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**Description of Research Project:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Category:** Academic \_\_\_\_\_ Government \_\_\_\_\_ International Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Non-governmental organization \_\_\_\_\_ Press \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**Purpose of the Research:** Academic publication \_\_\_\_\_ Non-academic publication \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibition \_\_\_\_\_ Media \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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