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Now is the opportunity for human rights defenders to provide the United Nations with information on how States are using legislation, including criminal legislation, to regulate defenders' activities.

Human rights defenders and non-governmental organisations can submit feedback via a [questionnaire](#), by **15 June 2012**. Responses to the questionnaire will inform the annual report of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, Ms Margaret Sekaggya.

Member States, national human rights institutions and regional human rights mechanisms have also been asked to answer the questionnaire. The information provided will be used within the body of Ms Sekaggya's report and will also be annexed to the report for illustrative purposes.

The report will be made public on [Ms Sekaggya's website](#) before her presentation to the General Assembly in October 2012.

The questionnaire is currently available in [English](#), [French](#) or [Spanish](#). It is not yet known whether it will be made available in other UN languages.

Responses to the questionnaire should be submitted to the Special Rapporteur at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, by email: defenders@ohchr.org or by fax: [+41 22 917 90 06](tel:+41229179006).

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