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Dear civil society and non-governmental organisations representatives,

The Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights will be hosting a private informal lunchtime briefing on Tuesday, 3 March 2019 from 13h30 – 15h00 in Palais Wilson, first floor conference room with representatives of civil society and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) who have a particular interest in its work. The Committee welcomes and values the engagement with NGOs, which has proved to be very useful to the accomplishment of its mandate.

The purpose of the meeting will be for the Committee to brief the civil society/NGO community on developments with regard to its procedures and methods of work, as well as the role of civil society in increasing the visibility and impact of the Committee's work. The meeting will also provide an opportunity for civil society/NGO representatives to raise any questions and reflections relating to CESCR's mandate and methods of works. Finally, the possibility of regular meetings between CESCR and civil society/NGOs will also be discussed.

Whilst some limited provision can be made for participation by civil society/NGOs by videoconference, it will not be possible to accommodate all requests due to technical and logistic capacity constraints. Civil society and NGO's, particularly coalitions, are requested to indicate their interest in participation via videoconference by sending an email to cescr@ohchr.org by 20 February 2020. Participants attending in person are requested to register for this day through the Indico registration platform (link available on the 67th Session webpage: <https://indico.un.org/event/33377>).

The Committee looks forward to our meeting on 3 March and the discussion and exchange between the Committee and its civil society/NGO-partners.

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Renato Zerbini Ribeiro Leão
Chair
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and Cultural Rights