

violations and abuses of their human rights enabled or facilitated by technology or innovations or occurring in digital spaces.

- The Pact should call on the United Nations and States to conduct human rights due diligence, including regular, comprehensive human rights impact assessments of new technologies, including artificial intelligence, throughout their lifecycles, including their conception, design, development, deployment, use, sale, procurement or operation, in order to maximize their benefit and prevent and mitigate their adverse impacts, and ensuring effective remedies as well as human oversight, accountability and legal responsibility.⁸
- The Pact should further encourage the inclusion of diverse civil society in United Nations and national legislative and policymaking processes through the use of safe and user-friendly digital platforms for participation.⁹

Chapter IV. Youth and future generations

- To ensure full, meaningful, effective and inclusive participation of diverse civil society in decision-making, youth, youth-led and youth-focused organizations and movements need to be more systematically included at the national, regional and international levels, including in designing and implementing policies, programmes and initiatives. The Pact should pay specific attention to increasing spaces for young people to participate in shaping the decisions that will affect their future, including but not limited to climate action.¹⁰
- Environmental human rights defenders are at the forefront in advocating for necessary urgent action for the future and providing help to vulnerable communities, but are also often marginalized themselves, delegitimized and targeted directly for their work. The Pact should encourage increased dialogue directly with environmental human rights defenders and with civil society organizations that support them and ensure their effective participation in climate and environmental processes at the international, regional, and national levels. The Pact should also ensure there is greater awareness of the specific challenges and threats faced by environmental human rights defenders, and that strong protection mechanisms are put in place to protect them from attacks.¹¹

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expression, assembly, association, and participation, and support at field level the promotion of laws and policies that protect the right to equal participation and civic space.

- The Pact should further aim to ensure effective, inclusive civil society participation in all UN decision-making processes, including inter-governmental fora, based on clear, accessible, equal and objective criteria for accreditation and registration and regular assessment of the effectiveness of participation channels