicable]

**Resource implications**: The organisation/mechanism will determine the resources that may be required to carry out this pledge based on the objectives they set and the actions they choose to take in their specific context.

**Expected deadline within which the pledge will be realized**: DD/MM/YYYY

Pledge number

The organisation/mechanism commits to:

* Support the establishment and implementation of programmes of integral reparations for victims and their families – including fair and adequate compensation, restitution, rehabilitation, satisfaction and guarantees of non-repetition.
* Support the creation of a welfare fund for the rehabilitation, reparation and redress of victims and their families.

*The pledge refers to activities 3.11 and 7.3 of the proposed Action Plan.*

**Indicators for measuring progress**: [if applicable]

**Resource implications**: The organisation/mechanism will determine the resources that may be required to carry out this pledge based on the objectives they set and the actions they choose to take in their specific context.

**Expected deadline within which the pledge will be realized**: DD/MM/YYYY

Pledge number

The States commits to:

* Support the creation and/or strengthening of regional and international victim-led solidarity networks.
* Support the creation of a regional and/or international solidarity fund for family member to travel, meet and support each other.

*The pledge refers to activity 3.4, 8.4 and 3.12 of the proposed Action Plan.*

**Indicators for measuring progress**: [if applicable]

**Resource implications**: The organisation/mechanism will determine the resources that may be required to carry out this pledge based on the objectives they set and the actions they choose to take in their specific context.

**Expected deadline within which the pledge will be realized**: DD/MM/YYYY

Pledge number

The organisation/mechanism commits to:

* Take concrete action to emphasize the importance of acknowledging the past and recognizing past injustices.
* Take concrete action to emphasize the importance of sharing and storytelling, which are key to healing but also to non-recurrence.

*The pledge refers to activities 7.1 and 7.2 of the proposed Action Plan.*

**Indicators for measuring progress**: [if applicable]

**Resource implications**: The organisation/mechanism will determine the resources that may be required to carry out this pledge based on the objectives they set and the actions they choose to take in their specific context.

**Expected deadline within which the pledge will be realized**: DD/MM/YYYY

Pledge number

The organisation/mechanism commits to:

* Commemorate the International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims on 24 March.
* Commemorate the International Day of Victims of Enforced Disappearances on 30 August.

*The pledge refers to activity 3.13 and 3.14 of the proposed Action Plan.*

**Indicators for measuring progress**: [if applicable]

**Resource implications**: The organisation/mechanism will determine the resources that may be required to carry out this pledge based on the objectives they set and the actions they choose to take in their specific context.

**Expected deadline within which the pledge will be realized**: DD/MM/YYYY

Pledge number

The organisation/mechanism commits to:

* Provide public support to victims by setting up international campaigns to counter social stigmas and discrimination.

*The pledge refers to activity 3.8 of the proposed Action Plan.*

**Indicators for measuring progress**: [if applicable]

**Resource implications**: The organisation/mechanism will determine the resources that may be required to carry out this pledge based on the objectives they set and the actions they choose to take in their specific context.

**Expected deadline within which the pledge will be realized**: DD/MM/YYYY

# Raising awareness, training and education about enforced disappearances and existing mechanisms

Pledge number

The actor commits to:

* Support, organise and/or participate in activities aiming at exchanging experiences, learning and good practices related to the fight against enforced disappearances.

*The pledge refers to activities 3.5, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.10 of the proposed Action Plan.*

**Indicators for measuring progress**: [if applicable]

**Resource implications**: The actor will determine the resources that may be required to carry out this pledge based on the objectives they set and the actions they choose to take in their specific context.

**Expected deadline within which the pledge will be realized**: DD/MM/YYYY

Pledge number

The organisation/mechanism commits to:

* Build and strengthen the capacities of public officials by supporting and/or organizing specific training on enforced disappearances and relevant instruments and mechanisms.

*The pledge refers to activities 5.1 and 5.2 of the proposed Action Plan.*

**Indicators for measuring progress**: [if applicable]

**Resource implications**: The organisation/mechanism will determine the resources that may be required to carry out this pledge based on the objectives they set and the actions they choose to take in their specific context.

**Expected deadline within which the pledge will be realized**: DD/MM/YYYY

Pledge number

The organisation/mechanism commits to:

* Build and strengthen the capacities of the judiciary by supporting and/or organizing specific training of judges, lawyers and law enforcement officials on the crime of enforced disappearances, forensics and relevant instruments and mechanisms.

*The pledge refers to activities 2.2, 5.2 and 5.12 of the proposed Action Plan.*

**Indicators for measuring progress**: [if applicable]

**Resource implications**: The organisation/mechanism will determine the resources that may be required to carry out this pledge based on the objectives they set and the actions they choose to take in their specific context.

**Expected deadline within which the pledge will be realized**: DD/MM/YYYY

Pledge number

The organisation/mechanism commits to:

* Support artistic and cultural initiatives to inspire action.

*The pledge refers to activities 5.17 and 7.8 of the proposed Action Plan.*

**Indicators for measuring progress**: [if applicable]

**Resource implications**: The organisation/mechanism will determine the resources that may be required to carry out this pledge based on the objectives they set and the actions they choose to take in their specific context.

**Expected deadline within which the pledge will be realized**: DD/MM/YYYY

Pledge number

The actor commits to:

* Monitor, investigate, document, and report on cases of enforced disappearances to raise awareness about the issue of enforced disappearances and address the common misconceptions attached to it.
* Strengthen documentation and reporting capacities of victims and organizations who support them.

*The pledge refers to activities 3.9, 5.4 and 5.8 of the proposed Action Plan.*

**Indicators for measuring progress**: [if applicable]

**Resource implications**: The actor will determine the resources that may be required to carry out this pledge based on the objectives they set and the actions they choose to take in their specific context.

**Expected deadline within which the pledge will be realized**: DD/MM/YYYY

# Enhancing cooperation and partnership

Pledge number

The organisation/mechanism commits to:

* Provide States with technical assistance to address misconceptions about and promote ratification and implementation of the Convention and all other instruments and standards related to enforced disappearances.
* Organise learning exchanges to share good practices in relation to ratification of the Convention and the implementation of instruments and standards related to enforced disappearances, including the Convention.

*The pledge refers to activities 5.4, 5.9, 5.10, 8.1 and 8.2 of the proposed Action Plan.*

**Indicators for measuring progress**: [if applicable]

**Resource implications**: The organisation/mechanism will determine the resources that may be required to carry out this pledge based on the objectives they set and the actions they choose to take in their specific context.

**Expected deadline within which the pledge will be realized**: DD/MM/YYYY

Pledge number

The organisation/mechanism commits to:

* Support other regional and international mechanisms mandated to combat enforced disappearances.

*The pledge refers to activity 8.7 of the proposed Action Plan.*

**Indicators for measuring progress**: [if applicable]

**Resource implications**: The organisation/mechanism will determine the resources that may be required to carry out this pledge based on the objectives they set and the actions they choose to take in their specific context.

**Expected deadline within which the pledge will be realized**: DD/MM/YYYY

Pledge number

The organisation/mechanism commits to:

* Enhance coordination and cooperation at the regional and international levels in connection with forensic capacities, the search of disappeared persons and criminal proceedings.

*The pledge refers to activity 1.4, 2.3 and 2.9 of the proposed Action Plan.*

**Indicators for measuring progress**: [if applicable]

**Resource implications**: The organisation/mechanism will determine the resources that may be required to carry out this pledge based on the objectives they set and the actions they choose to take in their specific context.

**Expected deadline within which the pledge will be realized**: DD/MM/YYYY

Pledge number

The organisation/mechanism commits to:

* Enhance international cooperation to assist victims of enforced disappearances.

*The pledge refers to activity 1.5 of the proposed Action Plan.*

**Indicators for measuring progress**: [if applicable]

**Resource implications**: The organisation/mechanism will determine the resources that may be required to carry out this pledge based on the objectives they set and the actions they choose to take in their specific context.

**Expected deadline within which the pledge will be realized**: DD/MM/YYYY

Pledge number

The organisation/mechanism commits to:

* Support the creation of a global alliance of young people against enforced disappearances.

*The pledge refers to activities 6.2 and 8.6 of the proposed Action Plan.*

**Indicators for measuring progress**: [if applicable]

**Resource implications**: The organisation/mechanism will determine the resources that may be required to carry out this pledge based on the objectives they set and the actions they choose to take in their specific context.

**Expected deadline within which the pledge will be realized**: DD/MM/YYYY