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## Human Rights Council

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#### Agenda item 10

#### Technical assistance and capacity-building

#### Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group): draft resolution

### 17/... Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights

*The Human Rights Council,*

*Guided by the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,*

*Acknowledging that peace and security, development and human rights are the pillars of the United Nations system,*

*Reaffirming its respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence and unity of Somalia,*

*Recalling Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1 and 5/2 of 18 June 2007,*

*Recalling also previous Human Rights Council resolutions on the situation of human rights in Somalia and Council decision 14/119 of 18 June 2010,*

*Acknowledging the commitment of and efforts made by the African Union and the African Union Mission in Somalia to support Somali-led efforts to achieve reconciliation and stability, and the efforts made by the international community and regional stakeholders to help Somalia re-establish stability, peace and security in its national territory,*

*Noting the outcomes of the high-level consultative meeting, held in Nairobi on 12 and 13 April 2011, the special meeting on Somalia of the Security Council, held in Nairobi on 25 May 2011 and the meeting of the International Contact Group on Somalia, held in Kampala on 2 and 3 June 2011,*

*Acknowledging the constructive engagement of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia and its subnational entities in the universal periodic review, and the decision of the Government to hold a special meeting of the Council of Ministers before the end of June 2011 to consider the acceptance by Somalia of numerous recommendations,*

*Deeply concerned about the steep rise in the number of children under 5 years of age who have been wounded in Mogadishu since May 2011,*

*Recognizing the unique challenges faced by the Government at the national and subnational levels in implementing these recommendations and its expressed desire to*

receive additional technical support and assistance from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and any willing country, including through the work of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia, and from the independent consultant on the elaboration of the report of Somalia under the universal periodic review mechanism,

1. *Strongly condemns* the grave and systematic human rights violations perpetrated against the civilian population by Al-Shabab and like-minded terrorist groups;

2. *Encourages* the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia and its subnational entities to consider favourably the recommendations presented during the review of Somalia by the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, and to implement them;

3. *Decides* to renew the mandate of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia for a period of one year, from September 2011, with a view to:

(a) Maximizing the much-needed provision and flow of tangible and timely technical assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights;

(b) Supporting the efforts of the Transitional Federal Government and its subnational entities to ensure respect for human rights, and supporting the Government in its work to complete the outstanding task of the transitional mandate;

4. *Requests* the independent expert to evaluate the sufficiency and effectiveness of the technical assistance provided to Somalia for implementing the accepted recommendations, and to submit a comprehensive report thereon to the Human Rights Council at its eighteenth and nineteenth sessions;

5. *Requests* the Office of the High Commissioner, through its East Africa Regional Office and the work of the independent expert, to provide the Government with the necessary resources and technical assistance at the national and subnational levels with a view to enhancing its capacity to implement the accepted recommendations, and to submit a report thereon to the Human Rights Council at its nineteenth session;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Office of the High Commissioner to provide the independent expert with all the human, technical and financial assistance necessary to carry out his or her mandate;

7. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

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