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## **1. Organizational and procedural matters**

### **Date and venue of the session**

1. In accordance with its annual programme of work, as considered on 21 June 2010 at the organizational meeting for the fifth cycle of the Council, the Human Rights Council will hold its fifteenth session from 13 September to 1 October 2010 at the United Nations Office at Geneva.
2. In accordance with rule 8 (b) of the rules of procedure of the Council, as contained in section VII of the annex to resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007, the organizational meeting for the fifteenth session will be held on 30 August 2010.

### **Agenda of the session**

3. The agenda of the Council is contained in section V of the annex to Council resolution 5/1. The Council will have before it the present annotations relating to items included in the agenda for the fifteenth session.

### **Composition of the Human Rights Council**

4. The composition of the Council at its fifteenth session is as follows:<sup>1</sup> Angola (2013); Argentina (2011); Bahrain (2011); Bangladesh (2012); Belgium (2012); Brazil (2011); Burkina Faso (2011); Cameroon (2012); Chile (2011); China (2012); Cuba (2012); Djibouti (2012); Ecuador (2013); France (2011); Gabon (2011); Ghana (2011); Guatemala (2013); Hungary (2012); Japan (2011); Jordan (2012); Kyrgyzstan (2012); Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (2013); Malaysia (2013); Maldives (2013); Mauritania (2013); Mauritius (2012); Mexico (2012); Nigeria (2012); Norway (2012); Pakistan (2011); Poland (2013); Qatar (2013); Republic of Korea (2011); Republic of Moldova (2013); Russian Federation (2012); Saudi Arabia (2012); Senegal (2012); Slovakia (2011); Spain (2013); Switzerland (2013); Thailand (2013); Uganda (2013); Ukraine (2011); United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2011); United States of America (2012); Uruguay (2012); Zambia (2011).

### **Bureau of the Human Rights Council**

5. The composition of the Bureau of the Council for its fifth year, until 18 June 2011, is as follows: President of the Council, Sihasak Phuangketkeow (Thailand); Vice-Presidents, Arcanjo Maria Do Nascimento (Angola), Rodolfo Reyes Rodríguez (Cuba) and Fedor Rosocha (Slovakia); Vice-President and Rapporteur, Bente Angell-Hansen (Norway).

### **Annual programme of work**

6. In accordance with rule 8 (a) of the rules of procedure of the Human Rights Council, as contained in section VII of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, the annual programme of

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<sup>1</sup> The term of membership of each State expires in the year indicated in parenthesis.

work for the fifth year of the Council was considered at the organizational session held on 21 June 2010.

### **Selection and appointment of mandate holders**

7. In accordance with paragraph 47 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1 and the requirements set out in Council decision 6/102, the consultative group composed of Hannu Himanen (Finland), Maria Ciobanu, (Romania), Alvaro Navarro Brin (Panama), Gopinathan Achamkulangare (India) and Darlington Mwape (Zambia), will propose to the President of the Council a list of candidates for the mandates (the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment and the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons) for which a new mandate holder is to be appointed at the fifteenth session.

8. In accordance with the procedure stipulated in paragraphs 52 and 53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, the appointment of special procedures mandate holders will be completed upon the subsequent approval of the Council. The mandate holders in question shall be appointed before the end of the fifteenth session.

### **The grave attacks by Israeli forces against the humanitarian boat convoy**

9. In its resolution 14/1, the Council decided to dispatch an independent, international fact-finding mission to investigate violations of international law, including international humanitarian and human rights law, resulting from the Israeli attacks on the flotilla of ships carrying humanitarian assistance. It also decided to authorize the President of the Council to appoint members to this independent, international fact-finding mission, who should report to the Council on their findings at its fifteenth session. On 23 July 2010, the President of the Human Rights Council announced the appointment of Karl T. Hudson-Phillips, Sir Desmond de Silva and Mary Shanthi Dairiam to the independent international fact-finding mission. The Council will have before it the report of this mission (A/HRC/15/21).

### **Report of the session**

10. At the end of its session, the Council will have before it for adoption a draft report prepared by the Rapporteur. The report will include resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council and the President's statements, as well as a technical summary of the proceedings of the fifteenth session.

## **2. Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General**

11. All reports of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Secretary-General are submitted under agenda item 2, which remains an open-ended item throughout the session. These reports will be considered at the time of consideration of relevant agenda items, as appropriate. Specific timing of their introduction will be reflected in the programme of work.

*Open-ended intergovernmental working group on the review of the work and functioning of the Human Rights Council*

12. In its resolution 12/1, the Council requested the Secretary-General to present a report to the fifteenth session of the Council on how to improve conference and secretariat services for the Council. The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/15/17).

*The question of the death penalty*

13. Pursuant to Council decision 2/102 and Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/59, the Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the question of the death penalty (A/HRC/15/19) (see also para. 48 below).

*Right to development*

14. In its resolution 64/172, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to provide an interim report to the Human Rights Council on the implementation of the resolution. The Council will consider the consolidated report of the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner (A/HRC/15/24) (see also para. 39 below).

*Right to the truth*

15. In its resolution 9/11, the Council requested OHCHR to submit a report to the fifteenth session of the Council on the use of forensic experts in case of gross human rights violations with a view to identifying trends and best practices in this regard. In its resolution 10/26 the Council requested OHCHR to request information from States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on best practices in the use of forensic genetics for identifying victims of serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law with a view to considering the possibility of drafting a manual that may serve as a guide for the application of forensic genetics, including, where appropriate, the voluntary creation and operation of genetic banks, with appropriate safeguards. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/15/26) (see also para. 36 below).

16. In its resolution 12/12, the Council requested OHCHR to prepare a report on programmes and other measures for the protection of witnesses implemented within the framework of criminal procedures related to gross violations of human rights and international humanitarian law, with a view to determine the need to develop common standards and promote best practices that would serve as guidelines to States in protecting witnesses and others concerned with providing cooperation in trials for gross human rights violations and serious violations of international humanitarian law. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/15/33) (see also para. 37 below).

*Trafficking in persons*

17. In its resolution 11/3, the Council requested OHCHR to submit a report on the proceedings of the seminar aimed at identifying opportunities and challenges in the development of rights-based responses to trafficking in persons. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/15/27 and Add.1) (see also para. 43 below).

*World Programme for Human Rights Education*

18. In its resolution 12/4, the Council requested OHCHR to prepare a plan of action for the second phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education in cooperation with relevant intergovernmental organizations, in particular the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and non-governmental actors, consult

States thereon and submit it to the fifteenth session of the Council. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/15/28) (see also para. 52 below).

*Migration and human rights of the child*

19. In its resolution 12/6, the Council requested OHCHR to prepare a study on challenges and best practices in the implementation of the international framework for the protection of the rights of the child in the context of migration, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, including States, regional organizations, civil society organizations and national human rights institutions, and make it available on the website of the Office. The study (A/HRC/15/29) is made available to the Council (see also para. 42 below).

*Rights of the child*

20. In its resolution 13/3, entitled “Open-ended Working Group on an optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child to provide a communications procedure”, the Council requested OHCHR to update and publish the report of the Secretary-General on the comparative summary of existing communications and inquiry procedures and practices under international human rights instruments and under the United Nations system and to present it to the fifteenth session of the Council. The Council will have before it the note by the High Commissioner transmitting the above-mentioned updated report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/15/49).

*Human rights and indigenous peoples*

21. In its resolution 12/13, the Council requested the High Commissioner to submit an annual report on the rights of indigenous peoples to the Council, containing information on relevant developments of human rights bodies and mechanisms and activities undertaken by the Office of the High Commissioner at Headquarters and in the field that contribute to the promotion of and respect for, and the full application of, the provisions of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and follow up the effectiveness of the Declaration. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/15/34) (see also para. 45 below).

22. In the same resolution, the Council also requested OHCHR to submit to its fifteenth session a detailed document outlining the practical implications of a change in mandate of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/15/38) (see also para. 46 below).

*Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights*

23. In its resolution 12/15, the Council requested OHCHR to hold a workshop on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights on a regular basis and to convene the next one in the first semester of 2010 to allow further sharing information and concrete proposals on ways and means to strengthen cooperation between the United Nations and regional arrangements. The Council also requested the High Commissioner to present a report at its fifteenth session on the discussions held at the international workshop on “Enhancing cooperation between international and regional human rights mechanisms” held in Geneva on 3 and 4 May 2010. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/15/39) (see also para. 54 below).

*Elimination of discrimination against women*

24. In its resolution 12/17, the Council requested the High Commissioner to submit to its fifteenth session a thematic study on discrimination against women, in law and practice, and on how the issue is addressed throughout the United Nations human rights system, in

consultation with States, relevant United Nations bodies and mechanisms and agencies, including the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the agencies within the United Nations composite entity on gender equality and empowerment of women and all other relevant stakeholders, taking into account the efforts made in this regard, particularly by the Commission on the Status of Women. The study prepared by the High Commissioner is contained in document A/HRC/15/40 (see para. 40 below).

*Human rights and unilateral coercive measures*

25. In its resolution 12/22, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to the fifteenth session of the Council an analytical report on the impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights. The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/15/43) (see also para. 55 below).

*Rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities*

26. In its resolution 13/12, the Council requested the High Commissioner to submit an annual report to the Council containing information on relevant developments of United Nations human rights bodies and mechanisms, as well as on the activities undertaken by the Office of the High Commissioner that contribute to the promotion of and respect for the provisions of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/15/42) (see also para. 47 below).

*Protection of journalists in situations of armed conflict*

27. In its resolution 13/24, the Council requested OHCHR to prepare a report on the outcome of the panel discussion on the protection of journalists in situations of armed conflict held during the fourteenth session of the Council. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/15/54) (see also para. 35 below).

*Seventeenth meeting of the special procedures*

28. Pursuant to Council decision 2/102, the Council will consider a note by the High Commissioner transmitting to the Council the report of the seventeenth meeting of special rapporteurs/representatives, independent experts and chairpersons of working groups of the special procedures (A/HRC/15/44) (see also para. 60 below).

*International Year for People of African Descent*

29. In its resolution 14/16, the Council requested the Secretary-General to make available at the fifteenth session of the Council his report submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly resolution 64/169 containing proposals for a programme of work of activities for the International Year for People of African Descent. The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/15/18) (see also para. 70 below).

*Advisory services and technical assistance to Cambodia*

30. In its resolution 12/25, the Council requested the Secretary-General to present a report to the fifteenth session of the Council on the role and achievements of OHCHR in assisting the Government and the people of Cambodia in the promotion and protection of human rights. The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/15/47) (see also para. 74 below).

*Regional cooperation for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asia-Pacific region*

31. In its resolution 14/8, the Council requested the High Commissioner to submit a report to its fifteenth session on the conclusions of the annual Workshop on the Regional Cooperation for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in the Asia-Pacific Region, held in Bangkok from 21 to 23 April 2010. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/15/39) (see also para. 76 below)

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

#### **A. Economic, social and cultural rights**

*Human rights and extreme poverty*

32. In its resolution 12/19, the Council requested the independent expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty to submit a progress report presenting her recommendations on how to improve the draft guiding principles on extreme poverty and human rights. The Council will consider the report of the independent expert, Maria Magdalena Sepulveda (A/HRC/15/41).

*Access to safe drinking water and sanitation*

33. In its resolution 12/8, the Council requested the independent expert on the issue of human rights obligations related to access to safe drinking water and sanitation to present an annual report in accordance with its programme of work. The Council will consider the report of the independent expert, Catarina de Albuquerque (A/HRC/15/31 and Add.1–3).

*Extreme poverty and access to safe drinking water and sanitation*

34. The independent expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty and the independent expert on the issue of human rights obligations related to access to safe drinking water and sanitation prepared a joint report on their mission to Bangladesh. The Council will have before it the joint report of the independent experts (A/HRC/15/55).

#### **B. Civil and political rights**

*Protection of journalists in situations of armed conflict*

35. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the panel discussion on the protection of journalists in situations of armed conflict held (A/HRC/15/54) (see para. 27 above).

*Right to the truth*

36. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the use of forensic experts in case of gross human rights violations (A/HRC/15/26) (see para. 15 above)

37. Reference is made to the report of OHCHR on programmes and other measures for the protection of witnesses (A/HRC/15/33) (see para. 16 above).



## C. Right to development

38. Pursuant to Council resolution 9/3, the Working Group on the Right to Development will present the report on its eleventh session held from 26 to 30 April 2010. The Council will have before it the report of the Working Group (A/HRC/15/23).

39. Reference is made to the consolidated report of the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner on the right to development (A/HRC/15/24) (see para. 14 above)

## D. Rights of peoples, and specific groups and individuals

### *Elimination of discrimination against women*

40. In its resolution 12/17, the Council requested the High Commissioner to submit to its fifteenth session a study on women's equality before the law and on how the issue is addressed throughout the United Nations system (A/HRC/15/40) (see para. 24 above) and decided to hold a half-day discussion on the issue in order to consider taking further possible action at that session (see annex).

### *Rights of the child*

41. In its resolution 64/146, the General Assembly requested the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict to continue to submit reports to the Human Rights Council on the activities undertaken in discharging her mandate. The Council will have before it the report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Radhika Coomaraswamy (A/HRC/15/58).

42. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on challenges and best practices for the protection of the rights of the child in the context of migration (A/HRC/15/29) (see para. 19 above).

### *Trafficking in persons*

43. Reference is made to the report of OHCHR on the proceedings of the seminar aimed at identifying opportunities and challenges in the development of rights-based responses to trafficking in persons (A/HRC/15/27) (see para. 17 above).

### *Human rights and indigenous peoples*

44. In its resolution 12/13, the Council decided that the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people will be considered at its annual September session. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, James Anaya (A/HRC/15/37 and Add.1–9).

45. Reference is also made to the High Commissioner annual report on the human rights of indigenous peoples (A/HRC/15/34) (see para. 21 above).

46. Reference is made to the OHCHR report on the practical implications of a change in mandate of the Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations (A/HRC/15/38) (see para. 22 above).

### *Rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities*

47. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the promotion and respect for the provisions of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to a National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (A/HRC/15/42) (see para. 26 above).

## **E. Interrelation of human rights and human rights thematic issues**

### *The question of the death penalty*

48. Reference is made to the Secretary-General's report on the question of the death penalty (A/HRC/15/19) (see para. 13 above).

### *Contemporary forms of slavery*

49. In accordance with its resolution 6/14, the Council will consider at its fifteenth session the annual report of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and its consequences, Gulnara Shahinian (A/HRC/15/20 and Add.1–4)

### *Adverse effects of the movement and dumping of toxic and dangerous products and wastes on the enjoyment of human rights*

50. In accordance with its resolution 9/1, the Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur on the adverse effects of the movement and dumping of toxic and dangerous products and wastes on the enjoyment of human rights, Okechukwu Ibeanu (A/HRC/15/22 and Add.1–3).

### *Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination*

51. In its resolution 10/11, the Council requested the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination to report on the implementation of the resolution at the fifteenth session of the Council (A/HRC/15/25 and Add.1–6)

### *World Programme for Human Rights Education*

52. Reference is made to the report of OHCHR on the plan of action for the second phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education (A/HRC/15/28) (see para. 18 above).

### *Human Rights and international solidarity*

53. In its resolution 12/9, the Council requested the independent expert on human rights and international solidarity to submit a report to the fifteenth session of the Council on the implementation of the resolution. The Council will consider the report of the independent expert, Rudi Muhammad Rizki (A/HRC/15/32).

### *Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights*

54. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the workshop on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human right (A/HRC/15/39) (see para. 23 above).

### *Human rights and unilateral coercive measures*

55. Reference is made to the report of the Secretary-General on the impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights. (A/HRC/15/43) (see para. 25 above).

## **4. Human rights situations that require the Council's attention**

### *Situation of human rights in the Sudan*

56. In its resolution 11/10, the Council decided to create the mandate of independent expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan and requested the independent expert to submit a report to the Council for consideration at its fourteenth session. Taking note, in its decision 14/117, of the fact that the independent expert was unable, for medical reasons, to present his report to the Council at its fourteenth session, as originally scheduled, the Council decided, given the exceptional nature of the circumstances and without setting a precedent, to proceed with a technical extension of the mandate of the independent expert until the end of the fifteenth session of the Council to allow an interactive dialogue to be held with him. The Council will consider the reports of the independent expert, Mohamed Chande Othman (A/HRC/14/41 and Add.1).

## **5. Human rights bodies and mechanisms**

### **A. Human Rights Council Advisory Committee**

#### *Elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members*

57. In its resolution 12/7, the Council requested the Advisory Committee to finalize and submit to the fifteenth session of the Council the draft set of principles and guidelines for the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members. The Council will consider the report of the Advisory Committee (A/HRC/15/30).

### **B. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**

58. In its resolution 6/36, the Council decided to establish a subsidiary expert mechanism to provide the Council with thematic expertise on the rights of indigenous peoples in the manner and form requested by the Council. The Council will have before it the report of the third session of the Expert Mechanism held from 12 to 16 July 2010 (A/HRC/15/36).

59. In its resolution 12/13, the Council requested the Expert Mechanism to carry out a study on indigenous peoples and the right to participate in decision-making and present its progress report to the fifteenth session of the Council. The Council will consider the report of the Expert Mechanism (A/HRC/15/35).

### **C. Meeting of special procedures**

60. Reference is made to the note by the High Commissioner transmitting the report of the seventeenth meeting of special rapporteurs/representatives, independent experts and chairpersons of working groups of the special procedures (A/HRC/15/44) (see para. 28 above).

## **6. Universal periodic review**

61. The Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review held its eighth session from 3 to 14 May 2010. At its fifteenth session, the Council will consider and adopt the final outcome of the review of the following countries: Armenia, Belarus, Grenada, Guinea,

Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Spain, Sweden and Turkey.

62. Pursuant to the President's statement on modalities and practices for the universal periodic review process, agreed upon on 9 April 2008, the report of the Working Group, together with the views of the State under review concerning the recommendations and/or conclusions, as well as voluntary commitments made by the State under review and replies presented by the State under review, before the adoption of the outcome by the plenary, to questions or issues that were not sufficiently addressed during the interactive dialogue in the Working Group, will constitute the outcome of the review, which shall be adopted by the Council at its plenary session through a standardized decision. It was also agreed that a summary of the views expressed on the outcome of the review by the State under review, and of Member and Observer States of the Council, as well as general comments made by other relevant stakeholders, before the adoption of the outcome by the plenary, will be included in the report of the session of the Council.

## **7. Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories**

*Follow-up to the report of the United Nations Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict*

63. In its resolution 13/9, the Council decided, in the context of the follow-up to the report of the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission, to establish a committee of independent experts in international humanitarian and human rights laws to monitor and assess any domestic, legal or other proceedings undertaken by both the Government of Israel and the Palestinian side, in light of General Assembly resolution 64/254 including the independence, effectiveness, genuineness of these investigations and their conformity with international standards and requested it to submit a report to the fifteenth session of the Council. Pursuant to the above-mentioned resolution, the High Commissioner appointed the members of the Committee: Param Cumaraswamy, Mary McGowan Davis and Christian Tomuschat. The Council will consider the report of the committee of independent experts (A/HRC/15/50).

64. In its resolution 13/9, the Council requested the Secretary-General to present its fifteenth session a comprehensive report on the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of the Fact-Finding Mission on the Gaza conflict by all concerned parties, including United Nations bodies, in accordance with paragraph 3 of section B of resolution S-12/1. The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/15/51).

65. In the same resolution, the Council also requested the High Commissioner to present to its fifteenth session a report on the implementation of the resolution. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/15/52).

## **8. Follow-up and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action**

*Integrating the human rights of women throughout the United Nations system*

66. In its resolution 6/30, the Council decided to incorporate into its programme of work an annual discussion on the integration of a gender perspective throughout its work and that of its mechanisms, including the evaluation of progress made and challenges experienced. The Council will hold the annual discussion (see annex).

## 9. Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance, follow-up and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

### *Combating defamation of religions*

67. In its resolution 13/16, the Council requested the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance to report on all manifestations of defamation of religions, and in particular on the ongoing serious implications of Islamophobia for the enjoyment of all rights by their followers at its fifteenth session. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, Githu Muigai (A/HRC/15/53).

### *Elimination of racial discrimination*

68. Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 63/162 and 64/147 on the inadmissibility of certain practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance will present his report on the implementation of the said resolutions (A/HRC/15/45).

### *Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent*

69. Pursuant to resolution 9/14, the Council will consider the report of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent on its mission to the United States of America (A/HRC/15/57).

### *International Year for People of African Descent*

70. Reference is made to the report of the Secretary-General containing proposals for a programme of work of activities for the International Year for People of African Descent (A/HRC/15/18) (see para. 29 above).

## 10. Technical assistance and capacity-building

### *Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights*

71. In its resolution 12/26, the Council requested the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia to submit a report to the Council on the human rights situation in Somalia and on the status of implementation of technical cooperation inside Somalia at its thirteenth and fifteenth sessions. The Council will consider the report of the independent expert, Shamsul Bari (A/HRC/15/48).

72. In its decision 14/119, the Council decided to hold, at its fifteenth session, a stand-alone interactive dialogue with the participation of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Somalia on the status of technical cooperation, capacity-building programmes inside the country and effective measures to improve the human rights situation in Somalia and to enhance the effectiveness of United Nations support in the promotion and protection of human rights. It also decided to invite high-level officials of the Transitional Federal Government and a high-level representative of the African Union to take part in the interactive dialogue (see annex).

*Advisory services and technical assistance for Cambodia*

73. In its resolution 12/25, the Council requested the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia to submit a report on the implementation of his mandate to the fifteenth session of the Council. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, Surya Prasad Subedi (A/HRC/15/46).

74. Reference is made to the Secretary-General's report on OHCHR assistance to Cambodia (A/HRC/15/47) (see para. 30 above).

*Advisory service and technical assistance for Burundi*

75. In its resolution 9/19, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Burundi until an independent national human rights commission has been established. The Council invited the independent expert to report to the Council on his activities at the session following the establishment of the commission. The independent expert was invited to make an oral presentation on his activities and findings since the renewal of his mandate in 2008 at the fourteenth session of the Council. In view of the fact that he was not able to respond favorably to this invitation, the Council decided to defer the interactive dialogue to the fifteenth session to be held with the new mandate holder.

*Regional cooperation for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asia-Pacific region*

76. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the conclusions of the annual workshop on the Regional Cooperation for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in the Asia-Pacific Region, held in Bangkok from 21 to 23 April 2010 (A/HRC/15/39) (see para. 31 above).

## Annex

### **Panels and discussions to be held at the fifteenth session of the Human Rights Council**

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<i>Resolution/Decision</i>	<i>Panels/discussions</i>
<b>12/17</b> Elimination of discrimination against women	Half-day discussion
<b>6/30</b> Integrating the human rights of women throughout the United Nations system	Annual discussion
<b>14/119</b> Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights	Stand-alone interactive dialogue

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