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Call for expression of Interest for the Partnership with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in 2019

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is announcing a Call for Proposals for Partnerships for the benefit of persons of concern to UNHCR (UNHCR PoCs) in 2019. UNHCR is inviting non-governmental organizations possessing relevant competences and interested in working with asylumseekers, refugees and stateless persons in the Russian Federation to submit Concept Notes for consideration and eventual signing of a Partnership Agreement in 2019.

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees was established on December 14, 1950 by the United Nations General Assembly. The agency is mandated to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. Its primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees. It strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another State, with the option to return home voluntarily, integrate locally or resettle in a third country. It also has a mandate to help stateless people. In more than six decades, the agency has helped tens of millions of people restart their lives. Today, a staff of some 11,500 people in 128 countries continues to help some 68.5 million forcibly displaced persons world-wide.

UNHCR Office in the Russian Federation opens this Call for Proposals for assistance to refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless persons in the areas of legal support, social services and medical assistance. Attached to this letter are the Calls for Proposals for each sector, a Concept Note template and the Partner Declaration (mandatory for new partners with no implementing partnership experience with UNHCR).