



May 2, 2023

Excellency,

Reference is made to our letters dated February 22 and March 20, 2023, providing further details on the informal consultations with Member States, observers, and stakeholders in the form of deep dives.

At the beginning of the deep dive, the topic will again be introduced by briefers selected for their technical expertise, keeping in view our commitment to inclusivity of different stakeholders and to equitable gender and geographical representation throughout the consultations. The briefers will be asked to set the stage and not to speak exclusively from the perspective of the organization they represent. The briefers for this deep dive will be Volker Türk, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and Najat Maalla, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children.

The next deep dive is scheduled for Monday May 8, 2023, starting at 10am and ending at 1pm ET (New York time) on the theme of *Human rights online*. The meeting will be held in the Conference Room 1.

Please also find attached a revised road map in which the number of dates for the previous planned deep dives have been reduced and each deep dive is now scheduled for only a half a day. These changes have been made based on previous deep dives which have not required a full day. The co-facilitators hope this will facilitate the continued engagement from Member States.

In order to facilitate participation, you can find attached the guiding question for the session. Member States will make statements through their delegates participating in-person in New York only. Interventions will be limited to three (3) minutes. The link will again be shared via edeleGATE in case representatives of Member States wish to observe the meeting remotely.

We invite Member States to share this letter with relevant Stakeholders in your respective country, whose remote participation will again be facilitated. Interested Stakeholder participants can register via this website: <https://www.un.org/techenvoy/global-digital-compact/intergovernmental-process>

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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Anna Karin Eneström
Ambassador Permanent Representative
of Sweden to the United Nations

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Claver Gatete
Ambassador Permanent Representative
of Rwanda to the United Nations

Annex

Guiding questions for deep dive on “Human rights online”

8 May 2023

1. Digital technologies can greatly contribute to the protection of human rights. However, digital surveillance, censorship, algorithmic bias, online harassment, and other forms of abuse can suppress or violate human rights. How can women and girls, children, and persons in vulnerable situations such as persons with disabilities or persons belonging to linguistic minorities be supported in exercising their human rights online?
2. What are the gaps in terms of existing mechanisms for protection and promotion of human rights in the digital domain? How can accountability of digital platforms - public and private - be strengthened?
3. How can international organizations, Member States and other stakeholders work together to ensure human rights offline are protected online?