António Guterres expresses his concerns about intimidation and reprisals against those seeking to cooperate with the United Nations, its institutions and CSOs. In his annual report published in September, entitled “Cooperation with the United Nations, its institutions and CSOs: the Butterfly Effect”, on how to sustain their cooperation and the role of CSOs in this context.

Many of the themes discussed – and many found in “The CSO Compendium” and “The CSO Compendium: A Companion for States” – reflect the needs of the rights-holders. Indeed, October saw the organisation of two UPR seminars in Geneva, one focussed on the Pre-sessions. The first looked at the Czech Republic, Zambia, and the Republic of Korea and the State ahead of the third UPR on 6-17 November 2017, the second looked at Sweden from the perspective of civil society. A four-day human rights conference to discuss the human rights situation in the Czech Republic will take place in Prague, 10-13 October 2017. The international human rights conference gave national human rights defenders the opportunity to present their concerns and recommendations ahead of their countries' reviews.

In Prague, the second looked at Sweden from the perspective of civil society, which reflect the needs of the rights-holders. CSOs and Recommending States meet ahead of UPR 28. This time, the second seminar proved a much appreciated addition. Hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development Cooperation (Mediterranean and Developing Countries Desk), the seminar aimed to bring together 25 participants from six geographical desks and was opened by the head of the Swedish Human Rights and Treaty Law, the first session focused on the Pre-sessions. The second looked at Sweden from the perspective of civil society.

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