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**Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil,
political, economic, social and cultural rights,
including the right to development**

Poland*, Ukraine: draft resolution

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The role of prevention in ensuring human rights

The Human Rights Council,

Reaffirming the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, including those of developing friendly relations among nations on the basis of respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples and achieving international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all,

Reaffirming also the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, and recalling the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and other human rights instruments, as well as the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and relevant resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the Council,

Reaffirming further that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interrelated, interdependent and mutually reinforcing, and that all human rights must be treated in a fair and equal manner, on the same footing and with the same emphasis,

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006, decided that the Council shall, inter alia, contribute, through dialogue and cooperation, to the prevention of human rights violations and respond promptly to human rights emergencies,

Expressing concern about continued human rights violations around the world,

Acknowledging the importance of effective preventive measures as a part of the overall strategies for the promotion and protection of all human rights,

* Non-member State of the Human Rights Council.

1. *Recognizes* that States have the primary responsibility for the promotion and protection of all human rights, including prevention of human rights violations, and that this responsibility involves all branches of the State;
 2. *Stresses* that States should promote supportive and enabling environments for the prevention of human rights violations, including by:
 - (a) Ensuring strong and independent national human rights institutions, in accordance with the Paris Principles;
 - (b) Promoting human rights education and training, in particular for State actors;
 - (c) Ensuring free and vibrant civil society and media;
 - (d) Ratifying and fully implementing international human rights instruments;
 - (e) Ensuring protection and promotion of all human rights, including the right to development;
 - (f) Ensuring appropriate national frameworks, institutions and mechanisms, consistent with the principles of good governance, democracy, the rule of law and accountability;
 - (g) Addressing factors that increase vulnerability, including inequality, poverty and all forms of discrimination;
 3. *Welcomes* the role of national human rights institutions in contributing to the prevention of human rights violations, and encourages States to strengthen the mandate and capacity of national human rights institutions, where they exist, as necessary, to enable them to fulfil this role effectively in accordance with the Paris Principles;
 4. *Encourages* States to contribute to further strengthen the contribution of the Council and its mechanisms to the prevention of violations of human rights through enhanced cooperation with and support for the Council and its mechanisms;
 5. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to consult States, treaty bodies, special procedures, national human rights institutions, civil society organizations and other relevant stakeholders on the role of prevention in the promotion and protection of human rights, and to compile and publish the result of these consultations on the website of the Office;
 6. *Also requests* the Office of High Commissioner to convene a workshop, within existing resources, based on the above-mentioned consultations, on the role of prevention for the promotion and protection of human rights, with a view to contribute to further discussion on the issue, and to present it to the Council on its sixteenth session;
 7. *Decides* to continue consideration of the matter under the same agenda item in conformity with its annual programme of work.
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