*"One of the good things, I think, about the Human Rights Council in Geneva is that government delegations themselves are quite accessible. Once one is accredited, one has access to the whole room: governments are sitting there behind their desks.*

*“Often there are breaks in the proceedings, where human rights defenders can go up to particular governments, introduce themselves, and invite the State delegate for a coffee or for a meeting, or otherwise pursue the agenda.*

*“I've seen a couple of cases where we've had human rights defenders from particular countries who have come to Geneva and been surprised that they can just walk up to their government and engage them on these issues. And some of them have said to me, 'we've been trying to get a meeting with our Foreign Ministry for six months, and they won't return our calls or our emails, and here in Geneva we can just approach them directly and set up a meeting.'"*

* *John Fisher, Human Rights Watch*