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Protecting civil society space through a Model National Law on the protection of human rights defenders

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As recognised in the High Commissioner's report on the protection of civil society space to be discussed at the 32nd session of the Council, the legal recognition and protection of defenders is crucial to ensuring they can work in a safe and enabling environment and be free from attacks, reprisals and unreasonable legal restrictions.
Despite this, only a few States have incorporated the Declaration on Human Rights Defenders comprehensively into national law, while many States continue to implement legislation restricting the exercise of fundamental rights and freedoms.

This event will officially launch a Model Law for the Recognition and Protection of Human Rights Defenders, developed in consultation with human rights defenders and human rights experts from all regions of the world. The Model Law will provide comprehensive and authoritative assistance to States to implement their obligations under the Declaration, together with key recommendations arising from the High Commissioner's report.

Moderator
- Phil Lynch, Director of International Service for Human Rights (ISHR)

Panellists
- Peggy Hicks, Chief of the Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Branch, OHCHR
- Chris Sidoti, Chair of Panel of Experts on a Model National Law on Human Rights Defenders
- Guadalupe Marengo, Head of Global Human Rights Defenders Team, Amnesty International
- Rumbi Masango, Africa Human Rights Consultant and Ambassador Bari Bari Fellow
- Alexandra Montgomery, Justica Global (Brazil)

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Sandwiches, coffee and snacks will be provided