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political, economic, social and cultural rights,
including the right to development**

Safety of journalists and the issue of impunity

Note by the Secretariat

1. The present note is submitted pursuant to resolution 76/173 of the General Assembly, as revised by decision 76/571 of the Assembly, in which it requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the safety of journalists and media workers, with a special focus on the safety of women journalists, online and offline, to the Assembly at its seventy-eighth session and to transmit the report to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-fifth session.

2. In that regard, the Secretariat has the honour to refer the Human Rights Council to the report of the Secretary-General on the safety of journalists and the issue of impunity submitted for the consideration of the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session.¹ In the report, the Secretary-General describes the current situation in relation to the safety of journalists and media workers worldwide. He then focuses on the safety of women journalists, online and offline, and provides an overview of the activities of the United Nations inter-agency network of focal points on the safety of journalists. He reiterates his previous recommendations, and proposes new ones, for improving the safety of journalists, including women journalists.

¹ [A/78/270](#).

