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**Human Rights Council**  
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## **Report of the Human Rights Council on its seventh organizational meeting\***

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\* The format of the present report should not serve as a precedent for any future organizational meeting of the Human Rights Council.

## **I. Decision adopted by the Human Rights Council at its seventh organizational meeting**

### **OM/7/101**

#### **Non-cooperation of a State under review with the universal periodic review mechanism**

At its organizational meeting, held on 29 January 2013, the Human Rights Council decided to adopt the text below:

*“The Human Rights Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006, particularly paragraph 5 (e) thereof, in which the Assembly provided for the establishment of the universal periodic review,

*Recalling also* Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1 of 18 June 2007 and 16/21 of 25 March 2011, and Council decision 6/102 of 27 September 2007, particularly the paragraphs thereof pertaining to the universal periodic review,

*Regretting* the decision of Israel, the State under review, not to participate in the universal periodic review on the scheduled date during the fifteenth session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review,

1. *Calls upon* the State under review to resume its cooperation with the universal periodic review mechanism, consistent with General Assembly resolution 60/251 and Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 and the annexes thereto;

2. *Requests* the President of the Human Rights Council to take all appropriate steps and measures, in accordance with his mandate, to urge the State under review to resume its cooperation with the universal periodic review mechanism;

3. *Also requests* the President to report on the results of his efforts to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-second session and, if need be, at its twenty-third session;

4. *Decides* to consider at the session at which the final report of the President of the Human Rights Council is considered, but at the latest at its twenty-third session, any steps that may be deemed appropriate in the light of the provisions of General Assembly resolution 60/251 and Human Rights Council resolution 5/1;

5. *Also decides* to reschedule the universal periodic review of Israel, with a view to conducting it in 2013, for the seventeenth session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review at the latest;

6. *Further decides* to consider the above approach a precedent to be applied to all similar circumstances of non-cooperation in the future.”

[Adopted without a vote.]

## **II. Organizational and procedural matters**

### **A. Opening and duration of the organizational meeting**

1. In accordance with rule 8 of its rules of procedure as contained in the annex to resolution 5/1, the Human Rights Council held the seventh organizational meeting at the United Nations Office at Geneva on 14 and 29 January 2013 (see also paragraph 8 below).
2. The organizational meeting was opened by the President of the Human Rights Council, Remigiusz A. Henczel.

### **B. Attendance**

3. The organizational meeting was attended by representatives of States Members of the Human Rights Council, observer States of the Council, observers for non-Member States of the United Nations and other observers, as well as observers for United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations, intergovernmental organizations and other entities, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations.

### **C. Election of officers**

4. On 10 December 2012, at its organizational session for the seventh cycle of the Human Rights Council, the Human Rights Council elected the following officers by acclamation:

President:	Remigiusz A. Henczel (Poland)
Vice-Presidents:	Iruthisham Adam (Maldives) Alexandre Fasel (Switzerland) Cheikh Ahmed Ould Zahaf (Mauritania)
Vice-President and Rapporteur:	Luis Gallegos Chiriboga (Ecuador)

### **D. Adoption of the annual programme of work**

5. On 14 January 2013, the Human Rights Council adopted the annual programme of work for its seventh cycle (2013), in accordance with rule 9 of its rules of procedure as contained in the annex to Council resolution 5/1.

### **E. Organization of work**

6. On 14 January 2013, the President outlined the modalities for the selection of troikas for the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth sessions of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review.
7. At the resumed organizational meeting, on 29 January 2013, the President outlined the speaking time limits, which would be two minutes for statements by States Members of the Council and observer States of the Council.

## **F. Meetings and documentation**

8. The Human Rights Council met on 14 January 2013 and resumed its organizational meeting on 29 January 2013.
9. The decision adopted by the Human Rights Council at its resumed organizational meeting on 29 January 2013 is contained in chapter I of the present report.

## **G. Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review**

10. On 14 January 2013, the President of the Human Rights Council made a statement.
11. On the same day, the troikas for all States to be reviewed in the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth sessions of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review were selected in accordance with the provisions contained in Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 and with the President's statement dated 28 February 2008 regarding the modalities of selection of troikas.
12. At the same meeting, on the same day, statements were made by the following:
  - (a) Representatives of States Members of the Human Rights Council: Costa Rica, Gabon (on behalf of the Group of African States), Germany, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation), United States of America;
  - (b) Representative of an observer State: Canada.
13. Following the selection of troikas, the Human Rights Council decided to suspend the organizational meeting until 29 January 2013.
14. At the resumed organizational meeting, on 29 January 2013, the President of the Human Rights Council made a statement.
15. At the same meeting, on the same day, statements were made by the following:
  - (a) Representatives of States Members of the Human Rights Council: Ecuador, Gabon (on behalf of the Group of African States), Germany, India, Indonesia, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and Croatia), Italy, Japan, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation), Republic of Korea, Thailand, United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of);
  - (b) Representatives of observer States: Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Canada, Cuba, Egypt, Jordan, Nicaragua, Turkey, Uruguay, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,
  - (c) Observer for the State of Palestine.

## **H. Consideration of and action on the draft proposal**

16. On 29 January 2013, the President of the Human Rights Council introduced draft decision A/HRC/OM/7/L.1.
  17. At the same meeting, the Human Rights Council adopted the draft decision without a vote (for the text as adopted, see chapter I).
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