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1. Paragraph 3

The paragraph *should read*

3. *Reminds* States of their obligation to respect and fully protect the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of all individuals, inter alia, the rights to freedom of expression and opinion and to assemble peacefully and associate freely, online as well as offline, including for persons espousing minority beliefs, and that respect for all such rights, in relation to civil society, contributes to addressing and resolving challenges and issues that are important to society, such as addressing financial and economic crises, responding to public health crises, responding to humanitarian crises, including in the context of armed conflict, promoting the rule of law and accountability, achieving transitional justice goals, protecting the environment, realizing the right to development, empowering persons belonging to national, ethnic, linguistic and religious minorities and persons in vulnerable situations, combating racism and racial discrimination, supporting crime prevention, countering corruption, promoting corporate social responsibility and accountability, combating human trafficking, empowering women, youth and children, advancing social justice and consumer protection, the realization of all human rights and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

2. Paragraph 5

The paragraph *should read*

5. *Emphasizes* the importance of civil society space for empowering persons belonging to national, ethnic, linguistic and religious minorities and persons in vulnerable situations, as well as persons espousing minority beliefs, and in that regard calls upon States to ensure that legislation, policies and practices do not undermine the enjoyment by such persons of their human rights or the activities of civil society in defending their rights;

