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I. Background

1. The present report was prepared pursuant to Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1 and 16/21, taking into consideration the outcome of the previous review.¹ It is a compilation of information contained in relevant United Nations documents, presented in a summarized manner owing to word-limit constraints.

II. Scope of international obligations and cooperation with human rights mechanisms

2. In 2022, the Committee against Torture stated that Kenya should consider ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, and encouraged Kenya to make the declarations under articles 21 and 22 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.²

3. In 2021, the Human Rights Committee stated that Kenya should expedite the process of ratifying the first Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which established an individual complaint mechanism.³

4. The United Nations country team stated that Kenya should consider ratifying the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, the

