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Dear Officer of the United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner

**SUBMISSION FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS PURSUANT TO HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL RESOLUTION 43/1**

To further our commitment to advancing racial justice, and in order to contribute to the preparation of the report of the United Nations (“UN”) High Commissioner for Human Rights pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 43/1, on the “Promotion and protection of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of Africans and of people of African descent against excessive use of force and other human rights violations by law enforcement officers”, the following is a summary of the research database which has been submitted:

More than 70 Hogan Lovells volunteers, working pro bono, have created a research database which forms an analysis of use of force and police accountability in the following 12 jurisdictions:

Australia;  
Brazil;  
Canada;  
Colombia;  
France;  
Germany;  
Netherlands;  
New Zealand;  
South Africa;  
Spain;  
UK; and  
USA.

The pro bono research involved volunteers across many of Hogan Lovells' offices – including London, Dubai, Munich, Madrid, Brussels, Frankfurt, Dusseldorf, Luxembourg, Hamburg, Amsterdam, Paris, Berlin and Mexico City – where teams worked together to conduct a wide-ranging comparative law research project on police accountability and the safeguarding of human rights, covering both domestic law systems and relevant international law.

Research into international law included an overview of decisions of the UN Human Rights Committee, the UN Committee against Torture, the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Community Court of Justice and the African Commission on Human and Peoples'

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Rights. A summary was included about the Istanbul Protocol, the Minnesota Protocol on the Investigation of Potentially Unlawful Death, and the work of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The research builds on an earlier submission to the UN Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, Ms E. Tendayi Achiume, in 2020.

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