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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 16 December 2013 at the organizational session for the eighth cycle of the Council, the Council will hold its twenty-fifth session from 3 to 28 March 2014 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 Council resolution 5/1, the organizational meeting for the twenty-fifth session will be held on 17 February 2014.

### 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 twenty-fifth session.

### Composition of the Human Rights Council

4. The composition of the Council at its twenty-fifth session is as follows:<sup>1</sup> Algeria (2016); Argentina (2015); Austria (2014); Benin (2014); Botswana (2014); Brazil (2015); Burkina Faso (2014); Chile (2014); China (2016); Congo (2014); Costa Rica (2014); Côte d'Ivoire (2015); Cuba (2016); Czech Republic (2014); Estonia (2015); Ethiopia (2015); France (2016); Gabon (2015); Germany (2015); India (2014); Indonesia (2014); Ireland (2015); Italy (2014); Japan (2015); Kazakhstan (2015); Kenya (2015); Kuwait (2014); Maldives (2016); Mexico (2016); Montenegro (2015); Morocco (2016); Namibia (2016); Pakistan (2015); Peru (2014); Philippines (2014); Republic of Korea (2015); Romania (2014); Russian Federation (2016); Saudi Arabia (2016); Sierra Leone (2015); South Africa (2016); the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (2016); United Arab Emirates (2015); United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2016); United States of America (2015); Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (2015); Viet Nam (2016).

### Bureau of the Human Rights Council

5. At its organizational session on 16 December 2013, the Council elected the following members of the Bureau for its eighth cycle, which will run until 31 December 2014: President of the Council, Baudelaire Ndong Ella (Gabon); Vice-Presidents, Maurizio Enrico Serra (Italy), Dilip Sinha (India), Alberto D'Alotto (Argentina), Vice-President and Rapporteur, Kateřina Sequensová (Czech Republic).

### Review of the work and functioning of the Human Rights Council

6. Pursuant to paragraph 42 of the annex to Council resolution 16/21, the Council will hold a high-level panel discussion to interact with heads of United Nations agencies within

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

their respective mandates on specific human rights themes, with the objective of promoting the mainstreaming of human rights throughout the United Nations system (see annex).

7. Pursuant to a decision taken by the Council at its organizational session on 16 December 2013, the Council will hold a high-level interactive dialogue on the promotion of preventative approaches within the United Nations system.

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

8. 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 Luis Enrique Chávez Basagoitia (Peru), Omar Hilale (Morocco), Rytis Paulauskas (Lithuania), Yeonchul Yoo (Republic of Korea) and Elissa Golberg (Canada) will propose to the President of the Council a list of candidates for the new mandate holders for the following eighteen mandates to be appointed at the twenty-fifth session: Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights; Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights; Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context; Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences; Special Rapporteur on the right to food; Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography; Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples; Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar; Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967; Special Rapporteur on the situation on human rights defenders; Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia; Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons; Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic; Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (one member from an African State and one from a Latin American and Caribbean State); Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances (one member from an African State); 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 (one member from an Asian State); and Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice (one member from a Latin American and Caribbean State).

9. 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 by the Council. The mandate holders in question will be appointed before the end of the twenty-fifth session.

### **Selection and appointment of members of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**

10. In its resolution 6/36, the Human Rights Council decided to establish a subsidiary expert mechanism to provide it with thematic expertise on the rights of indigenous peoples in the manner and form requested by the Council. The Council decided that the expert mechanism would consist of five independent experts, the selection of which would be carried out in accordance with the procedure established in paragraphs 39–53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, and strongly recommended that, in the selection and appointment process, the Council should give due regard to experts of indigenous origin.

11. 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 will propose to the

President of the Council a list of candidates to replace two of the five independent experts of the Expert Mechanism, whose tenure is due to expire in March 2014.

12. In accordance with the procedure stipulated in resolution 6/36 and in paragraphs 52 and 53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, the appointment of the above-mentioned experts will be completed upon the subsequent approval of the Council before the end of the session.

### **Election of members of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee**

13. Pursuant to Council decision 18/121, the term of office of the seven members of the Advisory Committee ended on 30 September 2013.

14. At its twenty-fourth session, the Council elected six members of the Advisory Committee for a three-year term. However, no candidate was put forward for the vacant seat of Latin American and Caribbean States.

15. Consequently, the Council will elect one member from Latin American and Caribbean States at its twenty-fifth session.

16. Paragraph 70 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1 provides that the Council shall elect the members of the Advisory Committee, in secret ballot, from the list of candidates whose names have been presented in accordance with the agreed requirements.

17. In accordance with paragraph 71 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, the list of candidates for the vacant seat which was not filled at the twenty-fourth session and relevant information will be made available to Member States and to the public in a note by the Secretary-General (A/HRC/25/18).

### **Report of the session**

18. 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 the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council and the President's statements, as well as a technical summary of the proceedings of the twenty-fifth 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**

19. All reports of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Office of the High Commissioner (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.

### *Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

20. The Council will have before it the annual report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/25/19), the reports on the activities of her offices in Guatemala and the Plurinational State of Bolivia and the report on the situation of human rights in Colombia (A/HRC/25/19/Add.1–3).

*Question of human rights in Cyprus*

21. Pursuant to its decision 2/102, the Human Rights Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner on the question of human rights in Cyprus (A/HRC/25/21).

*United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture*

22. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/156, the Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (A/HRC/25/25).

*Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment*

23. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/156, the Council will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on the status of the Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (A/HRC/25/24).

*Conclusions and recommendations of the special procedures*

24. Pursuant to Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/76 and Council resolution 2/102, the Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General containing references to the conclusions and recommendations in the reports submitted by the special procedures (A/HRC/25/20).

*Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran*

25. In its resolution 68/184, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report on the progress made in the implementation of that resolution, including options and recommendations to improve its implementation, and to submit an interim report to the Council at its twenty-fifth session. The Council will have before it the interim report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/25/26) (see also paragraph 81 below).

*Promoting reconciliation and accountability in Sri Lanka*

26. In its resolution 22/1, the Council encouraged OHCHR and relevant special procedures mandate holders to provide, in consultation with and with the concurrence of the Government of Sri Lanka, advice and technical assistance on implementing the steps mentioned in that resolution. In the same resolution, the Council also requested OHCHR to present a comprehensive report followed by a discussion on the implementation of that resolution at its twenty-fifth session. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/25/23), followed by a discussion.

*The effective implementation of international human rights instruments*

27. In its resolution 9/8 on the effective implementation of international human rights instruments, the Council requested the Secretary-General to report annually on measures taken to implement that resolution and on obstacles to its implementation. The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/25/22).

*Realization in all countries of economic, social and cultural rights*

28. In its resolution 22/5, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to it an annual report on the question of the realization in all countries of economic, social and cultural rights, with a special focus on access to justice relating to violations of economic,

social and cultural rights. The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/25/31).

*Promotion and protection of human rights in the context of peaceful protests*

29. In its resolution 22/10, the Council requested OHCHR to organize a seminar on effective measures and best practices to ensure the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of peaceful protests, and to submit a report on the deliberations held during the seminar to the Council. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR on the seminar held on 2 December 2013 (A/HRC/25/32).

*Human rights and arbitrary deprivation of nationality*

30. In its resolution 20/5, the Council requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report on legislative and administrative measures that may lead to the deprivation of nationality of individuals or groups of individuals, paying particular attention to situations where persons affected may be left stateless, and to present the report to the Council before its twenty-fifth session. The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/25/28).

*The work and employment of persons with disabilities*

31. In its resolution 22/3, the Council requested OHCHR to prepare a study on the right of persons with disabilities to education, in consultation with States and other relevant stakeholders, including the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, regional organizations, the Special Rapporteur on Disabilities of the Commission for Social Development, civil society organizations, including organizations of persons with disabilities, and national human rights institutions. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/25/29), which will also be available on the website of OHCHR in an accessible format (see also paragraphs 61 and 62 below).

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

32. In its resolution 22/4, the Council requested the High Commissioner to present an annual report containing information on relevant developments of United Nations human rights bodies and mechanisms, as well as on the activities undertaken by OHCHR at Headquarters and in the field 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 have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/25/30) (see also paragraphs 63, 64 and 84 below).

*Rights of the child*

33. In its resolution 22/32, the Council decided to focus its next full-day meeting on the rights of the child on the theme of access to justice for children. In the same resolution, it invited OHCHR to prepare a report on that issue, and to present it to the Council at its twenty-fifth session, to inform the annual day of discussion on children's rights. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/25/35) (see also paragraphs 67–71 below).

34. In its resolution 22/11, the Council decided to convene, at its twenty-fourth session, a panel discussion on the human rights of children of parents sentenced to the death penalty or executed, and requested the OHCHR to prepare a report on the outcome of the panel discussion in the form of a summary, and to present it to the Council at its twenty-fifth session. The Council will have before it the summary report of OHCHR (A/HRC/25/33).

*Role of the public service as an essential component of good governance in the promotion and protection of human rights*

35. In its resolution 19/20, the Council requested OHCHR to prepare a report outlining the role of the public service as an essential component of good governance in the promotion and protection of human rights, including a compilation of good practices, and to present it to the Council at its twenty-fourth session. At its twenty-fourth session, the Council was informed that, in accordance with the calendar of thematic resolutions of the Council, the report would be submitted to the Council at its twenty-fifth session (A/HRC/24/19). Accordingly, the Council will consider the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/25/27).

*Operations of the Voluntary Fund for participation in the universal periodic review*

36. In its decision 17/119 and resolution 23/3, the Council requested OHCHR to provide an annual report on the operations of the Voluntary Fund for participation in the universal periodic review. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/25/36).

*Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem and in the occupied Syrian Golan*

37. Reference is made to the report of the Secretary-General on the Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan (A/HRC/25/38) (see paragraph 90 below).

*The implications of Israeli settlements on the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of the Palestinian people throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem*

38. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the independent international fact-finding mission (A/HRC/25/39) (see paragraph 91 below).

*Situation of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem*

39. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem (A/HRC/25/40) (see paragraph 92 below).

*Human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan*

40. Reference is made to the report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan (A/HRC/25/37) (see paragraph 93 below).

*Combating intolerance, negative stereotyping and stigmatization of, and discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against, persons based on religion or belief*

41. In its resolution 22/31, the Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare and submit to the Council, at its twenty-fifth session, a report based upon information provided by States on the efforts and measures taken by them for the implementation of the action plan on fostering a domestic environment of religious tolerance, peace and respect, as outlined in that resolution, as well as their views on potential follow-up measures for further improvement of the implementation of that plan. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/25/34).



*Technical cooperation in the field of human rights in Afghanistan*

42. In its decision 2/113 and resolution 14/15, the Council requested the High Commissioner to continue to monitor the human rights situation in Afghanistan, to provide and expand advisory services and technical cooperation in the field of human rights and the rule of law, and to report regularly to the Council on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/25/41).

*Assistance for Libya in the field of human rights*

43. In its resolution 22/19, the Council requested OHCHR to prepare a written report, for submission to the Council at its twenty-fifth session, reflecting human rights regarding the technical support and capacity-building needs of Libya, with a view to strengthening the promotion and protection of, and respect for, human rights and fundamental freedoms and exploring ways of cooperation to overcome the challenges in the areas of security, respect for the rule of law, transitional justice and human rights. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/25/42).

*Strengthening of technical cooperation and consultative services in Guinea*

44. In its resolution 23/23, the Council invited the High Commissioner to report to the Council at its twenty-fifth session on the situation of human rights and the work of her Office in Guinea. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/25/44).

*Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights*

45. In its decision 23/114, the Council decided to hold, at its twenty-fourth session, a stand-alone high-level interactive dialogue with the aim of exploring how all stakeholders could work effectively towards the finalization and implementation of the road map and the realization of human rights in Somalia. The Council requested OHCHR to provide a summary of the key conclusions of the high-level dialogue pertaining to how to ensure maximum effectiveness of technical and other assistance to Somalia. The Council will have before it the summary report of OHCHR (A/HRC/25/45).

*Technical assistance to the Central African Republic in the field of human rights*

46. In its resolution 23/18, the Council requested the High Commissioner to submit to the Council, at its twenty-fifth session, a report evaluating the needs for technical assistance and capacity-building in the Central African Republic. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/25/43).

### **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**

*Realization in all countries of economic, social and cultural rights*

47. Reference is made to the report of the Secretary-General on the realization in all countries of economic, social and cultural rights (A/HRC/25/31) (see paragraph 28 above).

*Promotion of the enjoyment of the cultural rights of everyone and respect for cultural diversity*

48. In its resolution 23/10, the Council invited the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights to include in her next report the issue of the ways and means to sensitize institutions and society on diverse cultural heritage and to enhance cooperation for its safeguard and promotion. It also invited the Special Rapporteur to continue to address the issue of the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications, taking into account the discussion held in 2013 at the seminar on this subject, mandated by the Council resolution 20/11. In accordance with that resolution, the Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, Farida Shaheed (A/HRC/25/49 and Add.1–2).

*Adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living*

49. In its resolution 15/8, the Council requested the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living to submit a report to the Council in accordance with its annual programme of work. In its decision 24/115, the Council decided to postpone the renewal of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur to its twenty-fifth session, and, for that reason, to extend, on an exceptional basis, the mandate of the Special Rapporteur until that session. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, Raquel Rolnik (A/HRC/25/54 and Add.1–4).

*Right to food*

50. In its resolution 22/9, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food for a period of three years, and requested him to keep the Council informed of the impact of the world food crisis on the enjoyment of the right to food and to alert it to possible further actions in this regard. In the same resolution, the Council also requested the Special Rapporteur to submit a report on the implementation of that resolution to the Council at its twenty-fifth session. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, Olivier De Schutter (A/HRC/25/57 and Add.1–4).

*Effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights*

51. In its resolution 16/14, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights for a period of three years, and requested the Independent Expert to report regularly to the Council in accordance with its programme of work. The Council will consider the report of the Independent Expert, Cephas Lumina (A/HRC/25/50 and Add.1–6).

52. In its resolution 22/12, the Council requested the Independent Expert to continue his efforts in preparing an in-depth study on the negative impact of the non-repatriation of funds of illicit origin to the countries of origin on the application by States of the maximum available resources to the full realization of all human rights, and to present his study to the Council at its twenty-fifth session. The Council will consider the study of the Independent Expert (A/HRC/25/52).

53. In its resolution 23/11, the Council requested the Independent Expert to submit a report on the implementation of that resolution, and containing the commentary to the guiding principles on foreign debt and human rights, to the Council at its twenty-fifth session. The Council will consider the commentary to the guidelines (A/HRC/25/51).

## B. Civil and political rights

### *Promotion and protection of human rights in the context of peaceful protests*

54. Reference is made to the report of OHCHR on the deliberations held during the seminar on effective measures and best practices to ensure the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of peaceful protests (A/HRC/25/32) (see paragraph 29 above).

### *Human rights and arbitrary deprivation of nationality*

55. Reference is made to the report of the Secretary-General on legislative and administrative measures that may lead to the deprivation of nationality of individuals or groups of individuals (A/HRC/25/28) (see paragraph 30 above).

### *The question of the death penalty*

56. In accordance with its decision 22/117, the Council will hold, at its twenty-fifth session, a high-level panel discussion on the question of the death penalty with the aim of exchanging views on advances, best practices and challenges relating to the abolition of the death penalty and to the introduction of a moratorium on executions, as well as on national debates or processes on whether to abolish the death penalty (see annex).

57. Reference is also made to the summary of the panel discussion on the human rights of children of parents sentenced to the death penalty or executed (A/HRC/25/33) (see paragraph 34 above).

### *Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment*

58. In its resolution 16/23, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment for a further period of three years, requesting him to report on all his activities, observations, conclusions and recommendations to the Council in accordance with its annual programme of work. In its resolution 22/21, the Council invited the Special Rapporteur to continue to address effective remedy and reparation, including rehabilitation of victims. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, Juan Méndez (A/HRC/25/60 and Add.1–4).

59. Reference is also made to the reports of the Secretary-General on the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (A/HRC/25/25) and on the status of the Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (A/HRC/25/24) (see paragraphs 22 and 23 above).

### *Freedom of religion or belief*

60. In its resolution 22/20, the Council requested the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief to submit a report annually in accordance with its annual programme of work, and decided to continue consideration of measures to implement the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, Heiner Bielefeldt (A/HRC/25/58 and Add.1–4).

## **C. Rights of peoples, and specific groups and individuals**

### *Human rights of persons with disabilities*

61. In its resolution 7/9, the Council decided to hold an annual interactive debate at one of its regular sessions on the rights of persons with disabilities. In its resolution 22/3, the Council decided that its next annual interactive debate on the rights of persons with disabilities will be held at its twenty-fifth session, and that it would focus on the right of persons with disabilities to education (see annex).

62. Reference is also made to the report of OHCHR on the right of persons with disabilities to education (A/HRC/25/29) (see paragraph 31 above).

### *Minority issues*

63. In its resolution 16/6, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Independent Expert on minority issues for three years, and requested the Independent Expert to submit annual reports on her activities to the Council, including recommendations for effective strategies for the better implementation of the rights of persons belonging to minorities. In its resolution 19/23, the Council decided that the Independent Expert should continue to guide the work of the Forum on Minority Issues and to prepare its annual meetings. The Council will consider the report of the Independent Expert, Rita Izsák (A/HRC/25/56 and Add.1–2).

64. Reference is also made to the report of the High Commissioner on relevant developments of United Nations human rights bodies and mechanisms, as well as on the activities undertaken by OHCHR 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 (A/HRC/25/30) (see paragraph 32 above).

65. Reference is also made to the report of the Forum on Minority Issues on its sixth session (A/HRC/25/66) (see paragraph 84 below).

### *Human rights defenders*

66. In its resolution 16/5, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders for a period of three years and requested her to report regularly to the Council. In its resolution 22/6, the Council invited the Special Rapporteur to continue to execute the activities under the mandate stipulated in resolution 16/5 of the Council, including in follow-up to that resolution, by reporting on progress. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, Margaret Sekaggya (A/HRC/25/55 and Add.1–5).

### *Rights of the child*

67. In its resolution 16/12, the Council decided to extend for a period of three years the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. In its resolution 68/147, the General Assembly requested the Special Rapporteur to continue to submit reports to the Council on the activities undertaken in the fulfilment of her mandate. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, Najat Maalla M'jid (A/HRC/25/48 and Add.1–6).

68. In its resolution 68/147, the General Assembly requested the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for 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 consider the report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Leila Zerrougui (A/HRC/25/46).

69. In its resolution 22/32, the Council welcomed the renewal by the General Assembly of the mandate of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children for a further period of three years. In its resolution 68/147, the General Assembly requested the Special Representative of the Secretary-General to continue to submit annual reports to the Council on the activities undertaken in the fulfilment of her mandate. The Council will consider the annual report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Marta Santos Pais (A/HRC/25/47).

70. Reference is also made to the report of OHCHR on access to justice for children (A/HRC/25/35) and to the summary of the panel discussion on the human rights of children of parents sentenced to the death penalty or executed (A/HRC/25/33) (see paragraphs 33 and 34 above).

71. In its resolution 7/29, the Council decided to incorporate into its programme of work sufficient time, at a minimum an annual full-day meeting, to discuss different specific themes on the rights of the child, including the identification of challenges in the realization of the rights of the child, as well as measures and best practices that could be adopted by States and other stakeholders. At its twenty-fifth session, the Council will hold its full-day panel discussion, which, pursuant to Council resolution 22/32, will focus on access to justice for children, and will be informed by the report of OHCHR (see paragraph 33 above and annex).

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

### *Role of the public service as an essential component of good governance in the promotion and protection of human rights*

72. Reference is made to the report of the OHCHR outlining the role of the public service as an essential component of good governance in the promotion and protection of human rights, including a compilation of good practices based on information received from a variety of stakeholders (A/HRC/25/27) (see paragraph 35 above).

### *Prevention of genocide*

73. In accordance with its resolution 22/22, the Council will hold, during its twenty-fifth session, a high-level panel discussion dedicated to the sixty-fifth anniversary of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (see annex).

74. Also in accordance with its resolution 22/22, the Council will further hold, at its twenty-fifth session, an interactive dialogue with the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide dedicated to the tenth anniversary of the creation of the mandate of the Special Adviser.

### *Civil society space: creating and maintaining, in law and in practice, a safe and enabling environment*

75. In accordance with its resolution 24/21, the Council will hold, at its twenty-fifth session, a panel discussion on the importance of the promotion and protection of civil society space, which will, inter alia, contribute to the identification of challenges facing States in their efforts to ensure space for civil society and lessons learned and good practices in this regard (see annex).

### *Human rights and the environment*

76. In its resolution 19/10, the Council decided to appoint, for a period of three years, an Independent Expert on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment, and requested the mandate holder to report

to the Council annually. The Council will consider the report of the Independent Expert, John Knox (A/HRC/25/53 and Add.1–2).

*Promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism*

77. In its resolution 22/8, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism for a period of three years in the same terms as provided for by the Council in its resolution 15/15. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, Ben Emmerson (A/HRC/25/59 and Add.1–4).

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

*Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea*

78. In its resolution 22/13, the Council decided to establish a commission of inquiry to investigate the systematic, widespread and grave violations of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, including the violation of the right to food, the violations associated with prison camps, torture and inhuman treatment, arbitrary detention, discrimination, violations of freedom of expression, violations of the right to life, violations of freedom of movement, and enforced disappearances, including in the form of abductions of nationals of other States. In the same resolution, the Council also requested the commission of inquiry to present a written report to the Council at its twenty-fifth session. The Council will consider the report of the commission (A/HRC/25/63).

79. In its resolution 22/13, the Council also decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for a period of one year, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit regular reports on the implementation of his mandate to the Council. The Council will have before it a note by the secretariat relating to the report of the Special Rapporteur, Marzuki Darusman (A/HRC/25/62).

*Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic*

80. In its resolution 22/24, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the independent international commission of inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic established by resolution S-17/1 to investigate all alleged violations of international human rights law since March 2011 in the Syrian Arab Republic, and requested the commission to continue its work. The Council also requested the commission to present a written report on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic during an interactive dialogue at the twenty-third, twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth sessions of the Council. The Council will consider the report of the commission (A/HRC/25/65).

*Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran*

81. In its resolution 22/23, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran for a further period of one year, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit a report on the implementation of his mandate to the Council at its twenty-fifth session. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, Ahmed Shaheed (A/HRC/25/61) (see also paragraph 25 above).

*Situation of human rights in Myanmar*

82. In its resolution 22/14, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar for one year, and invited the Special Rapporteur to include in his next report, inter alia, further recommendations on the needs of Myanmar, including with regard to technical assistance and capacity-building. The Council further requested the Special Rapporteur to submit a progress report to the Council in accordance with its annual programme of work. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, Tomás Ojea Quintana (A/HRC/25/64).

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

### **A. Complaint procedure**

83. In its resolution 5/1, the Council established the complaint procedure as contained in section IV of the annex to that resolution. In paragraph 98 of the same annex, the Working Group on Situations was requested, on the basis of the information and recommendations provided by the Working Group on Communications, to present the Council with a report on consistent patterns of gross and reliably attested violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and to make recommendations to the Council on the course of action to be taken. At its twenty-fifth session, the Council will consider the report of the Working Group on Situations on its thirteenth session (27–31 January 2014) and other pending issues relating to the complaint procedure in two closed meetings.

### **B. Forum on Minority Issues**

84. In its resolution 6/15, the Council decided to establish a Forum on Minority Issues to provide a platform for promoting dialogue and cooperation on issues pertaining to persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities. In its resolution 19/23, the Council renewed the mandate of the Forum and decided that the Forum should continue to meet annually for two working days allocated to thematic discussions. The Council will consider the recommendations of the Forum made at its sixth session (A/HRC/25/66), convened on 26 and 27 November 2013 (see also paragraphs 32, 63, and 64 above).

### **C. Other human rights bodies and mechanisms**

*Communications of special procedures*

85. The Council will have before it the communications report of special procedures (A/HRC/25/74). The full report will be available online.

## **6. Universal periodic review**

86. In its resolution 5/1, the Council established the universal periodic review mechanism as contained in section I of the annex to that resolution. The Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review held its seventeenth session from 21 October to 1 November 2013. At its twenty-fifth session, the Council will consider and adopt the final outcome of the review of Belize (A/HRC/25/13), Central African Republic (A/HRC/25/11), Chad (A/HRC/25/14), China (A/HRC/25/5), Congo (A/HRC/25/16), Israel (A/HRC/25/15), Jordan (A/HRC/25/9), Malta (A/HRC/25/17), Malaysia (A/HRC/25/10), Mauritius (A/HRC/25/8), Mexico

(A/HRC/25/7), Monaco (A/HRC/25/12), Nigeria (A/HRC/25/6), Saudi Arabia (A/HRC/25/3) and Senegal (A/HRC/25/4).

87. Pursuant to President's statement 9/2 on modalities and practices for the universal periodic review process, 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 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, to be adopted by the Council at its plenary session through a standardized decision.

88. Reference is also made to the report of OHCHR on the operations of the Voluntary Fund for participation in the universal periodic review (A/HRC/25/36) (see paragraph 36 above).

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

### **A. Human rights violations and implications of the Israeli occupation of Palestine and other occupied Arab territories**

*Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967*

89. In accordance with its resolution 5/1 and decision 2/102, the Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, Richard Falk (A/HRC/25/67).

*Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem and in the occupied Syrian Golan*

90. In its resolution 22/26, the Council requested the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of that resolution at its twenty-fifth session. The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/25/38).

*The implications of Israeli settlements on the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of the Palestinian people throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem*

91. In its resolution 19/17, the Council decided to dispatch an independent international fact-finding mission to investigate the implications of the Israeli settlements on the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of the Palestinian people throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. In its resolution 22/29, the Council requested the High Commissioner to present a report detailing the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the independent international fact-finding mission (A/HRC/22/63). The Council have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/25/39).

*Situation of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem*

92. In its resolutions S-9/1 and S-12/1, the Council requested the High Commissioner to submit periodical reports concerning the situations of human rights in Occupied Palestinian Territory especially in relation to East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip. In its resolution 19/16,



the Council decided to remain seized of the matter. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/25/40).

*Human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan*

93. In its resolution 22/17, the Council requested the Secretary-General to bring that resolution to the attention of all Governments, the competent United Nations organs, specialized agencies, international and regional intergovernmental organizations and international humanitarian organizations, to disseminate it as widely as possible and to report on the matter of human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan to the Council at its twenty-fifth session. The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/25/37).

**B. Right to self-determination of the Palestinian people**

94. In its resolution 22/27, the Council decided to continue the consideration of this question at its twenty-fifth session.

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

95. There are no reports to be considered under this agenda item.

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

*Combating intolerance, negative stereotyping and stigmatization of, and discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against, persons based on religion or belief*

96. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the efforts and measures taken for the implementation of the action plan on fostering a domestic environment of religious tolerance, peace and respect (A/HRC/25/34) (see paragraph 41 above).

*Follow-up to and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action*

97. In its resolution 22/30, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action for a period of three years. Pursuant to Council resolution 21/33, the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action convened its eleventh session from 7 to 18 October 2013. The Council will have before it the report of the Working Group relating to that session (A/HRC/25/68).

*Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance*

98. In its resolution 24/26, the Council requested the Secretary-General to resuscitate the work of the independent eminent experts before the end of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly and, in this regard, to recommend further initiatives and actions. In the same resolution, the Council requested the independent eminent experts to convene a special meeting before 31 December 2013 to conduct an appraisal of the work undertaken hitherto and the recommendations made in that regard in order to present an update report to the

Council at its twenty-fifth session. The Council will have before it a note by the secretariat relating to the independent eminent experts (A/HRC/25/70).

*Elaboration of complementary standards to strengthen and update international instruments against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in all their aspects*

99. In its resolution 21/30, the Council decided that the Ad Hoc Committee on the elaboration of complementary standards should convene its fifth session from 8 to 19 April 2013. At its twenty-fourth session, the Council was informed that the fifth session of the Ad Hoc Committee had been rescheduled to be held from 22 July to 2 August 2013 and that the Committee would submit its report on that session to the Council at its twenty-fifth session. Accordingly, the Council will have before it the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on its fifth session (A/HRC/25/69).

## **10. Technical assistance and capacity-building**

*Technical cooperation in the field of human rights in Afghanistan*

100. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan (A/HRC/25/41) (see paragraph 42 above).

*Assistance for Libya in the field of human rights*

101. Reference is made to the report of OHCHR on technical support and capacity-building needs of Libya (A/HRC/25/42) (see paragraph 43 above).

*Strengthening of technical cooperation and consultative services in Guinea*

102. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights and the work of OHCHR in Guinea (A/HRC/25/44) (see paragraph 44 above).

*Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights*

103. Reference is made to the summary of the key conclusions of the high-level dialogue held during the twenty-fourth session of the Council pertaining to how to ensure maximum effectiveness of technical and other assistance to Somalia (A/HRC/25/45) (see paragraph 45 above).

*Technical assistance to the Central African Republic in the field of human rights*

104. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on technical assistance and capacity-building in the Central African Republic (A/HRC/25/43) (see paragraph 46 above).

*Technical assistance to Côte d'Ivoire in the field of human rights*

105. In its resolution 23/22, the Council decided to renew the mandate of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire for a period of one year, from the twenty-third to the twenty-sixth session of the Council, and requested the Independent Expert to submit his report at the twenty-fifth session. The Council will consider the report of the Independent Expert, Doudou Diène (A/HRC/25/73).

*Situation of human rights in Haiti*

106. In President's statement 22/2, the Council approved the request of the Haitian authorities for a one-year extension of the mandate of an Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti, and invited the mandate holder to undertake a mission to Haiti and

to report to the Council at its twenty-fifth session. The Council will consider the report of the Independent Expert, Gustavo Gallón (A/HRC/25/71).

*Assistance to the Republic of Mali in the field of human rights*

107. In its resolution 22/18, the Council decided to establish a one-year mandate for an Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali with a view to assisting the Government of Mali in its efforts to promote and protect human rights, and requested the Independent Expert to report to the Council at its twenty-fifth session. The Council will consider the report of the Independent Expert, Suliman Baldo (A/HRC/25/72).

*Technical assistance and capacity-building for human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo*

108. In accordance with its resolution 24/27, the Council will hold, at its twenty-fifth session, a high-level dialogue on the lessons learned and the continuing challenges in combating sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to allow countries in conflict and post-conflict situations to share their experiences in the area.

## Annex

### Panels and discussions to be held at the twenty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council

Mandate	Panel/discussion
16/21 Review of the work and functioning of the Human Rights Council	Half-day high-level panel on human rights mainstreaming under the theme of protection and promotion of the human rights of migrants
22/117 High-level panel discussion on the question of the death penalty	High-level panel discussion on the question of the death penalty
7/9 and 22/3 Rights of persons with disabilities	Annual interactive debate on the rights of persons with disabilities with a focus on the right of persons with disabilities to education
7/29 and 22/32 Rights of the child	Annual full-day discussion with a focus on access to justice for children
22/22 Prevention of genocide	High-level panel discussion dedicated to the sixty-fifth anniversary of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide
24/21 Civil society space: creating and maintaining, in law and in practice, a safe and enabling environment	Panel discussion on the importance of the promotion and protection of civil society space