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I. RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL AT ITS FOURTH SESSION

[To be included in the final report (A/HRC/4/L.11)]

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

A. Opening and duration of the session

6. The Human Rights Council held its fourth session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 12 to 30 March 2007 (see also paragraph 22 below). It held 32 meetings (see A/HRC/4/SR.1-32)* during the session.
7. The session was opened by Mr. Luis Alfonso de Alba, President of the Human Rights Council.
8. At the 1st meeting, on 12 March 2007, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, made a televised recorded statement.
9. At the same meeting, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Louise Arbour, made a statement.

B. Attendance

10. The session was attended by representatives of States members of the Council, observers for non-member States of the Council, observers for non-member States of the United Nations and other observers, as well as observers for United Nations entities, specialized agencies, and related organizations, intergovernmental organizations and other entities, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations. An attendance list is given in annex III to the present report.

* Summary records of each of the meetings are subject to correction. They are considered final with the issuance of a consolidated corrigendum (A/HRC/4/SR.1-32/Corrigendum).

C. High-level segment

11. At the fourth session, the following guest speakers addressed the Council during the high-level segment:

(a) At the 1st meeting, on 12 March 2007: Ms. Micheline Calmy-Rey, President of the Confederation and Head of the Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland; Mr. Paul Mba Abessole, Vice-Prime Minister of Gabon; Mr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany; Mr. Jean Asselborn, Vice-Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration of Luxembourg; Mr. Hamid Awaluddin, Minister of Law and Human Rights of Indonesia; Mr. Abdelelah Al-Khatib, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Jordan; Mr. Abdelwaheb Abdallah, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Tunisia; Mr. Alberto G. Romulo, Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Philippines; Mr. Mahinda Samarasinghe, Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights of Sri Lanka; Mr. Maxime Verhagen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands; Mr. Carl Bildt, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden; Mr. Ekmelledin Ihsanoglu, Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference; Mr. Alberto G. Romulo, Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Philippines, on behalf of the Convening Group of the Community of Democracies;

(b) At the 2nd meeting, on the same day: Mr. Abdelaziz Ziari, Minister for Relations with Parliament of Algeria; Mr. Paulo Vannuchi, Minister of State and Special Secretary on Human Rights of Brazil; Mr. Azouz Begag, Minister for the Promotion of Equal Opportunities of France; Mr. Manouchehr Mottaki, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran; Ms. Rita Kieber-Beck, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Liechtenstein; Mr. Samuel Santos Lopez, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua; Mr. Vuk Draskovic, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Serbia; Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ecuador; Mr. Johannes Hendrik de Lange, Deputy Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development of South Africa; Mr. Roberto García Moritán, Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Argentina; Ms. Marta Altolaguirre Larraondo, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guatemala; Mr. Masayoshi Hamada, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan; Mr. Makhdum Khusro Bakhtyar, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan; Ms. Belela Herrera, Vice-Minister

for Foreign Affairs of Uruguay; Mr. Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici, Vice-Minister, Ministry for Justice and Home Affairs of Malta; Mr. Raymond Johansen, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway; Mr. Bernardino Leon Gross, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Spain;

(c) At the 3rd meeting, on 13 March 2007: Ms. Jadranka Kosor, Deputy Prime Minister of Croatia; Mr. Jorge Valero, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of); Mr. Mohammed Bouzoubaa, Minister of Justice of Morocco; Mr. Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malaysia; Mr. Vartan Oskanian, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia; Ms. Anna Fotyga, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Poland; Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba; Mr. P.T.C. Skelemani, Minister for Presidential Affairs and Public Administration of Botswana; Mr. Dimitrij Rupel, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovenia; Mr. Aniceto Ebiaka Mohote, Vice-Prime Minister in Charge of Human Rights of Equatorial Guinea; Ms. Monique Ilboudo, Minister for Human Rights of Burkina Faso; Mr. Abdulhati Al Obeidi, Secretary for European Affairs of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; Ms. Kinga Göncz, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Hungary; Ms. Mpeo Mahase-Moiloa, Minister of Justice, Human Rights and Rehabilitation and of Law and Constitutional Affairs of Lesotho; Mr. Pradip Gyawali, Minister for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation of Nepal; Mr. Artis Pabriks, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Latvia; Ms. U. Joy Ogwu, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nigeria; Ms. Célestine Akouavi Aïdam, Minister for Human Rights and Democracy of Togo; Mr. Adrian-Cosmin Vierita, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Romania; Mr. Vittorio Craxi, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Italy; Ms. Mame Bassine Ninang, Minister and High Commissioner for Human Rights and Peace Promotion of Senegal;

(d) At the 4th meeting, on the same day: Mr. Jean-Marie Atangana Mebara, Minister of State and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cameroon; Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan; Mr. Mohamed Ali El-Mardi, Minister of Justice of the Sudan; Mr. Mehmet Aydin, Minister of State of Turkey; Mr. Patrick A. Chinamasa, Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs of Zimbabwe; Mr. Torki Bin Mohammed Bin Saud Al-Kabeer, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia; Mr. Nizar Al Baharna, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Bahrain; Ms. Ana Trišić Babić, Deputy Foreign Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina; Mr. Alexander V. Yakovenko, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the

Russian Federation; Mr. Ian McCartney, Minister for International Human Rights, Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; Mr. Alexandros N. Zenon, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cyprus; Mr. João Alves Monteiro, Vice-Minister of Justice of Angola; Mr. Sid Ahmed Ould El Bou, Commissaire aux droits de l'homme et à la lutte contre la pauvreté of Mauritania; Mr. Mathias Meinrad Chikawe, Vice-Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs of Tanzania; Mr. Pham Binh Minh, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam; Mr. Anders B. Johnsson, Secretary-General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union; Ms. Carmen Moreno, Director of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (UN-INSTRAW);

(e) At the 5th meeting, on 14 March 2007: Mr. Francisco Santos Calderón, Vice-President of Colombia; Mr. Joël N'Guessan, Minister for Human Rights of Côte d'Ivoire; Ms. Wajdan M. Shamo Salim, Minister for Human Rights of Iraq; Mr. Conor Lenihan, T.D., Minister of State for Development Cooperation and Human Rights of Ireland; Ms. Martha Karua, Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs of Kenya; Mr. Per Stig Møller, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Denmark; Mr. Akmal Saidov, Director, National Centre for Human Rights of Uzbekistan; Ms. Khadiga Al-Haisami, Minister for Human Rights of Yemen; Mr. Juan Manuel Gómez Robledo, Vice-Minister for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights of Mexico; Mr. Jaroslav Neverovič, Vice-Minister of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Lithuania; Mr. Abdulla Shahid, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the Maldives; Mr. Cho Jung-pyo, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea; Ms. Diana Štrofová, State Secretary of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic; Mr. Ricardo Lara Watson, Vice-Minister of Governance and Justice of Honduras; Mr. Don McKinnon, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth.

12. At the 1st meeting, on 12 March 2007, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of China and Cuba in connection with the statement of Mr. Carl Bildt, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden; and by the representative of India in connection with the statement of Mr. Ekmelledin Ihsanoglu, Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

13. At the 3rd meeting, on 13 March 2007, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representative of Morocco, in connection with the statement of Mr. Abdelaziz Ziari, Minister for Relations with Parliament of Algeria; and the observers for Belarus, in connection with the statement of Mr. Carl Bildt, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden, and the statement of Mr. Azouz Begag, Minister for the Promotion of Equal Opportunities of France; Colombia, in connection with the statement of Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ecuador; the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in connection with the statement of Mr. Masayoshi Hamada, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan; the Islamic Republic of Iran in connection with the statement of Mr. Carl Bildt, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden and the statement of Mr. Azouz Begag, Minister for the Promotion of Equal Opportunities of France; the Sudan in connection with the statement of Mr. Maxime Verhagen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands and statements made by other guest speakers; and the observer for Turkey in connection with the statement of Mr. Vartan Oskanian, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia.

14. Also at the 3rd meeting, on 13 March 2007, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Algeria and Japan, and the observer for Sweden. At the same meeting, a second statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the representatives of Algeria, Japan and Morocco, and the observer for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

15. At the 5th meeting, on 14 March 2007, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representative of Germany (on behalf of the European Union) in connection with the statement of Mr. Abdulhati Al Obeidi, Secretary for European Affairs of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; the observers for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in connection with the statement made by Mr. Cho Jung-pyo, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea; the Sudan in connection with the statements made by Mr. Ian McCartney, Minister for International Human Rights, Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Mr. Conor Lenihan, T.D., Minister of State for Development Cooperation and Human Rights of Ireland, and

statements made by other guest speakers; the United States of America in connection with the statement of Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba; and Zimbabwe in connection with the statement of Mr. Ian McCartney, Minister for International Human Rights, Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

16. Also at the 5th meeting, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Azerbaijan, Cuba and France, and the observers for Armenia, Cyprus and Turkey. At the same meeting, a second statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of Azerbaijan, and the observers for Armenia, Cyprus and Turkey.

D. Adoption of the agenda

17. At the same meeting, the Council considered the provisional agenda (A/HRC/4/1) as proposed by the President. The agenda was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see annex I to the report.

E. Organization of work

18. At its 5th and 6th meetings, on 14 March 2007, the Council considered the organization of its work, and decided on the speaking-time limits, which would be as follows: 5 minutes for statements by States members of the Council and concerned countries, and 3 minutes for statements by observers for non-member States of the Council, and other observers, including United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations, intergovernmental organizations and other entities, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations. The list of speakers would be drawn up in chronological order of registration and the order of speakers would be as follows: concerned countries, if any, followed by States members of the Council, observers for non-member States of the Council, and other observers. Statements in exercise of the right of reply would be limited to two statements per delegation, 3 minutes for the first and 2 minutes for the second, exercised at the end of the meeting, at the end of the day or at the end of the discussion of the issue.

19. At the 5th meeting, on the same day, the President proposed a draft decision, as contained in document A/HRC/4/L.5, on the dates of its fifth session, which was adopted without a vote. Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of China and Cuba. For the text of the decision as adopted, see chapter I, section B, decision 4/101.

20. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the draft timetable for its fourth session, based on the “Draft framework for a programme of work of the Human Rights Council for the first year” as contained in the annex to its decision 1/105 of 30 June 2006, and as subsequently revised by its decision 2/103 of 6 October 2006.

21. At the 32nd meeting, on 30 March 2007, the President proposed draft decision A/HRC/4/L.18, in which the Council decided, without a vote, to take note of the deferral of the draft proposals listed therein, to its fifth and future sessions, as decided by their main sponsors. For the text as adopted, see chapter I, section B, decision 4/105.

F. Meetings and documentation

22. As indicated in paragraph 6 above, the Council held 32 fully serviced meetings.

23. The 8th meeting, on 15 March and the 25th meeting, on 27 March 2007, were additional meetings without additional financial implications.

24. The texts of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council are contained in chapter I of the present report.

25. Annex I contains the agenda of the fourth session of the Council as adopted.

26. Annex II contains the estimated administrative and programme budget implications of Council resolutions and decisions.

27. Annex III contains the list of attendance.

28. Annex IV contains the list of documents issued for the fourth session of the Council.

III. IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 60/251 OF 15 MARCH 2006 ENTITLED “HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL”

A. Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

29. At the 6th meeting, on 14 March 2007, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Louise Arbour, made a statement in connection with her report (A/HRC/4/49 and Add.1 and 2).

30. At the same meeting, and at the 7th meeting, on 15 March 2007, during the ensuing interactive dialogue, the following delegations made statements and put questions to the High Commissioner:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria (also on behalf of the Group of African States), Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China, Cuba, Finland, France, Germany (on behalf of the European Union - the candidate countries Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, as well as Moldova and Ukraine), Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Peru, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Switzerland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

(b) Observers for the following States: Australia, Belgium, Costa Rica, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Italy, Lebanon, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Serbia, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Uganda, the United States of America and Zimbabwe;

(c) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (also on behalf of International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism, and Pax Romana), Association for World Education, International Federation of Human Rights Leagues, Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru (also on behalf of the World Peace Council), International Commission of Jurists, International Humanist

and Ethical Union, International Indian Treaty Council (also on behalf of Indigenous World Association), Lesbian and Gay Federation in Germany (also on behalf of the European Region of the International Lesbian and Gay Federation and Danish Association for Gays and Lesbians), Pax Romana and Sokka Gakkai International (also on behalf of International Organization for the Development of Freedom of Education and Pax Romana).

31. Also at the 7th meeting, the High Commissioner responded to questions and made her concluding remarks.

32. At the same meeting, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Cuba, Japan, the Philippines and Sri Lanka, and the observers for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Islamic Republic of Iran. A second statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of Japan and the observer for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

B. Reports, studies and other documents prepared by the Secretariat, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Office of the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General

33. At the 9th meeting, on 15 March 2007, the High Commissioner introduced various reports, studies and other documents prepared by the Secretariat, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Office of the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General, pursuant to Council decision 2/102 of 6 October 2006.

34. At the same meeting, Mr. Ibrahim Salama, Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Right to Development, introduced the report of the Working Group (A/HRC/4/47), pursuant to Council resolution 1/4 of 30 June 2006.

35. Also at the same meeting, Mr. Juan Martabit, Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, introduced the report of the Working Group (A/HRC/4/2), pursuant to Council decision 3/103 of 8 December 2006.

36. Also at the same meeting, the observers for Afghanistan, Cambodia, Colombia, Cyprus, Israel, Nepal, the Syrian Arab Republic and Palestine made statements, as concerned countries, or parties, on the relevant reports.

37. During the ensuing discussion, also at the 9th meeting, the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria (on behalf of the Group of African States), Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China, Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Germany (on behalf of the European Union, candidate countries - Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, countries in the process of stabilization and association and potential candidates - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, as well as Moldova and Ukraine, and the European Free Trade Association country and member of the European Economic Area - Iceland), India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Morocco, Poland and Romania;

(b) Observers for the following States: Belgium, Greece, Portugal and Turkey;

(c) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Amnesty International, Colombian Commission of Jurists (also on behalf of the International Commission of Jurists), Europe-Third World Centre (also on behalf of International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples, Movement against Racism and for Friendship among Peoples and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom), Franciscans International, International Association of Democratic Lawyers, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and World Union for Progressive Judaism.

38. Also at the 9th meeting, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the observers for Cyprus and Turkey. At the 10th meeting, on 16 March 2007, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the observers for Cambodia and Colombia. At the same meeting, a second statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the observers for Cyprus and Turkey.

C. Review and institution building (progress reports and further discussion)

Universal periodic review; Review of mandates, mechanisms, functions and responsibilities; Agenda, annual programme of work, methods of work and rules of procedure

39. At the 7th meeting, on 15 March 2007, Mr. Mohammed Loulichki (Morocco), in his capacity as Facilitator of the Working Group on the universal periodic review, established pursuant to Council decision 1/103 of 30 June 2006, gave an update on the progress made during the second session of the Working Group and presented his non-paper (A/HRC/4/117).

40. At the same meeting, Mr. Tomáš Husák (Czech Republic), Mr. Musa Burayzat (Jordan) and Mr. Blaise Godet (Switzerland), in their capacity as Facilitators of the segments on special procedures, expert advice, and complaint procedure, respectively, of the Working Group on the implementation of paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 60/251, established pursuant to Council decision 1/104 of 30 June 2006, gave updates on the progress made during the second session of the Working Group and presented their non-papers (A/HRC/4/118, A/HRC/4/119, A/HRC/4/120).

41. Also at the same meeting, Mr. Carlos Ramiro Martínez Alvarado, (Guatemala) and Mr. Enrique A. Manalo (Philippines), in their capacity as Facilitators of the segments on agenda and programme of work, and methods of work and rules of procedure, respectively, of the Working Group on the agenda, annual programme of work, methods of work and rules of procedure, established pursuant to Council resolution 3/4 of 8 December 2006, gave updates on the progress made during the first session of the Working Group and presented their non-papers (A/HRC/4/121 and A/HRC/4/122).

42. At the 30th meeting, on 29 March 2007, the President of the Council made a statement. During the discussion, at the 8th meeting, on 15 March 2007, and at the 30th meeting, the following delegations made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Cuba (also on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Germany

(on behalf of the European Union), Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), the Russian Federation, Sri Lanka (on behalf of the Group of Asian States) and Switzerland;

(b) Observers for the following States: Denmark, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Nicaragua, Singapore, Slovenia, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey and the United States of America;

(c) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Action Canada for Population and Development (also on behalf of the Federation for Women and Family Planning, International Alliance of Women), Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development, Global 2000, Juridical Commission for Auto-Development of First Andean Peoples, Indian Council of South America, International Federation of Human Rights Leagues, International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples (also on behalf of Europe-Third World Centre, Movement Against Racism and for Friendship among Peoples and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom), International Service for Human Rights, Pax Romana (also on behalf of International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism, Lutheran World Federation and Minority Rights Group International) and UNESCO Centre Basque Country (UNESCO Etxea).

D. Follow-up to decisions of the Human Rights Council

1. Follow-up to decision 1/106, resolution S-1/1, resolution 2/4 and resolution 3/1

43. At the 10th meeting, on 16 March 2007, the Council decided to discuss the follow-up to its decision 1/106 of 30 June 2006 entitled "Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories"; resolution S-1/1 of 6 July 2006 entitled "Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory"; resolution 2/4 of 27 November 2006 entitled "Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan"; and resolution 3/1 of 8 December 2006 entitled "Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory: follow-up to Human Rights Council resolution S-1/1" together with the annual report of Mr. John Dugard, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 (see paragraph 101 below).

2. Follow-up to resolution S-2/1 and resolution 3/3

44. At the 10th meeting, on 16 March 2007, the Council discussed the follow-up to its resolution S-2/1 of 11 August 2006 entitled “The grave situation of human rights in Lebanon caused by Israeli military operations”; and resolution 3/3 of 8 December 2006 entitled “Report of the Commission of Inquiry on Lebanon”. The Council had before it the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the follow-up to the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Lebanon (A/HRC/4/115), which will be updated for the fifth session of the Council.

45. The observer for Lebanon made a statement as a concerned country on the report of the High Commissioner.

3. Follow-up to resolution S-3/1

46. At the 10th meeting, on 16 March 2007, the Council decided to discuss the follow-up to resolution S-3/1 of 15 November 2006 entitled “Human rights violations emanating from Israeli military incursions in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including the recent one in northern Gaza and the assault on Beit Hanoun”, together with follow-up to its decision 1/106, resolution S-1/1, resolution 2/4 and resolution 3/1 (see paragraphs 101-107 below).

4. Follow-up to decision S-4/101

47. At the 10th meeting, on 16 March 2007, Ms. Jody Williams, Leader of the High-Level Mission on the situation of human rights in Darfur pursuant to Human Rights Council decision S-4/101 of 13 December 2006 entitled “Situation of human rights in Darfur”, presented the report of the High-Level Mission (A/HRC/4/80). The observer for the Sudan made a statement as a concerned country.

48. At the 10th and 11th meetings, on 16 March 2007, during the ensuing interactive dialogue, the following delegations made statements and put questions to the members of the High-Level Mission:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria (also on behalf of the Group of Arab States), Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada,

China, Cuba, the Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany (on behalf of the European Union), Ghana, India, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Peru, the Philippines, Poland, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sri Lanka (on behalf of the Group of Asian States), Switzerland, Tunisia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay and Zambia;

(b) Observers for the following States: Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Chile, Denmark, Egypt, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Qatar, Sweden, the Syrian Arab Republic and the United States of America;

(c) Observer for Palestine;

(d) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: League of Arab States;

(e) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Amnesty International, Cairo Institute of Human Rights Studies, Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations, International Federation of Human Rights Leagues, Femmes Africa Solidarité, Human Rights Watch, Interfaith International, North South XXI, United Nations Watch and World Organization Against Torture.

49. Also at the 11th meeting, members of the High-Level Mission responded to questions and made their concluding remarks.

5. Follow-up to other decisions of the Human Rights Council

50. Also at the same meeting, the Council discussed the follow-up to its other decisions.

51. At the same meeting, the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria, Guatemala, Mexico and Peru;

(b) Observer for the following State: Norway;

(c) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Juridical Commission for Auto-Development of First Andean Peoples, Friends World Committee for Consultation (also on behalf of Amnesty International, International Federation of Human Rights Leagues, International Service for Human Rights, International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs, the Netherlands Centre for Indigenous Peoples and Rights and Democracy), International Indian Treaty Council (also on behalf of Indigenous World Association, International Organization of Indigenous Resources Development and Union of British Colombia Indian Chiefs) and International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples.

52. At the same meeting, a statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of Canada.

E. New reports of the special procedures

1. Thematic reports

Minority issues/Migrants/Indigenous peoples

53. At the 14th meeting, on 20 March 2007, Ms. Gay McDougall, the independent expert on minority issues, presented her report (A/HRC/4/9 and Add.1-3). The observer for Hungary made a statement, as a concerned country, on the relevant mission report.

54. At the same meeting, Mr. Jorge A. Bustamante, Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, presented his report (A/HRC/4/24 and Add.1-3). The representatives of Indonesia and the Republic of Korea made statements, as concerned countries, on the relevant mission reports.

55. At the same meeting, Mr. Rodolpho Stavenhagen, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples, presented his report (A/HRC/4/32 and Add.1-4). The representative of Ecuador and the observer for Kenya made statements, as concerned countries, on the relevant mission reports.

56. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the same meeting, the following delegations made statements and put questions to Ms. McDougall, Mr. Bustamante and Mr. Stavenhagen:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China, Ecuador, France, Germany (on behalf of the European Union), Guatemala, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Switzerland and Tunisia;

(b) Observers for the following States: Australia, Austria, Congo, Denmark, Nicaragua, Norway, Saint Kitts and Nevis, and Spain;

(c) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Asian Migrant Center (also on behalf of Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development and Migrants Rights International), Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development, Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions, Colombian Commission of Jurists, Juridical Commission for Auto-Development of First Andean Peoples, Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations, Human Rights Advocates, International Federation of Human Rights Leagues and Minority Rights Group International (also on behalf of the International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism).

57. At the 15th meeting, on 20 March 2007, Ms. McDougall, Mr. Bustamante and Mr. Stavenhagen responded to questions and made their concluding remarks.

58. Also at the same meeting, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Malaysia and the Philippines, and the observers for Cambodia and Singapore.

Internally displaced persons/Violence against women/Sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

59. At the 15th meeting, on 20 March 2007, Mr. Walter Kälin, the Representative of the Secretary-General on human rights of internally displaced persons, presented his report (A/HRC/4/38 and Corr.1 and Add.1-5). The observer for Côte d'Ivoire made a statement, as a concerned country, on the relevant mission report.

60. At the same meeting, Ms. Yakin Ertürk, Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, presented her report (A/HRC/4/34 and Add.1-4). The representative of the Netherlands and the observers for Sweden and Turkey made statements, as concerned countries, on the relevant mission reports.

61. At the same meeting, Mr. Juan Miguel Petit, Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, presented his report (A/HRC/4/31 and Add.1-2 and Add.2/Corr.1). The representative of Ukraine made a statement, as a concerned country, on the relevant mission report.

62. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the 15th meeting, and at the 16th meeting, on 21 March 2007, the following delegations made statements and put questions to Mr. Kälin, Ms. Ertürk and Mr. Petit:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China, Ecuador, Germany (on behalf of the European Union), Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), the Republic of Korea, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Tunisia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Uruguay,

(b) Observers for the following States: Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Costa Rica, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Georgia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Nepal, New Zealand (also on behalf of Norway), Norway, Serbia, Sweden, Sudan, the United States of America and Uzbekistan;

(c) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development, Asia Pacific Forum for Women, Law and Development (also on behalf of World Organization against Torture), Colombian Commission of Jurists, Human Rights Advocates, Human Rights Watch, International Commission of Jurists, International Educational Development, Inc., Interfaith International, Tchad Agir pour l'Environnement, Union de l'Action Féminine and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

63. At the 16th meeting, on 21 March 2007, Mr. Kälin, Ms. Ertürk and Mr. Petit responded to questions and made their concluding remarks.

64. At the 17th meeting, on the same day, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Algeria, Sri Lanka and Ukraine. At the 18th meeting, on

22 March 2007, a statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of Morocco. Also at the 18th meeting, a second statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the representatives of Algeria and Morocco.

Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination/Effects of economic reform policies and foreign debt on the full enjoyment of all human rights/Right to education

65. At the 16th meeting, on 21 March 2007, Mr. J.L. Gómez del Prado, Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the question of the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, presented the report of the Working Group (A/HRC/4/42 and Add.1 and 2). At the same meeting, the representative of Ecuador and the observer for Honduras made statements, as concerned countries, on the relevant mission reports.

66. At the same meeting, Mr. Bernards Andrew Nyamwaya Mudho, independent expert on the effects of economic reform policies and foreign debt on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights, presented his report (A/HRC/4/10).

67. At the same meeting, Mr. Vernor Muñoz Villalobos, Special Rapporteur on the right to education, presented his report (A/HRC/4/29 and Add.1-3). At the same meeting, the representative of Morocco made a statement as a concerned country on the relevant mission report. At the 17th meeting, on 21 March 2007, the representative of Germany (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement, as a concerned country, on the relevant mission report.

68. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the 16th and 17th meetings, the following delegations made statements and put questions to Mr. Gómez del Prado, Mr. Mudho and Mr. Muñoz Villalobos:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, China, Cuba, Germany (on behalf of the European Union), Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, the Russian Federation, Tunisia and Uruguay;

(b) Observers for the following States: Costa Rica, Equatorial Guinea, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Portugal, Spain, Turkey and Uzbekistan;

(c) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Europe-Third World Centre, Global Rights, Human Rights Advocates, International Association of Democratic Lawyers, International Human Rights Association for American Minorities, International NGO Forum on Indonesian Development (also on behalf of Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development and Pax Romana), Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, World Organization of the Scout Movement (also on behalf of World Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations) and World Federation of Trade Unions.

69. Also at the 17th meeting, Mr. Gómez del Prado, Mr. Mudho and Mr. Muñoz Villalobos responded to questions and made their concluding remarks.

Enforced or involuntary disappearances

70. Also at the 17th meeting, on 21 March 2007, Mr. Santiago Corcuera, Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, presented the report of the Working Group (A/HRC/4/41 and Add.1-3). The representative of Guatemala, and the observers for El Salvador and Honduras made statements, as concerned countries, on the relevant mission reports.

71. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the same meeting, and at the 18th meeting, on 22 March 2007, the following delegations made statements and put questions to Mr. Corcuera:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria, Argentina, Canada, Cuba, France, Germany (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Switzerland and Uruguay;

(b) Observers for the following States: Chile, Costa Rica, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Nepal, Thailand and Yemen;

(c) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Amnesty International, International Commission of Jurists (also on behalf of Colombian Commission of Jurists and Human Rights Watch), Interfaith International, Movement against Racism and for Friendship among Peoples (also on behalf of Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development,

Asian Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Network, Commission africaine des promoteurs de la santé et des droits de l'homme, Femmes Africa Solidarité, France Libertés: Fondation Danielle Mitterand, International Educational Development, International Federation of the Rights of Ethnic, Religious, Linguistic and Other Minorities, International Fellowship of Reconciliation, Interfaith International, Nonviolence International, Pax Romana, Society for Threatened Peoples, Transnational Radical Party and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom).

72. At the 17th meeting, Mr. Corcuera responded to questions and made his concluding remarks.

73. At the same meeting, a statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the observer for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. At the 18th meeting, on 22 March 2007, a statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of Japan. At the 18th meeting, on 22 March 2007, a second statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of Japan and the observer for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Related debate

74. During the related debate, at the 18th meeting, the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria, Finland (also on behalf of Denmark, Iceland, Norway and Sweden), Germany (on behalf of the European Union), Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway* (also on behalf of Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Sweden) and Peru;

(b) Observers for the following States: Armenia, Australia, Chile, Colombia, Spain and the United Republic of Tanzania;

(c) Observer for the Holy See;

(d) Observer for the Order of Malta;

* Observer State of the Council speaking on behalf of a State member and observer States.

(e) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Amnesty International, Asian Legal Resource Center (also on behalf of Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development, International NGO Forum on Indonesian Development, and Pax Romana), Baha'i International Community, Cairo Institute of Human Rights Studies (also on behalf of Al-Haq, Law in the Service of Man, Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development, Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development, Canadian Council of Churches, Centre for Women's Global Leadership, Conectas Direitos Humanos, Human Rights Watch, International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism, International Women's Right Action Watch and Minority Rights Group International), Center for Women's Global Leadership, Colombian Commission of Jurists, Dominicans for Justice and Peace (also on behalf of Congregations of St. Joseph, Dominican Leadership Conference, Franciscans International, International Catholic Peace Movement and Pax Christi International and Sisters of Mercy of the Americas), Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action, Franciscans International, Human Rights Watch, Indian Council of South America, Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru (also on behalf of World Peace Council), International Buddhist Foundation, International Human Rights Association of American Minorities, International Islamic Federation of Students Organization, Netherlands Center for Indigenous Peoples, World Population Foundation (also on behalf of the Association for World Education, Association of World Citizens and the International Humanist and Ethical Union) and Union de l'action féminine.

75. At the same meeting, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representative of the Philippines, and the observers for the Islamic Republic of Iran, Thailand and Turkey.

Promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism/Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

76. At the 23rd meeting, on 26 March 2007, Mr. Martin Scheinin, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, presented his report (A/HRC/4/26 and Add.1-3). At the same meeting, the observer for Turkey made a statement, as a concerned country, on the relevant mission report.

77. At the same meeting, Mr. Manfred Nowak, Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, presented his report (A/HRC/4/33 and Add.1-3). The representative of Jordan made a statement, as a concerned country, on the relevant mission report.

78. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the 24th meeting, on 27 March 2007, the following delegations made statements and put questions to Mr. Scheinin and Mr. Nowak:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Cuba, Finland, Germany (on behalf of the European Union), India, Indonesia, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Senegal, South Africa and Switzerland;

(b) Observers for the following States: Australia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Georgia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Kenya, Nepal, New Zealand, Norway, Paraguay, the United States of America and Uzbekistan;

(c) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Asian Legal Resource Center, Association for the Prevention of Torture (also on behalf of International Federation of Action by Christians for the Abolition of Torture, International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims and World Organization Against Torture), Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations, Defence for Children International (also on behalf of the World Organization against Torture), Foundation of Japanese Honorary Debts, Human Rights Advocates (also on behalf of National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers), International Commission of Jurists, International Educational Development, International Islamic Federation of Students Organizations, International Organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (also on behalf of Arab Lawyers Union and Union of Arab Jurists) and the International Youth and Student Movement for the United Nations (also on behalf of International Educational Development).

79. At the same meeting, Mr. Scheinin and Mr. Nowak responded to questions and made their concluding remarks.

Freedom of religion or belief/Freedom of opinion and expression/Arbitrary detention

80. At the 25th meeting, on 27 March 2007, Ms. Asma Jahangir, Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, presented her report (A/HRC/4/21 and Add.1-3). The representative of Azerbaijan and the observer for the Maldives, made statements, as concerned countries, on the relevant mission reports.

81. At the same meeting, Mr. Ambeyi Ligabo, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, presented his report (A/HRC/4/27 and Add.1).

82. At the same meeting, Ms. Leila Zerrougui, the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, presented the report of the Working Group (A/HRC/4/40 and Add.1-5). The representative of Ecuador, as well as the observers for Honduras, Nicaragua and Turkey, made statements, as concerned countries, on the relevant mission reports.

83. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the 25th and 26th meetings, on 27 March 2007, the following delegations made statements and put questions to Ms. Jahangir, Mr. Ligabo and Ms. Zerrougui:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Australia* (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand), Bangladesh, Canada, Cuba, the Czech Republic, Djibouti, Finland, Germany (on behalf of the European Union), India, Indonesia, Morocco, the Netherlands, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and Switzerland;

(b) Observers for the following States: Albania, Angola, Armenia, Australia, Belarus, Cambodia, Georgia, Italy, Norway, Sudan, the United States of America and Uzbekistan;

* Observer State of the Council speaking on behalf of a State member and observer States.

(c) Observer for the Order of Malta;

(d) Observer for specialized agencies and related organizations: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

(e) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, Centrist Democratic International, Defence for Children International (also on behalf of International Alliance of Women and World Organization Against Torture), Federation for Women and Family Planning (also on behalf of Action Canada for Population and Development), Federation of Cuban Women, Fraternité Notre Dame, Interfaith International, International Buddhist Foundation, International Human Rights Association of American Minorities and Reporters Without Borders-International.

84. At the 26th meeting, Ms. Jahangir, Mr. Ligabo and Ms. Zerrougui responded to questions and made their concluding remarks.

85. Also at the 26th meeting, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the observers for Azerbaijan, Belarus and the United States of America. At the 27th meeting, on 28 March 2007, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representative of Cuba and the observer for Armenia. At the same meeting, a second statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of Azerbaijan.

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions/People of African Descent/Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

86. At the 26th meeting, on 27 March 2007, Mr. Philip Alston, Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, presented his report (A/HRC/4/20 and Add.1-3). The representatives of Guatemala and Philippines made statements, as concerned countries, on the relevant mission reports.

87. At the same meeting, Mr. Peter Lesa Kasanda, Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, presented the report of the sixth session of the Working Group (A/HRC/4/39).

88. At the same meeting, Mr. Doudou Diène, Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, presented his reports (A/HRC/4/19 and Add.1-4). The representative of Switzerland and the observer for Italy made statements, as concerned countries, on the relevant mission reports.

89. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the 27th meeting, on 28 March 2007, the following delegations made statements and put questions to Mr. Alston, Mr. Kasanda and Mr. Diène:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, China, Cuba, Djibouti, France, Germany (on behalf of the European Union), Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), the Russian Federation, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay and Zambia;

(b) Observers for the following States: Armenia, Australia, Belgium, Chile, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Iran (Islamic Republic of), New Zealand (also on behalf of Norway), Norway, Singapore, Sweden, the United States of America and Uzbekistan;

(c) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Amnesty International, Asian Legal Resource Center (also on behalf of Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development, and International NGO Forum on Indonesian Development), B'nai Brith International (also on behalf of Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations), Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (also on behalf of BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights), Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations, International Association Against Torture (also on behalf of December 12th Movement International Secretariat), International Educational Development (also on behalf of Indian Council of South America), International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples, Jubilee Campaign, Public Services International and World Council of Churches (also on behalf of the Netherlands Centre for Indigenous Peoples, Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action and International Indian Treaty Council).

90. Also at the 27th meeting, Mr. Alston, Mr. Diène and Mr. Kasanda responded to questions and made their concluding remarks.

91. At the same meeting, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Japan, Nigeria and the Philippines, and the observer for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Also at the same meeting, a second statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of Japan and the observer for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. At the 30th meeting, on 29 March 2007, a statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the observer for Singapore.

Human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises/Right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health/Situation of human rights defenders

92. At the 28th meeting, on 28 March 2007, Mr. John Ruggie, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, presented his reports (A/HRC/4/35 and Corr.1 and Add.1-4 and A/HRC/4/74).

93. At the same meeting, Mr. Paul Hunt, Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, presented his report (A/HRC/4/28 and Add.1-3). The observer for Sweden made a statement, as a concerned country, on the relevant mission report.

94. At the same meeting, Ms. Hina Jilani, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights defenders, presented her report (A/HRC/4/37 and Add.1 and 2). The representative of Brazil made a statement, as a concerned country, on the relevant mission report.

95. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the 28th meeting on 28 March 2007, and at the 29th meeting, on 29 March 2007, the following delegations made statements and put questions to Mr. Ruggie, Mr. Hunt and Ms. Jilani:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Cuba, Ecuador, France, Germany (on behalf of

the European Union), Guatemala, Indonesia, Mali, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, South Africa, Switzerland, Tunisia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

(b) Observers for the following States: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Cambodia, Colombia, Denmark, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, the Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda, the United States of America and Uzbekistan;

(c) Observer for specialized agencies and related organizations: the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and United Nations Population Fund;

(d) Observer for the Order of Malta;

(e) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Amnesty International, Centrist Democratic International, Front Line, the International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, Indian Council of South America, International Alliance of Women, International Commission of Jurists (also on behalf of Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and International Federation for Human Rights Leagues), International Service for Human Rights, Movement against Racism and for Friendship Among Peoples (also on behalf of Europe-Third World Centre, International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and World Federation of Trade Unions) and World Organization Against Torture (also on behalf of International Federation for Human Rights Leagues).

96. At the 28th meeting, on 28 March 2007, Mr. Hunt, and Ms. Jilani responded to questions and made their concluding remarks.

97. At the 29th meeting, on 29 March 2007, Mr. Ruggie responded to questions and made his concluding remarks.

98. At the 30th meeting, on 29 March 2007, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representative of China and the observer for Uzbekistan.

Related debate

99. During the related debate, at the 29th and 30th meetings, on 29 March 2007, the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria, Argentina (also on behalf of Algeria, Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Djibouti, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela and Zambia), Cuba, France, Germany (on behalf of the European Union, candidate countries - Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, countries in the process of stabilization and association and potential candidates - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, as well as Moldova and Ukraine, and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries and members of the European Economic Area - Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, and Armenia, Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, Peru, the Republic of Korea, Switzerland and the United States of America), Ghana, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway* (also on behalf of Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Sweden), South Africa, Switzerland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

(b) Observers for the following States: Australia, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, the Central African Republic, Chile, Costa Rica, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Lesotho, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Portugal, Slovakia, Sweden, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America and Zimbabwe;

* Observer State of the Council speaking on behalf of a State member and observer States.

(c) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: African Commission of Health and Human Rights Promoters, Association World Citizens, Baha'i International Community, Center for Women's Global Leadership (also on behalf of Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network and Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era), European Region of the International Lesbian and Gay Federation, Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru (also on behalf of World Peace Council), International Humanist and Ethical Union (also on behalf of World Population Foundation), Jubilee Campaign, Organization for Defending Victims of Violence, World Federation of Trade Unions and the World View International Foundation.

100. At the 30th meeting, on 29 March 2007, a statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the observer for Zimbabwe.

2. Country reports

Palestinian territories occupied since 1967

Follow-up to resolution S-1/1

101. At the 19th meeting, on 22 March 2007, Mr. John Dugard, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, presented his report (A/HRC/4/17). He also presented his report (A/HRC/4/116) pursuant to resolution S-1/1 entitled "Situation of human rights in the occupied Palestinian territory" (see also paragraph 46 above). The observers for Israel and Palestine made statements, as concerned countries, or parties.

102. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the 19th meeting on 22 March 2007, and at the 20th meeting, on 23 March 2007, the following delegations made statements and put questions to Mr. Dugard:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), Bangladesh, Canada, China, Cuba, Germany (on behalf of the European Union), Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Mali, Morocco, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Russian Federation, Senegal, South Africa, Tunisia and Zambia;

(b) Observers for the following States: Chile, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Qatar, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Yemen;

(c) Observer for the following intergovernmental organization: League of Arab States.

103. At the same meetings, Mr. Dugard responded to questions and made his concluding remarks.

Follow-up to resolution S-3/1

104. At the 19th meeting, on 22 March 2007, Ms. Christine Chinkin, Member of the High-Level Fact-Finding Mission to Beit Hanoun, established pursuant to Council resolution S-3/1, gave an update (A/HRC/4/113) on the implementation of the mandate of the mission (see also paragraph 46 above). The observers for Israel and Palestine made statements, as concerned countries, or parties.

105. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the same meeting and at the 20th meeting, on 23 March 2007, the following delegations made statements and put questions to Ms. Chinkin:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), Bangladesh, Cuba, Germany (on behalf of the European Union), Indonesia, Mexico, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference) and Peru;

(b) Observers for the following States: Chile, Iran (Islamic Republic of) and the Syrian Arab Republic;

(c) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Amnesty International and Organization for Defending Victims of Violence.

106. At the 19th meeting, on 22 March 2007, Ms. Chinkin responded to questions and made her concluding remarks.

107. At the 20th meeting, on 23 March 2007, the following observers for non-governmental organizations made statements: Al Haq, Law in the Service of Man (also on behalf of

International Federation for Human Rights Leagues), B'nai B'rith International (also on behalf of Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations), BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights (also on behalf of Al Haq, Law in the Service of Man, International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples, Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru, Interfaith International, International Educational Development, International Organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Movement against Racism and for Friendship among Peoples, Union of Arab Jurists and World Peace Council), International Organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (also on behalf of Arab Lawyers Union, Union of Arab Jurists and Organization for Defending Victims of Violence), Organization for Solidarity of the Peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America, Union of Arab Jurists and United Nations Watch.

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

108. Also at the 20th meeting, on 23 March 2007, Mr. Vitit Muntarbhorn, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, presented his report (A/HRC/4/15). The observer for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a statement as a concerned country.

109. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the same meeting, the following delegations made statements and put questions to Mr. Muntarbhorn:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Canada, China, Cuba, Germany (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, the Netherlands, the Republic of Korea and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

(b) Observers for the following States: Australia, New Zealand and the United States of America.

110. At the same meeting, Mr. Muntarbhorn responded to questions and made his concluding remarks.

Burundi

111. At the 20th meeting, on 23 March 2007, Mr. Akich Okola, independent expert on the situation of human rights in Burundi, presented his report (A/HRC/4/5). The observer for Burundi made a statement, as a concerned country.

112. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the same meeting, the following delegations made statements and put questions to Mr. Okola:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Canada and Germany (on behalf of the European Union);

(b) Observers for the following States: Belgium, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Norway, Rwanda, Sudan and the United States of America.

113. At the same meeting, Mr. Okola responded to questions and made his concluding remarks.

Myanmar

114. At the same meeting, Mr. Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, presented his report (A/HRC/4/14). The observer for Myanmar made a statement, as a concerned country.

115. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the same meeting, the following delegations made statements and put questions to Mr. Pinheiro:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Canada, China, the Czech Republic, Finland, Germany (on behalf of the European Union), India, Japan, the Netherlands and the Republic of Korea;

(b) Observers for the following States: Australia, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden and the United States of America.

116. Also at the same meeting, Mr. Pinheiro responded to questions and made his concluding remarks.

Liberia

117. At the 21st meeting, on 23 March 2007, Ms. Charlotte Abaka, independent expert on technical cooperation and advisory services in Liberia, presented her report (A/HRC/4/6).

118. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the same meeting, the following delegations made statements and put questions to Ms. Abaka:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Canada, Germany (on behalf of the European Union) and Ghana;

(b) Observer for the following State: United States of America.

119. At the same meeting, Ms. Abaka responded to questions and made her concluding remarks.

120. At the same meeting, the following observers for non-governmental organizations made statements: Anti-Slavery International, Femmes Africa Solidarité, Human Rights Watch (also on behalf of the International Federation of Human Rights Leagues), International Federation for the Protection of the Rights of Ethnic, Religious, Linguistic and Other Minorities, Becket Fund for Religious Liberty and Worldview International Foundation (also on behalf of Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development and Asian League Resource Centre).

Related debate

121. During the related debate, also at the 21st meeting, the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Canada, France, Germany (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, Nigeria and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

(b) Observers for the following States: Australia and the United States of America;

(c) Observer for the Holy See;

(d) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Interfaith International, International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists and North-South XXI.

122. Also at the same meeting, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the observers for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Sudan. At the 27th meeting, on 28 March 2007, a statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the observer for Equatorial Guinea.

F. Reports of the procedure established in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolutions 1503 (XLVIII) and 2000/3 (confidential procedure)

123. The Council considered the reports of the procedure established in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolutions 1503 (XLVIII) and 2000/3 in two closed meetings, at its 12th meeting on 19 March, and at its 22nd meeting on 26 March 2007, pursuant to paragraph 7 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/3 of 16 June 2000. The Council had before it for consideration the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran and Uzbekistan.

124. At the 23rd meeting, on 26 March 2007, the President announced publicly that the Council had decided to discontinue the consideration of the human rights situations in the Islamic Republic of Iran and Uzbekistan.

125. The President reminded the members of the Council that, in conformity with paragraph 9 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/3, they should not make any reference in public debate to the confidential decisions taken under that resolution or to any confidential material relating thereto.

G. Other issues related to the promotion and protection of human rights, including initiatives, decisions and resolutions

126. At the 30th meeting, on 29 March 2007, the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria, Finland, France, Germany (on behalf of the European Union), Mexico, the Netherlands and Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference);

(b) Observers for the following States: Italy, Luxembourg, Singapore, Slovenia, Sweden and the United States of America;

(c) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Action contre la faim, Amnesty International, Center on Housing Rights and Evictions, Earth Justice (also on behalf of Human Rights Advocates), Human Rights Watch, Interfaith International, International Federation for the Protection of the Rights of Ethnic, Religious, Linguistic and Other Minorities, International Federation of Free Journalists, International Fellowship of Reconciliation (also on behalf of Asian Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Network, Movement against Racism and for Friendship among Peoples and Society for Threatened Peoples), Movement against Racism and for Friendship among Peoples, Union de l'action féminine and United Nations Watch.

H. Special events

1. Violence against children

127. At the 13th meeting, on 19 March 2007, the Council held a special event on violence against children, with the participation of the following panellists: Ms. Kyung-wha Kang, United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights; Mr. Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, independent expert for the United Nations study on violence against children; Ms. Karin Landgren, Chief, Child Protection, United Nations Children's Fund; Mr. Robert Butchart, Coordinator for the Prevention of Violence, World Health Organization; Ms. Yoshi Noguchi, Senior Legal Officer, International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour of the International Labour Organization; and Ms. Roberta Cecchetti, representative of the NGO Advisory Panel for the Secretary-General's Study on Violence Against Children.

128. The special event was opened with a video presentation by the non-governmental organization Save the Children, followed by a statement by Ms. Kyung-wha Kang, a pre-recorded video statement by Ms. Moushira Khattab, Vice-Chairperson, Committee on the Rights of the Child, and Secretary-General of the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood of Egypt, and a presentation by Mr. Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, independent expert for the United Nations study on violence against children (A/61/299).

129. During the special event, a statement was made by the representative of Uruguay as co-organizer of the special event. At the same meeting, the following delegations made statements and put questions to the aforementioned panellists, who in an interactive dialogue format made remarks and responded to statements that were made:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China, Cuba, Ecuador, Germany (on behalf of the European Union, candidate countries - Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey, countries in the process of stabilization and association process and potential candidates - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia, as well as Moldova and Ukraine), India, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Norway* (also on behalf of Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Sweden), Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Tunisia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

(b) Observers for the following States: Australia, Egypt, New Zealand, Slovenia and Uzbekistan;

(c) Observers for specialized agencies and related organizations: International Labour Organization, United Nations Children's Fund and World Health Organization;

(d) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Association for World Education, Human Rights Advocates (also on behalf of National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers), International Islamic Federation of Students Organization, International Save the Children Alliance (also on behalf of Defence for Children International, ECPAT International, Franciscans International, International Alliance of Women, International Federation of Social Workers, Plan International, Inc. and SOS-Kinderdorf International), Union de l'action féminine, World Organization Against Torture (also on behalf of Defence for Children International, International Alliance of Women, International Catholic Child Bureau, International Federation of Social Workers, International Federation of Terre des Hommes, Plan International, International Save the Children Alliance, SOS-Kinderdorf International, World Movement of Mothers and World Vision International) and World Population Foundation.

* Observer State of the Council speaking on behalf of a State member and observer States.

130. At the end of the special event concluding remarks were made by Ms. Landgren, Mr. Butchart, Ms. Noguchi, Ms. Cecchetti, Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Director of the Human Rights Procedures Division, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Pinheiro and the President of the Council.

2. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

131. At the 23rd meeting, on 26 March 2007, the Council held a special event on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, with the participation of the following panellists: Ms. Louise Arbour, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Don MacKay, Permanent Representative of New Zealand and Chair of the United Nations Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities, Ms. Sheikh Hissa Khalika bin Ahmed Al-Thani, Special Rapporteur on disability of the Commission for Social Development, Mr. Monthian Buntan, President of the Thailand Association of the Blind and Mr. Lex Grandia, Representative of the International Disability Caucus.

132. The special event was opened by a statement by Ms. Louise Arbour, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, followed by statements by the other panellists.

133. During the special event, at the same meeting, Ms. Amparo Valcarce Garcia, Secretary of State for Social Services, Family and Disabilities of Spain, also made a statement. At the same meeting, the following delegations made statements and put questions to the aforementioned panellists, who in an interactive dialogue format made remarks and responded to statements made:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China, Cuba, the Czech Republic, Finland (on behalf of Denmark, Iceland, Norway and Sweden), Germany (on behalf of the European Union), India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Tunisia and Uruguay;

(b) Observers for the following States: Austria, Costa Rica, Croatia, Honduras, Italy, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Sudan, Thailand, the United Republic of Tanzania and the United States of America;

(c) Observer for specialized agencies and related organizations: United Nations Population Fund and United Nations Children's Fund;

(d) Observer for the following non-governmental organization: International Save the Children Alliance;

(e) Observer for the following national human rights institution: Commission nationale consultative des droits de l'homme (France) (also on behalf of the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and the Protection of Human Rights).

134. At the end of the special event, concluding remarks were made by the panellists and the President of the Council.

I. Consideration and action on draft proposals

Transitional justice

135. At the 21st meeting, on 23 March 2007, the representative of Switzerland introduced draft decision A/HRC/2/L.36 (deferred to the fourth session of the Council, pursuant to Council decision 2/116 of 29 November 2006), sponsored by Switzerland. Canada, Congo, Nicaragua, Peru, Poland, Romania, Serbia, South Africa and Timor-Leste subsequently joined the sponsors.

136. At the same meeting, the representative of Switzerland orally revised the draft decision.

137. The draft decision was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see chapter I, section B, decision 4/102.

Question of the realization in all countries of economic, social and cultural rights

138. At the 21st meeting, on 23 March 2007, the observer for Portugal introduced draft resolution A/HRC/4/L.9, sponsored by Albania, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cape Verde, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba,

Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Tunisia, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay and Zambia. Algeria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Guinea, Ireland, Latvia, Panama and the United Republic of Tanzania subsequently joined the sponsors.

139. A statement in connection with the draft resolution was made by the representative of Senegal.

140. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see chapter I, section A, resolution 4/1.

Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory: follow-up to Human Rights Council resolutions S-1/1 and S-3/1

141. At the 26th meeting, on 27 March 2007, the representative of Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Group of Arab States) introduced draft resolution A/HRC/4/L.2, sponsored by Algeria (on behalf of the Group of Arab States) and Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference). Cuba subsequently joined the sponsors.

142. In accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the attention of the Council was drawn to the estimated administrative and programme budget implications* of the draft resolution.

143. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by the representative of Germany (on behalf of the European Union), and the observers for Israel and Palestine, as concerned countries, or parties.

* See annex III.

144. A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representatives of Canada and the Netherlands.

145. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see chapter I, section A, resolution 4/2.

Intergovernmental Working Group on the Review of Mandates

146. Also at the 26th meeting, the representative of Algeria (on behalf of the Group of African States) introduced draft resolution A/HRC/4/L.6, sponsored by Algeria (on behalf of the Group of African States). Colombia, Cuba and the Islamic Republic of Iran subsequently joined the sponsors.

147. A statement in connection with the draft resolution was made by the representative of Germany (on behalf of the European Union).

148. A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Canada.

149. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see chapter I, section A, resolution 4/3.

Human rights and unilateral coercive measures

150. At the 31st meeting, on 30 March 2007, the representative of Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) introduced draft decision A/HRC/2/L.14 (deferred to the fourth session of the Council, pursuant to Council decision 2/116 of 29 November 2006) sponsored by Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement).

151. At the same meeting, the representative of Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) orally revised the draft decision by modifying the first paragraph and subparagraph (b).

152. At the request of the representatives of Germany (on behalf of States members of the European Union that are members of the Council) and Cuba, a recorded vote was taken on the draft decision, which was adopted, as orally revised, by 32 votes to 12, with 1 abstention. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cameroon, China, Cuba, Djibouti, Ecuador, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Uruguay, Zambia.

Against: Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Abstaining: Republic of Korea.

153. For the text of the draft decision as adopted, see chapter I, section B, decision 4/103.

154. The representatives of Nigeria and Tunisia stated that, had they been present in the room, they would have voted in favour of draft decision A/HRC/2/L.14, as orally revised.

The right to development

155. Also at the 31st meeting, the representative of Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) introduced a revised version of draft resolution A/HRC/2/L.15 (deferred to the fourth session of the Council, pursuant to Council decision 2/116 of 29 November 2006), as contained in document A/HRC/4/L.14, sponsored by Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement). Azerbaijan subsequently joined the sponsors.

156. At the same meeting, the representative of Cuba orally revised and corrected draft resolution A/HRC/4/L.14.

157. The draft resolution, as orally revised and corrected, was adopted without a vote.

158. Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Canada and Germany (on behalf of the European Union).

159. For the text of the draft resolution as adopted, see chapter I, section A, resolution 4/4.

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

160. At the same meeting, the representative of Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) introduced draft decision A/HRC/2/L.18 (deferred to the fourth session of the Council, pursuant to Council decision 2/116 of 29 November 2006), sponsored by Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement). Belarus subsequently joined the sponsors.

161. At the same meeting, the representative of Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) orally revised the draft decision by modifying the first paragraph and subparagraph (b).

162. The draft decision was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote.

163. For the text of the draft decision as adopted, see chapter I, section B, decision 4/104.

Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights

164. Also at the 31st meeting, the representative of China (on behalf of the Group of Like-Minded States) and South Africa introduced a revised version of draft resolution A/HRC/2/L.23 (deferred to the fourth session of the Council, pursuant to Council decision 2/116 of 29 November 2006), as contained in document A/HRC/4/L.16, sponsored by China (on behalf of the Group of Like-Minded States) and South Africa. Brazil, Congo and Nicaragua subsequently joined the sponsors.

165. A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Germany (on behalf of States members of the European Union that are members of the Council).

166. At the request of the representatives of Germany (on behalf of States members of the European Union that are members of the Council) and Cuba, a recorded vote was taken on the draft resolution, which was adopted, by 34 votes to 13. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cameroon, China, Cuba, Djibouti, Ecuador, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Uruguay, Zambia.

Against: Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

167. A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of Japan.

168. For the text of the draft resolution as adopted, see chapter I, section A, resolution 4/5.

Strengthening of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

169. At the same meeting, the representative of China (on behalf of the Group of Like-Minded States) and South Africa introduced a revised version of draft resolution A/HRC/2/L.24 (deferred to the fourth session of the Council, pursuant to Council decision 2/116 of 29 November 2006), as contained in document A/HRC/4/L.15, sponsored by China (on behalf of the Group of Like-Minded States) and South Africa. Congo and Nicaragua subsequently joined the sponsors.

170. At the same meeting, the representative of China (on behalf of the Group of Like-Minded States) orally revised the draft resolution by adding a new preambular paragraph after preambular paragraph 11.

171. Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Canada, Germany (on behalf of States members of the European Union that are members of the Council) and Morocco.

172. At the request of the representatives of Germany (on behalf of States members of the European Union that are members of the Council) and Cuba, a recorded vote was taken on the draft resolution, as orally revised, which was adopted, by 35 votes to none, with 12 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cameroon, China, Cuba, Djibouti, Ecuador, Gabon, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Uruguay, Zambia.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

173. Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Japan and Morocco.

174. For the text of the draft resolution as adopted, see chapter I, section A, resolution 4/6.

Rectification of the legal status of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

175. Also at the 31st meeting, the representative of South Africa introduced a revised version of draft resolution A/HRC/2/L.26/Rev.1 (deferred to the fourth session of the Council pursuant to Council decision 2/116 of 20 November 2006), as contained in document A/HRC/4/L.17, sponsored by Algeria, Angola, Belarus, Belgium, China, Cuba, Djibouti, Finland, Indonesia, Kenya, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Norway, Portugal, Russian Federation, South Africa and Zimbabwe. France, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Senegal, Slovenia, Tunisia and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) subsequently joined the sponsors.

176. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote.

177. For the text of the draft resolution as adopted, see chapter I, section A, resolution 4/7.

Follow-up to decision S-4/101 of 13 December 2006 adopted by the Human Rights Council at its fourth special session entitled “Situation of human rights in Darfur”

178. At the same meeting, the representatives of Germany and Algeria introduced draft resolution A/HRC/4/L.7/Rev.2, sponsored by Germany (on behalf of the European Union) and Algeria (on behalf of the Group of African States). Albania, Andorra, Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, the Central African Republic, Costa Rica, Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Serbia, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and the United States of America subsequently joined the sponsors.

179. In accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the attention of the Council was drawn to the estimated administrative and programme budget implications* of the draft resolution.

180. A statement in connection with the draft resolution was made by the observer for the Sudan as a concerned country.

181. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote.

182. Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of China, Cuba, Japan and the Russian Federation.

183. Statements in connection with the draft resolution, as adopted, were made by the representatives of France, the Republic of Korea and Switzerland.

184. Further to the adoption of the resolution, the Council, pursuant to rule 131 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, took no action on the draft proposal contained in document A/HRC/4/L.8/Rev.1, relating to the same question.

185. For the text of the draft resolution as adopted, see chapter I, section A, resolution 4/8.

Combating defamation of religions

186. Also at the 31st meeting, the representative of Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference) introduced draft resolution A/HRC/4/L.12 sponsored by Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference). Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) subsequently joined the sponsors.

187. At the same meeting, the representative of Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference) orally revised the draft resolution by modifying the sixth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 7 and 12, and by inserting a new preambular paragraph after the sixth preambular paragraph.

* See annex II.

188. Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Canada, Germany (on behalf of States members of the European Union that are members of the Council), Guatemala and India.

189. At the request of the representatives of Germany (on behalf of States members of the European Union that are members of the Council) and Cuba, a recorded vote was taken on the draft resolution, as orally revised, which was adopted, by 24 votes to 14, with 9 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Cameroon, China, Cuba, Djibouti, Gabon, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Philippines, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tunisia.

Against: Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, Japan, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Abstaining: Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Ghana, India, Nigeria, Peru, Uruguay, Zambia.

190. Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Japan, Peru, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea and Switzerland.

191. A statement in connection with the draft resolution, as adopted, was made by the representative of Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference).

192. For the text of the draft resolution as adopted, see chapter I, section A, resolution 4/9.

Elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief

193. At the same meeting, the representative of Germany (on behalf of the European Union) introduced draft resolution A/HRC/4/L.13 sponsored by Germany (on behalf of the European Union). Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Iceland, India, Japan, Liechtenstein,

Monaco, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Serbia, Switzerland, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine and the United States of America subsequently joined the sponsors.

194. At the same meeting, the representative of Germany (on behalf of the European Union) orally revised the draft resolution by modifying operative paragraphs 1 and 2.

195. At the same meeting, statements in connection with the draft resolution, as orally revised, were made by the representatives of Cuba, Guatemala and India.

196. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote.

197. For the text of the draft resolution as adopted, see chapter I, section A, resolution 4/10.

Incitement to racial and religious hatred and the promotion of tolerance

198. Also at the 31st meeting, the representative of Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference) introduced draft decision A/HRC/2/L.25 (deferred to the fourth session of the Council pursuant to Council decision 2/116) sponsored by Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Egypt, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mali, Morocco, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, the Syrian Arab Republic and Tunisia. Costa Rica, Djibouti and the United Arab Emirates subsequently joined the sponsors.

199. At the same meeting, the representative of Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference) withdrew draft decision A/HRC/2/L.25.

Other draft proposals deferred to the fourth session of the Council, pursuant to Council decision 2/116 of 29 November 2006

200. No action was taken by the Council in connection with the following draft proposals deferred to the fourth session of the Council, pursuant to Council decision 2/116 of 29 November 2006:

- A/HRC/2/L.16 entitled “Composition of the staff of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights”;

- A/HRC/2/L.25 entitled “Incitement to racial and religious hatred and the promotion of tolerance”;
- A/HRC/2/L.31 entitled “Conclusion of the draft International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol”; and
- A/HRC/2/L.32 entitled “The human rights of migrants”.

J. General statements

201. Also at the 31st meeting, after the consideration and action on the draft proposals and prior to the conclusion of the fourth session, on the proposal of the President of the Council, the following made general statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Brazil, China and the Russian Federation;

(b) Observer for the following State: Zimbabwe.

202. At the 32nd meeting, on 30 March 2007, the Secretariat made a statement. At the same meeting, statements in connection with the Secretariat’s statement were made by the representatives of China and Cuba.

203. At the same meeting, the President of the Council made a closing statement.

IV. REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL

204. At the 32nd meeting, on 30 March 2007, the Secretariat read out a statement on behalf of the Rapporteur and Vice-President, Mr. Musa Burayzat (Jordan), in connection with the draft report of the Council (A/HRC/4/L.10).

205. The draft report was adopted *ad referendum*.

206. The Council decided to entrust the Rapporteur with the finalization of the report.
