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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
to the Human Rights Monitoring and Safety and Security Workshop
for human rights defenders from the South Caucasus and Central Asia

The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR) is pleased to offer a six-day training on human rights monitoring and safety and security for human rights defenders (HRDs) from the South Caucasus and Central Asia. The objective of the training is to enable HRDs to independently carry out quality and objective human rights monitoring activities.

The event will take place in Georgia from 26 June to 1 July 2017, and will cover the human rights monitoring principles and cycle, physical safety and security of human rights monitors, as well as digital security, including *Martus*, a secure information management software for human rights monitoring. The language of the event will be English, with simultaneous translation into Russian provided. The training will be based on interactive learning methods and requires a high level of active participation by all participants. Therefore, the size of the group will be limited to 25 participants, selected according to the following criteria:

- Citizenship of one of the following countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan;
- Limited or no experience on human right monitoring and reporting;
- Relevance of the training for future human rights activities in the region;
- No or limited previous training in safety and security (including digital security);
- Fluency in English and/or Russian.

The OSCE/ODIHR recognizes as a human right defender any person promoting and striving for the realization of human rights regardless of profession, age or other status. Human rights defenders carry out their human rights activities individually or jointly with others, as part of an informal group or a non-governmental organization (NGO), and act in a voluntary capacity or professionally. The key characteristic that defines human rights defenders is not who they are, but what they do and the principles they stand for.

Deadline for application: applicants are kindly requested to fill in and send the attached questionnaire and their CV no later than 16 May 2017 to Anastasia Fusco, OSCE/ODIHR Assistant Program Officer, at HRDcapacitybuilding@odihhr.pl. ODIHR will strive to ensure a geographical and gender balance among participants. Only successful applicants will be informed about the outcome of the selection process by 22 May 2017.

Accommodation and travel costs for the workshop will be covered by ODIHR.