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Strengthening of technical cooperation and consultative services in Guinea

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other applicable human rights instruments,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006 on the Human Rights Council and Human Rights Council resolutions 13/21 of 26 March 2010 and 16/36 of 25 March 2011 on strengthening of technical cooperation and consultative services in Guinea,

Reaffirming that all States have an obligation to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms, as stated in the Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the international covenants on human rights and the other applicable instruments to which they are parties,

Noting with satisfaction the efforts made by Guineans and the international community, in particular the African Union and the Economic Community of West African States, to establish democratic institutions and to strengthen the rule of law,

Noting the delay in completion of the political transition process due to the postponement of parliamentary elections, a delay that could hamper the reforms that are indispensable in order to protect human rights and fundamental freedoms and to combat impunity,

Recalling that it is the primary responsibility of Guinea to protect its civilian population, to conduct inquiries into violations of human rights and international humanitarian law and to bring perpetrators to justice,

1. *Recognizes* the efforts made by the Government of Guinea to strengthen the rule of law and improve the human rights situation in Guinea in line with the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry on Guinea established by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and supported by the African Union and the Economic Community of West African States;

2. *Welcomes* the establishment of the new Ministry of Human Rights and Civil Liberties and the mainstreaming of human rights in reform of the security sector;
3. *Takes note* of the change in the composition of the Independent National Electoral Commission, which is responsible for coordinating parliamentary elections on an impartial and consensual basis, and welcomes the Permanent Framework for Dialogue and Consultation among stakeholders, which was established to lead the country to free, democratic, transparent and peaceful elections;
4. *Urges* the Guinean authorities and the political parties to respect human rights and fundamental freedoms and to prevent acts of violence from occurring during the electoral process;
5. *Also urges* the Guinean authorities to pursue reforms in the security and defence sectors that take account of respect for human rights;
6. *Encourages* the Guinean authorities to draw up a comprehensive programme to strengthen the justice system and combat impunity;
7. *Notes* that measures have been taken by the panel of judges appointed to investigate the events of 28 September 2009 and invites the Government of Guinea to support the work of the panel and to expedite prosecutions of the parties responsible for those events, including the perpetrators of acts of sexual violence committed upon women and girls;
8. *Notes with satisfaction* that the Government of Guinea has agreed to accept the technical assistance provided by the Team of Experts on the Rule of Law and Sexual Violence in Conflict and invites the Government of Guinea to draw, if necessary, on the expertise of the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict;
9. *Encourages* the Guinean authorities to pursue their efforts, in cooperation with the international community and civil society, to achieve national reconciliation;
10. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Guinea;¹
11. *Firmly reiterates* its appeal to the international community to:
 - (a) Provide the Republic of Guinea with appropriate assistance to promote respect for human rights, the achievement of its development goals, the fight against impunity, reform of the security and justice sectors, and national reconciliation;
 - (b) Support the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Guinea;
12. *Invites* the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to report to the Council at its twenty-fifth regular session on the situation of human rights and the work of her office in Guinea.

¹ A/HRC/22/39.