



## Quaker United Nations Office

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#### Item 5 General Debate

Friends World Committee for Consultation (Quakers) appreciates this opportunity to welcome the Coordination Committee's latest report on Special Procedures.

As demonstrated in report 52/70, the work of Special Procedures as a source of early warning information and as a vehicle for dialogue with non-traditional stakeholders, provides a crucial and multifaceted contribution to [the protection and promotion of human rights and in turn to] sustaining peace. We particularly welcome the number of thematic reports<sup>1</sup> that relate numerous mandates to conflict, peace, and New York stakeholders including the Peacebuilding Architecture.

To sustain these efforts and their impact:

- Relevant stakeholders should ensure recommendations included in these reports are followed-up on.
- Further engagement and cooperation with New York based bodies and stakeholders, [including the UN peacebuilding architecture] should be *strategically* maintained by identifying *relevant* entry points, strengthening the prevention potential of Special Procedures and coherence between the UN pillars.
- The Coordination Committee should continue ensuring space for such strategic thinking in their Annual Meeting.
- And more sustainable resources for Special Procedures should be ensured – as well as for the broader HRC and its mechanisms; particularly through more dedicated human resources at the Secretariat level in [Geneva as well as] New York.

To conclude, we would like to reiterate that there cannot be lasting peace without human rights, and we welcome all efforts to strengthen this link.

Thank you.

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<sup>1</sup> Including but not limited to the following report: [\(A/HRC/51/32\)](#); [\(A/HRC/50/28\)](#); [\(A/HRC/51/25\)](#); [\(A/77/203\)](#); [\(A/77/288\)](#); [\(A/HRC/50/42\)](#); [\(A/HRC/49/46\)](#); [\(A/HRC/49/44\)](#); [\(A/77/235\)](#); [\(A/77/345\)](#); [\(A/HRC/51/34\)](#); [\(A/77/162\)](#).