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Philippines, Poland*, Portugal*, Romania*, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia,
Spain*, Sweden*, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,
Uruguay: draft resolution**

12/... Draft guiding principles on extreme poverty and human rights

The Human Rights Council,

Deeply concerned that extreme poverty persists in all countries of the world, regardless of their economic, social and cultural situation, and that its extent and manifestations are particularly severe in developing countries,

* Non-Member State of the Human Rights Council.

Reaffirming that the existence of widespread extreme poverty inhibits the full and effective enjoyment of human rights and that its immediate alleviation and eventual elimination must remain a high priority for the international community,

Reaffirming also in this regard the commitments made at relevant United Nations conferences and summits, including those made at the World Summit for Social Development, held in Copenhagen in 1995, the United Nations Millennium Declaration, adopted by the General Assembly on 8 September 2000, and the 2005 World Summit Outcome, adopted by the Heads of State and Government at the 2005 World Summit,

Stressing that respect for all human rights, which are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated, is of crucial importance for all policies and programmes to fight extreme poverty at the local and national levels,

Taking note of the draft guiding principles on extreme poverty and human rights, annexed to resolution 2006/9 adopted by the Subcommission for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights on 24 August 2006,

Recalling its resolutions 2/2 of November 2006 and 7/27 of March 2008, as well as its resolution 8/11 of June 2008, in which it extended the mandate of the independent expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty,

Noting the seminar held in Geneva on 27 and 28 January 2009 on the draft guiding principles on extreme poverty and human rights,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the draft guiding principles on extreme poverty and human rights (A/HRC/11/32), revealing a widespread commitment to advancing the project of elaborating guiding principles on extreme poverty and human rights;

2. *Invites* the independent expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty:

(a) To pursue further work on the draft guiding principles on extreme poverty and human rights with a view to integrate the contributions of Member States and other relevant

stakeholders, as well as the results of the consultations undertaken by the Office of the High Commissioner in 2007 and 2008 and the conclusions of the seminar held in Geneva on 27 and 28 January 2009;

(b) To consult Member States further, including through relevant regional organizations, and other relevant stakeholders in the course of this process;

(c) To submit a progress report presenting her recommendations on how to improve the draft guiding principles on extreme poverty and human rights to the Council no later than its fifteenth session, to allow the Council to take a decision on the way forward with a view to a possible adoption of guiding principles on the rights of persons living in extreme poverty by 2012;

3. *Requests* the Office of the High Commissioner to provide the independent expert with the necessary support to allow her to implement this mandate.
