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**REPORT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL ON ITS SIXTH SESSION**

**Vice-President and Rapporteur: Mr. Alejandro Artucio (Uruguay)**

**Draft report of the Council\***

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**PART ONE: RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS**

**I. RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL AT ITS SIXTH SESSION**

*[see A/HRC/6/L.11 and Add.1, section A, for resolutions adopted at the sixth session]*

**II. DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL AT ITS SIXTH SESSION**

*[see A/HRC/6/L.11 and Add.1, section B, for decisions adopted at the sixth session]*

**III. PRESIDENT'S STATEMENTS AGREED UPON  
BY THE COUNCIL AT ITS SIXTH SESSION**

*[see A/HRC/6/L.11 and Add.1, section C, for President's statements agreed upon at the sixth session]*

## **PART TWO: SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

### **I. ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

#### **A. Opening and duration of the session**

1. In accordance with rule 8 (b) of the rules of procedures of the Human Rights Council, as contained in part VII of the annex of Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007, the organizational meetings of the sixth session were held on 24 August and 26 November 2007.
2. The sixth session was opened on 10 September 2007 by Mr. Doru Romulus Costea, President of the Human Rights Council. The sixth session was held at the United Nations Office at Geneva in two parts, from 10 to 28 September and from 10 to 14 December 2007, respectively.
3. The Council held 22 meetings (see A/HRC/6/SR.1-22) during the first part of its sixth session and 12 meetings (see A/HRC/6/SR.23-34)<sup>1</sup> during its resumed sixth session (see also paragraph 20 below).

#### **B. Attendance**

4. The session was attended by representatives of States members of the Council, observer 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.

#### **C. Election of officers**

5. On 19 June 2007, at the first organizational meeting of the second cycle of the Human Rights Council (see A/HRC/OM/1/1), the Council elected the following officers by acclamation:

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<sup>1</sup> Summary records of each of the meetings are subject to correction. They are considered final with the issuance of a consolidated corrigendum (A/HRC/6/SR.1-34/Corrigendum).

<i>President:</i>	Mr. Doru Romulus Costea (Romania)
<i>Vice-Presidents:</i>	Mr. Mohamed-Siad Doualeh (Djibouti)
	Mr. Boudewijn van Eenennaam (Netherlands)
	Mr. Dayan Jayatilleka (Sri Lanka)
<i>Vice-President and Rapporteur:</i>	Mr. Alejandro Artucio (Uruguay)

#### **D. Agenda and programme of work**

6. At the 1st meeting, on 10 September 2007, the President introduced the programme of work for the sixth session, based on the agenda (A/HRC/6/1; see annex I to the report) and the framework for the programme of work as contained in part V of the annex of Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007.
7. During the ensuing discussion, at the same meeting, representatives of the following States members of the Council made statements: Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference) and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the Group of Western and Other States).
8. At the 2nd meeting, on 13 September 2007, the representative of Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) also made a statement.
9. At the 32nd meeting, on 13 December 2007, the President circulated the draft annual programme of work for the second cycle of the Council.
10. At the 34th meeting, on 14 December 2007, the Council adopted the annual programme of work for its second cycle (2007/08) (see annex VIII).

#### **E. Organization of work**

11. At its 1st meeting, on 10 September 2007, the Council considered the organization of its work, including 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.

12. At the 2nd meeting, on 13 September 2007, the President outlined the modalities for the interactive dialogue with mandate-holders of special procedures, which would be as follows: 10 minutes for the presentation by the mandate-holder, 5 minutes for concerned countries, if any, and States members of the Council, 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, and 5 minutes for concluding remarks by the mandate-holder.

13. At the 5th, 6th, 15th and 17th meetings, on 14, 17, 25 and 26 September 2007 respectively, the President outlined the modalities for the review, rationalization and improvement of mandates, which would be as follows: 8 minutes for statements by main sponsors of resolutions related to the mandate in question, 6 minutes for statements by mandate-holders, 3 minutes for statements by States members of the Council, 2 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. At the end, the mandate-holder would be given 3 minutes to make final remarks and the main sponsors of the resolution related to the mandate would be given 5 minutes for conclusion of the debate.

14. Statements in connection with the modalities of the review, rationalization and improvement of mandates were made as follows:

(a) At the 5th meeting, on 14 September 2007: Egypt;

(b) At the 6th meeting, on 17 September 2007: Algeria and Egypt;

(c) At the 15th meeting, on 25 September 2007: Algeria, Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States) and Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference);

(d) At the 18th and 19th meetings, on 26 and 27 September 2007: Canada, China, Cuba, Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), India, Pakistan, Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), Russian Federation and Switzerland.

15. At the 20th meeting, on 27 September 2007, the Council agreed on a non-paper submitted by the President on the review, rationalization and improvement (RRI) of special-procedures mandates. The document reads as follows:

- “1. Equal treatment of RRI for all mandates in accordance with the provisions of resolution 5/1;
2. Mandates would be reviewed without prejudice to the RRI of special procedures as mandated by resolution 5/1 and its completion;
3. It is the expectation of the Council that sponsors and delegations would adhere to the provisions of Council resolution 5/1 and General Assembly resolution 60/251;
4. The President of the Human Rights Council shall continue the consultations between now and December to refine the approach and methodology for RRI.”

16. At the same meeting, the Council agreed to consider, during the first part of its sixth session, all draft proposals related to the review, rationalization and improvement of mandates under item 1.

17. At the 29th meeting, on 12 December 2007, the President informed the Council that he had continued his consultations on the issue of review, rationalization and improvement of mandates. The President circulated a document containing proposed elements to be taken into account in the process of the review, rationalization and improvement of mandates.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> For the document circulated by the President, see the extranet-website of the Human Rights Council.

18. At the 34th meeting, on 14 December 2007, the representatives of Egypt and Pakistan made statements related to the organization of work of the Council.

19. At the same meeting, the observer for the Friends World Committee for Consultation (Quakers) (also on behalf of Action Canada For Population And Development, Asian Legal Resource Centre, Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies, Centre for Housing Rights and Evictions, Conectas Human Rights and International Service for Human Rights) made a statement.

#### **F. Meetings and documentation**

20. As indicated in paragraph 3 above, the Council held 22 fully serviced meetings during the first part of the sixth session. As indicated in the same paragraph, the Council held 12 fully serviced meetings during the resumed sixth session.

21. The 26th meeting, on 11 December, and the 31st meeting, on 13 December 2007, were additional meetings.

22. On 10 December 2007, the President suspended the 23rd and 24th meetings for the commemoration of Human Rights Day.

23. The texts of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council, as well as President's statements agreed upon by consensus, are contained in part one of the present report.

24. Annex I contains the agenda of the Council as included in part V of the annex to Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007.

25. Annex II contains the estimated administrative and programme budget implications of Council resolutions and decisions, as well as of President's statements.

26. Annex III contains the list of attendance.

27. Annex IV contains the list of documents issued for the sixth session of the Council.

28. Annex V contains the note prepared by the Secretariat entitled “Main steps to be taken regarding the establishment of the UPR work programme (for the first cycle)”.

29. Annex VI contains the timetable for the consideration of the 192 Member States of the United Nations under the universal periodic review mechanism.

30. Annex VII contains the order of review during the first three sessions of the Working Group on Universal Periodic Review.

31. Annex VIII contains the annual programme of work for the second cycle of the Human Rights Council (2007/08) as adopted on 14 December 2007.

### **G. Visits**

32. At the 1st meeting, on 10 September 2007, Mr. Limam Ould Teguedi, Minister of Justice of Mauritania, delivered a statement to the Council. In this connection, the observers for Algeria and Morocco made statements.

33. At the 5th meeting, on 14 September 2007, Mr. Feodor Starcevic, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia, delivered a statement to the Council on behalf of the Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.

34. At the 10th meeting, on 20 September 2007, Mr. Abdulla Shahid, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Maldives, delivered a statement to the Council.

### **H. Follow-up to Council resolution 5/1**

#### **1. Review, rationalization and improvement of mandates**

##### **Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief**

35. At the 5th meeting, on 14 September 2007, the representative of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), as the main sponsor of the resolution related to the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, made a statement.

36. At the same meeting, Ms. Asma Jahangir, Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, made a statement.

37. During the ensuing discussion, at the 5th and 6th meetings, on 14 and 17 September 2007, the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Brazil, Canada, Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), India, Netherlands, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Switzerland and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

(b) Observers for the following States: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Belgium and Colombia;

(c) Observers for non-governmental organizations: International Association for Religious Freedom (also on behalf of Anglican Consultative Council, Baha'i International Community, Conscience and Peace Tax International, Dominicans for Justice and Peace, Franciscans International, Institute for Planetary Synthesis, International Federation of Social Workers, International Federation of University Women, Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association, Susila Dharma International Association, World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women and Worldwide Organization for Women) and Worldwide Organization for Women (also on behalf of International Educational Development, Pan-Pacific and South East Asian Women Association and Women's Federation for World Peace International).

38. At the 6th meeting, on 17 September 2007, the representative of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) made a concluding statement.

### **Working Group on Arbitrary Detention**

39. At the 5th meeting, on 14 September 2007, Ms. Leila Zerrougui, Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, made a statement on the mandate of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention.

40. At the 6th meeting, on 17 September 2007, the representative of France, as the main sponsor of the resolution related to the mandate of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, made a statement.

41. During the ensuing discussion, at the same meeting, the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Brazil, Canada, China, Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), Nigeria, Peru, Portugal<sup>3</sup> (on behalf of the European Union), Republic of Korea, Russian Federation and Switzerland;

(b) Observers for the following States: Algeria, Argentina, Chile, Ethiopia, Turkey and United Republic of Tanzania;

(c) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Amnesty International, Defence for Children International, Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru (also on behalf of World Peace Council), International Commission of Jurists, International Federation of Human Rights Leagues (also on behalf of Human Rights Watch and World Organization against Torture) and Worldview International Foundation.

42. At the same meeting, the representative of France made a concluding statement.

43. At the 7th meeting, on the same day, a statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of the Netherlands.

#### **Independent expert appointed by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Haiti**

44. At the 15th meeting, on 25 September 2007, the representative of Haiti, as the concerned country, made a statement on the mandate of the independent expert appointed by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Haiti.

45. At the same meeting, Mr. Louis Joinet, independent expert appointed by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Haiti, made a statement.

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<sup>3</sup> Observer State of the Council speaking on behalf of States members and observer States.

46. During the ensuing discussion, the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Canada, Cuba, Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), France, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Portugal<sup>4</sup> (on behalf of the European Union), Switzerland and Uruguay;

(b) Observers for the following States: Algeria, Chile, Luxembourg and Morocco;

(c) Observer for a national human rights institution: National Consultative Commission on Human Rights of France;

(d) Observers for non-governmental organizations: International Commission of Jurists and International Federation of Human Rights Leagues.

47. At the same meeting, Mr. Joinet responded to questions and made remarks.

48. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Brazil (on behalf of the Group of Friends of Haiti) made a concluding statement.

49. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Haiti, as the concerned country, made concluding remarks.

### **Special Rapporteur on the right to food**

50. At the 17th meeting, on 26 September 2007, the representative of Cuba, as the main sponsor of the resolution related to the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food, made a statement.

51. At the same meeting, Mr. Jean Ziegler, Special Rapporteur on the right to food, made a statement.

52. During the ensuing discussion, at the same meeting, the following made statements:

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<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), India, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Portugal<sup>5</sup> (on behalf of the European Union), Russian Federation, Senegal, Switzerland and Uruguay;

(b) Observers for the following States: Belgium, Ecuador, Tunisia and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of);

(c) Observers for national human rights institutions: German Institute for Human Rights (also on behalf of the National Consultative Commission on Human Rights of France and the Human Rights Advisory Council of Morocco);

(d) Observers for non-governmental organizations: International Indian Treaty Council, International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples and Mouvement contre le racisme et pour l'amitié entre les peuples (also on behalf of Centre Europe Tiers-Monde and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom).

53. At the same meeting, Mr. Ziegler responded to questions and made remarks.

54. Also, at the same meeting, the representative of Cuba made a concluding statement.

### **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people**

55. At the 17th meeting, on 26 September 2007, the representative of Guatemala (also on behalf of Mexico), as the main sponsors of the resolution related to the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people, made a statement.

56. At the same meeting, Mr. Rodolfo Stavenhagen, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people, made a statement.

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<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

57. During the ensuing discussion, at the 18th meeting, on the same day, the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), Mexico, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Portugal<sup>6</sup> (on behalf of the European Union), Republic of Korea, Russian Federation and Switzerland;

(b) Observers for the following States: Algeria, Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Norway, Panama and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of);

(c) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Indian Council of South America (also on behalf of Mouvement contre le racisme et pour l'amitié entre les peuples and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom), International Indian Treaty Council (also on behalf of Action Canada for Population and Development and International Organization of Indigenous Resources Development) and International Service for Human Rights.

58. At the same meeting, Mr. Stavenhagen responded to questions and made remarks.

59. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Guatemala (also on behalf of Mexico) made a concluding statement.

#### **Independent expert on the situation of human rights in Burundi**

60. At the 18th meeting, on 26 September 2007, Ms. Immaculée Nahayo, Minister of National Solidarity, Human Rights and Gender of Burundi, made a statement related to the mandate of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Burundi.

61. During the ensuing discussion, at the same meeting, the following made statements:

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<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Canada, Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), France, Germany, Ghana, Netherlands, Portugal<sup>7</sup> (on behalf of the European Union), Slovenia, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Zambia;

(b) Observers for the following States: Belgium, Côte d'Ivoire, Greece, Rwanda, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania;

(c) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: International Organization of la Francophonie;

(d) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Association of World Citizens, Human Rights Watch and International Federation of Human Rights Leagues (also speaking on behalf of World Organization Against Torture).

62. The representative of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States) made a second statement further explaining his position.

63. At the same meeting, the Minister of National Solidarity, Human Rights and Gender of Burundi made concluding remarks.

### **Independent expert on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

64. At the 19th meeting, on 27 September 2007, the Council, upon request by Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States) and seconded by Sri Lanka, decided to defer the discussion of the mandate of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as well as consideration of the relevant draft decision (A/HRC/6/L.19) to the next regular session of the Council.

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<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

**Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons**

65. At the 30th meeting, on 13 December 2007, the representative of Austria, as the main sponsor of the resolution related to the mandate of the Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons, made a statement.

66. At the same meeting, Mr. Walter Kälin, Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons, made a statement.

67. During the ensuing discussion, at the same meeting, the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Canada, China (on behalf of the Group of Asian States), Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), India, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Portugal<sup>8</sup> (on behalf of the European Union and candidate countries - Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; as well as Armenia, Georgia and Moldova), Russian Federation and Switzerland;

(b) Observers for the following States: Algeria, Argentina, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Georgia, Iraq, Norway, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic and Uganda;

(c) Observer for United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(d) Observer for a national human rights institution: National Commission for Human Rights of Rwanda;

(e) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Colombian Commission of Jurists, Commission to Study the Organization of Peace (also on behalf of International Institute for

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<sup>8</sup> Ibid.

Peace), International Human Rights Association of American Minorities and Norwegian Refugee Council (also on behalf of Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions and International Federation of Human Rights Leagues).

68. At the same meeting, Mr. Kälin responded to questions and made remarks.

69. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Austria made a concluding statement.

**Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism**

70. At the 31st meeting, on 13 December 2007, the representative of Mexico, as the main sponsor of the resolution related to the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, made a statement.

71. At the same meeting, Mr. Martin Scheinin, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, made a statement.

72. During the ensuing discussion, at the same meeting, the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Bangladesh, Canada, China, Cuba, Egypt, Finland, Italy, Pakistan, Portugal<sup>9</sup> (on behalf of the European Union), Russian Federation and Switzerland;

(b) Observers for the following States: Algeria, Argentina, Belgium, Norway and Turkey;

(c) Observer for a national human rights institution: German Institute for Human Rights (also on behalf of the Danish Institute for Human Rights, the National Consultative Commission on Human Rights of France, the Greek National Commission for Human Rights, the Human Rights Advisory Council of Morocco and the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights);

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<sup>9</sup> Ibid.

(d) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Federación de Asociaciones de Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos, Human Rights Watch, Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru (also on behalf of World Peace Council), International Commission of Jurists and Nord Sud XXI.

73. At the same meeting, Mr. Scheinin responded to questions and made remarks.

74. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Mexico made a concluding statement.

**Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living**

75. At the 31st meeting, on 13 December 2007, the representative of Germany (also on behalf of Finland), as the main sponsor of the resolution related to the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, made a statement.

76. At the same meeting, Mr. Miloon Kothari, Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, made a statement.

77. During the ensuing discussion, at the same meeting, the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Egypt, Italy, Portugal<sup>10</sup> (on behalf of the European Union and candidate countries - Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine), Russian Federation and Switzerland;

(b) Observers for the following States: Algeria and Argentina;

(c) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Asian Legal Resource Centre and Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions.

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<sup>10</sup> Ibid.

78. At the same meeting, Mr. Kothari responded to questions and made remarks.

79. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Finland (also on behalf of Germany) made a concluding statement.

**Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health**

80. At the 32nd meeting, on 13 December 2007, the representative of Brazil, as the main sponsor of the resolution related to the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, made a statement.

81. 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, made a statement.

82. During the ensuing discussion, at the same meeting, the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Canada, China, Cuba, Egypt, Italy, Pakistan, Peru, Portugal<sup>11</sup> (on behalf of the European Union and candidate countries - Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine), Russian Federation and Switzerland;

(b) Observers for the following States: Algeria, Israel, Luxembourg and Uganda;

(c) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Action Canada for Population and Development, International Service for Human Rights (also on behalf of Amnesty International and Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network) and Nord Sud XXI.

83. At the same meeting, Mr. Hunt responded to questions and made remarks.

84. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Brazil made a concluding statement.

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<sup>11</sup> Ibid.

### **Independent expert on the situation of human rights in Liberia**

85. At the 32nd meeting, on 13 December 2007, the representative of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union and candidate countries - Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; a country of the European Free Trade Association and member of the European Economic Area - Iceland; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine), as the main sponsor of the resolution related to the mandate of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Liberia, made a statement.

86. At the same meeting, Mr. Kothari read out a statement on behalf of Ms. Charlotte Abaka, independent expert on the situation of human rights in Liberia.

87. At the same meeting, the observer for Liberia, as the concerned country, made a statement related to the mandate of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Liberia.

88. During the ensuing discussion, at the same meeting, the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Canada, Ghana, Switzerland and Zambia;

(b) Observers for the following States: Algeria, Côte d'Ivoire, Sweden and United States of America;

(c) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Human Rights Watch.

89. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) made a concluding statement.

### **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan**

90. At the 32nd meeting, on 13 December 2007, the representative of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), as the main sponsor of the resolution related to the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan, made a statement.

91. At the same meeting, Ms. Sima Samar, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan, made a statement.

92. The observer for the Sudan, as the concerned country, made a statement related to the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan.

93. During the ensuing discussion, at the 32nd and 33rd meetings, on 13 and 14 December 2007, the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Canada, Cuba, Ghana, Portugal<sup>12</sup> (on behalf of the European Union and candidate countries - Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; a country of the European Free Trade Association and member of the European Economic Area - Iceland; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine), Russian Federation, Switzerland and Zambia;

(b) Observers for the following States: Algeria, Argentina, Iraq, Ireland, Morocco, Norway, Sweden, Tunisia and United States of America;

(c) Observer for a national human rights institution: Canadian Human Rights Commission (also on behalf of the National Human Rights Commission of Algeria, the National Consultative Commission on Human Rights of France, the German Institute for Human Rights, the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights and the National Commission for Human Rights of Rwanda);

(d) Observers for non-governmental organizations: African-American Society for Humanitarian Aid and Development, Amnesty International, Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies, Human Rights Watch, International Federation of Human Rights Leagues, Sudan Council of Voluntary Agencies and United Nations Watch.

94. At the 33rd meeting, on 14 December 2007, the representative of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States) made a concluding statement.

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<sup>12</sup> Ibid.

## **2. Consideration and action on draft proposals**

### **Former Working Group on Communications**

95. At the 20th meeting, on 27 September 2007, the Council took a decision, as a transitional measure, on the former Working Group on Communications. For the text as adopted, see part one, chapter II, decision 6/101.

### **Follow-up to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1**

96. At the 20th meeting, on 27 September 2007, the President introduced draft decision A/HRC/6/L.24.

97. At the same meeting, the representative of Morocco was given the floor in his capacity as facilitator for the elaboration of General Guidelines for the preparation of information under the universal periodic review.

98. Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Slovenia (on behalf of States members of the European Union that are members of the Council) and Sri Lanka (on behalf of States members of the Group of Asian States that are members of the Council).

99. The draft decision was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part one, chapter II, decision 6/102.

## **II. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND REPORTS OF THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND THE SECRETARY-GENERAL**

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

100. The Council did not hold any substantive discussion under item 2 on the annual report of the High Commissioner, as the latter shall be presented at the main session of the Human Rights Council in March 2008.

### **Reports of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Secretary-General**

101. At the 7th and 15th meetings, on 17 and 25 September 2007, the United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights presented reports prepared by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/HRC/6/3 and A/HRC/6/4) and by the Secretary-General (A/HRC/6/2). These reports, requested by resolutions of the Council, were discussed under items 3 and 9 in relation with the respective thematic issues (see chapters III and IX, respectively).

### **Statement by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**

102. At the 3rd meeting, on 13 September 2007, Ms. Louise Arbour, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, delivered a statement.

103. During the ensuing general debate, at the 3rd and 4th meetings, on 13 and 14 September 2007, statements were made by the following:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, China, Cuba, Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), India, Indonesia, Jordan, Mexico, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Peru, Philippines, Portugal<sup>13</sup> (on behalf of the European Union), Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Switzerland;

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<sup>13</sup> Ibid.

(b) Observers for the following States: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Sudan, Sweden, Thailand and Turkey;

(c) Observer for the following intergovernmental organization: African Union;

(d) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Amnesty International, Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (also on behalf of Asian Legal Resource Centre, International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism and Pax Romana), Association for World Education (also on behalf of Association of World Citizens, International Humanist and Ethical Union and World Union for Progressive Judaism), Centrist Democratic International, Colombian Commission of Jurists, Human Rights Watch, International Commission of Jurists, International Educational Development and International Movement ATD Fourth World.

104. At the 4th meeting, on 14 September 2007, the High Commissioner made a statement.

105. At the same meeting, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Colombia, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Zimbabwe.

#### **Update by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**

106. At the 26th meeting, on 11 December 2007, Ms. Louise Arbour, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, gave an update on her activities and those of her Office.

107. At the same meeting, the representatives of Afghanistan, Brazil, Gabon, Sri Lanka and the Sudan, as concerned countries, made statements.

108. During the ensuing related debate, at the same meeting, statements were made by the following:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Bangladesh, Canada, China, Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), France, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Pakistan (also on behalf of the

Organization of the Islamic Conference), Philippines, Portugal<sup>14</sup> (on behalf of the European Union and candidate countries - Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Montenegro; as well as Armenia, Moldova and Ukraine), Republic of Korea, Senegal and Switzerland;

(b) Observers for the following States: Algeria, Morocco, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden and United States of America;

(c) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Amnesty International, Asian Legal Resource Centre, Human Rights Watch, Interfaith International, International Commission of Jurists, International Federation of Human Rights Leagues, International NGO Forum on Indonesian Development (also on behalf of Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (Forum-Asia)) and Nord Sud XXI (also on behalf of Union of Arab Jurists).

109. At the same meeting, the High Commissioner made concluding remarks.

110. At the same meeting, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Iraq, the Netherlands and Sri Lanka. A second statement in exercise of the right of reply, in connection with the statements made in exercise of the right of reply, was made by the representative of Sri Lanka.

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<sup>14</sup> Ibid.

### **III. PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS, CIVIL, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT**

#### **A. Reports of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Secretary-General<sup>15</sup>**

##### **Unilateral coercive measures**

111. At the 7th meeting, on 17 September 2007, the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights presented the report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures (A/HRC/6/2), submitted pursuant to Council decision 4/103 of 30 March 2007.

112. During the ensuing discussion, at the same meeting, statements were made by the following:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Cuba and Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference);

(b) Observers for the following States: Algeria and Belarus;

(c) Observer for non-governmental organizations: International Educational Development.

##### **Equitable access to safe drinking water and sanitation**

113. At the 7th meeting, on 17 September 2007, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights presented the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the scope and content of the relevant human rights obligations related to equitable access to safe drinking water and sanitation under international human rights instruments (A/HRC/6/3), submitted pursuant to Council decision 2/104 of 27 November 2006.

114. During the ensuing discussion, at the same meeting, statements were made by the following:

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<sup>15</sup> See paragraph 101.

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Bangladesh, Bolivia, Germany, India, Italy, Netherlands, Switzerland and Uruguay;

(b) Observers for the following States: Algeria, Belgium, Morocco, Spain and Turkey;

(c) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions and International Environmental Law Research Centre.

## **B. Interactive dialogue with special procedures**

### **Freedom of religion or belief**

115. At the 2nd meeting, on 13 September 2007, Ms. Asma Jahangir, Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, presented her report (A/HRC/6/5).

116. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the same meeting, the following made statements and posed questions to Ms. Jahangir:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China, Cuba, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Italy, Jordan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Philippines, Portugal<sup>16</sup> (on behalf of the European Union), Republic of Korea and Russian Federation;

(b) Observers for the following States: Albania, Armenia, Australia, Belgium, Chile, New Zealand, Norway, Spain, Thailand and Tunisia;

(c) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Association for World Education (also on behalf of Association of World Citizens and World Union for Progressive Judaism), Baha'i International Community, International Humanist and Ethical Union, International Service for Human Rights (also on behalf of Amnesty International and Friends World Committee for Consultation (Quakers)), Pax Romana (also on behalf of Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development, Asian Legal Resource Centre and International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism) and Mouvement contre le racisme et pour l'amitié entre

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<sup>16</sup> See footnote 3 above (para. 41).

les peuples (also on behalf of Asian Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Network, France Libertés: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand, Interfaith International, International Educational Development, International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism, Liberation, Pax Romana and Society for Threatened Peoples).

117. At the 3rd meeting, on the same day, Ms. Jahangir responded to questions and made her concluding remarks.

118. At the 4th meeting, on 14 September 2007, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of China and Sri Lanka. For the right of reply exercised by the Islamic Republic of Iran, see paragraph 105 of this report.

### **International solidarity**

119. At the 2nd meeting, on 13 September 2007, Mr. Rudi Muhammad Rizki, independent expert on human rights and international solidarity, presented his report (A/HRC/4/8).

120. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the same meeting, the following made statements and posed questions to Mr. Rizki:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Cuba, Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), Indonesia, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference) and Republic of Korea;

(b) Observers for the following States: Ethiopia, Spain, Thailand, Tunisia and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of);

(c) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Association of World Citizens, Federación de Asociaciones de Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos (also on behalf of Anglican Consultative Council, Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, Colombian Commission of Jurists, Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches, Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe, Institute for Planetary Synthesis, Interfaith International, International Alliance of Women, International Association for Religious Freedom, International Federation of University Women, International Peace Bureau, Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association, Pax Romana, Union of Arab

Jurists, Women's Federation for World Peace International, Women's World Summit Foundation, World Organization Against Torture and Worldwide Organization for Women) and New Humanity.

121. At the 3rd meeting, on the same day, Mr. Rizki responded to questions and made his concluding remarks.

### **Situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people**

122. At the 29th meeting, on 12 December 2007, Mr. Rodolfo Stavenhagen, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people, presented his report (A/HRC/6/15 and Add.1-3).

123. At the same meeting, the representative of Bolivia made a statement, as a concerned country, on the relevant mission report.

124. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the 29th and 30th meetings, on 12 and 13 December 2007, the following made statements and posed questions to Mr. Stavenhagen:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China (on behalf of the Group of Asian States), Cuba, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Philippines, Portugal<sup>17</sup> (on behalf of the European Union) and Russian Federation;

(b) Observers for the following States: Argentina, Cambodia, Ecuador, Finland, Nepal, Norway, Spain, Thailand, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Viet Nam;

(c) Observer for a national human rights institution: National Human Rights Commission of Malaysia;

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<sup>17</sup> Ibid.

(d) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Colombian Commission of Jurists, Comisión Jurídica para el Autodesarrollo de los Pueblos Originarios Andinos (also on behalf of International Organization of Indigenous Resources Development) and Netherlands Centre for Indigenous Peoples.

125. At the 30th meeting, on 13 December 2007, Mr. Stavenhagen responded to questions and made his concluding remarks.

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

126. At the 29th meeting, on 12 December 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/6/17 and Add.1-4).

127. At the same meeting, the representative of South Africa and the observers for Israel and the United States of America, and Palestine, made statements, as concerned countries or parties, on the relevant mission reports.

128. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the 29th and 30th meetings, on 12 and 13 December 2007, the following made statements and posed questions to Mr. Scheinin:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Brazil, China, Cuba, Egypt, Mexico, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Portugal<sup>18</sup> (on behalf of the European Union), Republic of Korea, Russian Federation and Sri Lanka;

(b) Observers for the following States: Algeria, Argentina, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Norway, Spain, Turkey and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of);

(c) Observer for a national human rights institution: South African Human Rights Commission;

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<sup>18</sup> Ibid.

(d) Observers for non-governmental organizations: American Civil Liberties Union, Amnesty International and Heritage Foundation.

129. At the 30th meeting, on 13 December 2007, Mr. Scheinin responded to questions and made his concluding remarks.

130. At the 29th meeting, on 12 December 2007, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the observers of Israel and Palestine. A second statement in exercise of the right of reply, in connection with the statements made in exercise of the right of reply, were made by the observers of Israel and Palestine.

### **C. Interactive dialogue with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for children and armed conflict**

131. At the 12th meeting, on 21 September 2007, Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for children and armed conflict, presented her report (A/HRC/4/45). The representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and the Sudan made statements, as concerned countries, on the report.

132. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the same meeting, the following made statements and posed questions to Ms. Coomaraswamy:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Canada, Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), Italy, Japan, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Portugal<sup>19</sup> (on behalf of the European Union), Slovenia, Switzerland and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

(b) Observers for the following States: Australia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Nepal, New Zealand, United Republic of Tanzania, Thailand and Turkey;

(c) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: International Organization of la Francophonie;

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<sup>19</sup> Ibid.

(d) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Asian Legal Resource Centre, International Educational Development and Women's International Zionist Organization.

133. At the same meeting, Ms. Coomaraswamy responded to questions and made her concluding remarks.

#### **D. General and related debates under agenda item 3**

##### **General debate on item 3**

134. At the 7th meeting, on 17 September 2007, the Council held a general debate on item 3, during which the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Pakistan and Portugal<sup>20</sup> (on behalf of the European Union and candidate countries - Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; a country of the European Free Trade Association and member of the European Economic Area - Liechtenstein; as well as Armenia, Moldova and Ukraine);

(b) Observers for the following States: Algeria, Armenia and Luxembourg;

(c) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Action Canada for Population and Development, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, Friends World Committee for Consultation (Quakers) (also on behalf of Amnesty International, International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development (Rights and Democracy)), International Federation of Human Rights Leagues and International Service for Human Rights), International Human Rights Association of American Minorities, International Institute for Peace, International Islamic Federation of Student Organizations, International Youth and Student Movement for the United Nations and World Muslim Congress.

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<sup>20</sup> Ibid.

135. At the same meeting, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Algeria, India, Morocco, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. A second statement in exercise of the right of reply, in connection with the statements made in exercise of the right of reply, were made by the representatives of Algeria and Morocco.

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

136. At the 24th meeting, on 10 December 2007, Mr. Philippe Texier, Chairperson of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, introduced the report of the Committee on the rectification of the legal status of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (A/HRC/6/20). The Council also had before it the report of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the same subject (A/HRC/6/21).

### **Open-ended Working Group on an optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**

137. At the 25th meeting, on 11 December 2007, Ms. Catarina de Albuquerque, in her capacity as Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Open-ended Working Group on an optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, presented the report on the fourth session of the Working Group (A/HRC/6/8), held from 16 to 27 July 2007.

138. At the same meeting, the Council held a related debate on the aforementioned reports, during which the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cuba, Egypt (also on behalf of the Group of African States), India, Italy, Mexico, Pakistan, Portugal<sup>21</sup> (on behalf of the European Union, and candidate countries - Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; a country of the European Free Trade Association and member of the European Economic Area - Norway; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine), Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, South Africa, Switzerland and Ukraine;

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<sup>21</sup> Ibid.

(b) Observers for the following States: Algeria, Argentina, Belgium, Chile, Morocco, Spain, Thailand and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of);

(c) Observer for United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations: International Labour Office;

(d) Observer for a national human rights institution: German Institute for Human Rights (also on behalf of the Danish Institute for Human Rights, the National Consultative Commission on Human Rights of France and the Human Rights Advisory Council of Morocco);

(e) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (also on behalf of Amnesty International and Foodfirst Information and Action Network-FIAN), Colombian Commission of Jurists, Comisión Jurídica para el Autodesarrollo de los Pueblos Originarios Andinos, Europe-Third World Centre (also on behalf of Comisión Jurídica para el Autodesarrollo de los Pueblos Originarios Andinos, International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples, Mouvement contre le Racisme et pour l'Amitié entre les Peuples, and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom), Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru (also on behalf of World Peace Council), International Commission of Jurists and Permanent Assembly for Human Rights.

139. At the same meeting, the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Open-ended Working Group on an optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights responded to questions and made her final remarks.

## **E. Consideration and action on draft proposals**

### **Protection of cultural rights and property in situations of armed conflict**

140. At the 20th meeting, on 27 September 2007, the representative of Azerbaijan introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.1, sponsored by Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Djibouti, Indonesia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Uruguay and Uzbekistan. Belarus, Bolivia, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, Morocco, Nicaragua, Oman, Qatar, the Russian Federation, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Yemen subsequently joined the sponsors.

141. At the same meeting, the representative of Azerbaijan orally revised the draft resolution by modifying paragraphs 1 and 3, deleting paragraph 7 and renumbering subsequent paragraphs.

142. A statement in connection with the draft resolution was made by the representative of Slovenia (on behalf of States members of the European Union that are members of the Council).

143. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 6/1.

### **Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food**

144. At the 20th meeting, on 27 September 2007, the representative of Cuba introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.5/Rev.1, sponsored by Algeria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Chile, Congo, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Finland, Guatemala, Haiti, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Italy, Kenya, Luxembourg, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Zimbabwe. Bangladesh, Brazil, Bulgaria, Ecuador, Egypt, Germany, Indonesia, Norway and Slovenia subsequently joined the sponsors.

145. At the same meeting, the representative of Cuba orally revised the draft resolution by replacing the third preambular paragraph.

146. 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<sup>22</sup> of the draft resolution.

147. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by the representative of Egypt (on behalf of the States members of the Group of African States that are members of the Council), Guatemala and Sri Lanka (on behalf of States members of the Group of Asian States that are members of the Council).

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<sup>22</sup> See annex II.

148. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 6/2.

### **Human rights and international solidarity**

149. At the 20th meeting, on 27 September 2007, the representative of Cuba introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.6, sponsored by Cuba. Algeria, Belarus, China, Congo, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Nicaragua, South Africa, the Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zimbabwe subsequently joined the sponsors.

150. At the same meeting, the representative of Cuba orally revised the draft resolution by inserting three new preambular paragraphs.

151. 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<sup>23</sup> of the draft resolution.

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

153. At the request of the representative of Slovenia (on behalf of States members of the European Union that are members of the Council), a recorded vote was taken on the draft resolution, as orally revised, which was adopted, by 34 votes to 12, with 1 abstention. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:* Angola, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroon, China, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Uruguay, Zambia.

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<sup>23</sup> Ibid.

*Against:* Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Republic of Korea, Romania, Slovenia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

*Abstaining:* Switzerland.

154. For the text of the draft resolution as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 6/3.

### **Arbitrary detention**

155. At the 21st meeting, on 28 September 2007, the representative of France introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.30, sponsored by Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Chile, Cuba, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Timor-Leste, Ukraine and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Argentina, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, Estonia, Guatemala, Iceland, Mexico, Montenegro, Morocco, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Poland, Republic of Korea, Serbia and United States of America subsequently joined the sponsors.

156. At the same meeting, the representative of France orally revised the draft resolution by replacing the fifth preambular paragraph, by modifying paragraph 1 (e) and by modifying paragraph 9.

157. 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<sup>24</sup> of the draft resolution.

158. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 6/4.

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<sup>24</sup> Ibid.

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

159. At the 21st meeting, on 28 September 2007, the representative of Cuba introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.3/Rev.1, sponsored by Bangladesh, Belarus, Bolivia, Cameroon, China, Congo, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Dominican Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kenya, Nicaragua, Peru, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zimbabwe. Indonesia subsequently joined the sponsors.

160. At the same meeting, the representative of Cuba orally revised the draft resolution by modifying the second preambular paragraph and paragraphs 4, 5 and 7.

161. A statement in connection with the draft resolution was made by the representative of Slovenia (on behalf of States members of the European Union that are members of the Council).

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

163. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 6/6.

**Human rights and unilateral coercive measures**

164. At the 21st meeting, on 28 September 2007, the representative of Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.7, sponsored by Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement). Colombia subsequently joined the sponsors.

165. At the same meeting, the representative of Cuba orally revised the draft resolution by modifying paragraphs 13 (b) and 14.

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

167. At the request of the representative of Canada, a recorded vote was taken on the draft resolution, as orally revised, which was adopted, by 34 votes to 11, with 2 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:* Angola, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroon, China, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Uruguay, Zambia.

*Against:* Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Romania, Slovenia, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

*Abstaining:* Republic of Korea, Ukraine.

168. For the text of the draft resolution as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 6/7.

### **Human rights and equitable access to safe drinking water and sanitation**

169. At the 21st meeting, on 28 September 2007, the representative of Germany (also on behalf of Spain) introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.13/Rev.1, sponsored by Belgium, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, Mali, Morocco, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Peru, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Timor-Leste and Uruguay. Bulgaria, Côte d'Ivoire, Norway and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) subsequently joined the sponsors.

170. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 6/8.

### **Prevention of genocide**

171. At the 21st meeting, on 28 September 2007, the representative of Armenia introduced draft decision A/HRC/6/L.14, sponsored by Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Kenya, Latvia, Liechtenstein, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, Poland,

Portugal, Rwanda, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Tanzania and Uruguay. Andorra, Australia, Belarus, Bolivia, Brazil, Burundi, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, New Zealand, Panama, Romania and South Africa subsequently joined the sponsors.

172. The draft decision was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part one, chapter II, decision 6/104.

### **The twentieth anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment**

173. At the 21st meeting, on 28 September 2007, the President introduced draft statement A/HRC/6/L.22 on behalf of the Council.

174. The draft statement was agreed upon by the Council by consensus. For the text as agreed upon, see part one, chapter III, President's statement 6/PRST/2.

175. At the 22nd meeting, on 28 September 2007, a general comment was made by the observer for Thailand on the President's statement as agreed upon.

### **Development of public information activities in the field of human rights, including the World Public Information Campaign on Human Rights**

176. At the 21st meeting, on 28 September 2007, the representative of Italy introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.25, sponsored by Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Chile, Congo, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Greece, Haiti, Honduras, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Timor-Leste, Turkey and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Estonia, Japan, the Philippines, Serbia, Sweden, Thailand and the United Republic of Tanzania subsequently joined the sponsors.

177. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 6/9.

### **United Nations Declaration on human rights education and training**

178. At the 21st meeting, on 28 September 2007, the representatives of Morocco and Switzerland introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.31, sponsored by Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Ecuador, Ethiopia, France, Guinea, Italy, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Rwanda, San Marino, Senegal, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Timor-Leste, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Zimbabwe. Angola, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Madagascar, the Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Nigeria, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovenia, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen and Zambia subsequently joined the sponsors.

179. At the same meeting, the representative of Morocco orally revised the draft resolution by modifying and renumbering paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, and by renumbering paragraph 4 accordingly.

180. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 6/10.

### **Protection of cultural heritage as an important component of the promotion and protection of cultural rights**

181. At the 21st meeting, on 28 September 2007, the representative of Armenia introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.33, sponsored by Algeria, Armenia, Belarus, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan, Sri Lanka and Tunisia. Angola, Ecuador, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Nicaragua, the Russian Federation and the Sudan subsequently joined the sponsors.

182. At the same meeting, the representative of Armenia orally revised the draft resolution by modifying the eighth preambular paragraph and paragraph 5; by deleting paragraph 6; by modifying paragraph 10; and by inserting a new paragraph after paragraph 10. The paragraphs following paragraph 5 were then renumbered accordingly.

183. A statement in connection with the draft resolution was made by the representative of Slovenia (on behalf of States members of the European Union that are members of the Council). A statement was made by Egypt with regard to the statement made by Slovenia.

184. A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Azerbaijan.

185. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 6/11.

**Human rights and indigenous peoples: mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people**

186. At the 21st meeting, on 28 September 2007, the representative of Guatemala introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.26, sponsored by Argentina, Armenia, Belgium, Bolivia, Chile, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Mexico, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Peru, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of). Andorra, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Iceland, New Zealand, Slovenia and Sweden subsequently joined the sponsors.

187. At the same meeting, the representative of Guatemala orally revised the draft resolution by replacing the second preambular paragraph and by modifying paragraph 1 (g).

188. 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<sup>25</sup> of the draft resolution.

189. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by the representatives of Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, the Russian Federation and Ukraine.

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<sup>25</sup> Ibid.

190. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 6/12.

191. At the 22nd meeting, on 28 September 2007, general comments were made by the observers for Denmark and Finland in connection with the adoption of the resolution.

### **Elaboration of human rights voluntary goals to be launched on the occasion of the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights**

192. At the 33rd meeting, on 14 December 2007, the representative of Brazil introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.36/Rev.1, sponsored by Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Uruguay. Cyprus, Ecuador, Estonia, Greece, Italy, Mali, Mexico, Moldova, Morocco, Slovenia and Spain subsequently joined the sponsors.

193. 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<sup>26</sup> of the draft resolution.

194. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by the representatives of Cuba and Slovenia (on behalf of States members of the European Union that are members of the Council).

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

196. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part I, section A, resolution 6/26.

### **Alliance of Civilizations**

197. At the 33rd meeting, on 14 December 2007, the representatives of Turkey and Spain introduced draft decision A/HRC/6/L.37, sponsored by Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), Spain and Turkey.

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<sup>26</sup> Ibid.

Albania, Andorra, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Djibouti, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jordan, Moldova, Nicaragua, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Serbia, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia and Uruguay subsequently joined the sponsors.

198. A statement in connection with the draft decision was made by the representative of Pakistan (on behalf of States members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference that are members of the Council).

199. The draft decision was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part I, section B, decision 6/106.

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

200. At the 33rd meeting, on 14 December 2007, the representative of Germany (also on behalf of Finland) introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.41, sponsored by Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Timor-Leste, Turkey and Uruguay. Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Japan, Moldova, Luxembourg, Serbia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) joined the sponsors.

201. At the same meeting, the representative of Germany orally revised the draft resolution by modifying paragraphs 1 and 2.

202. 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<sup>27</sup> of the draft resolution.

203. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part I, section A, resolution 6/27.

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<sup>27</sup> Ibid.

**Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism:  
mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights  
and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism**

204. At the 33rd meeting, on 14 December 2007, the representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.43, sponsored by Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Chile, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Peru, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America and Uruguay. Albania, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Canada, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Iceland, Japan, Jordan, Lesotho, Lithuania, Mali, Mauritius, Monaco, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Paraguay, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovenia, the Sudan, Ukraine and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) subsequently joined the sponsors.

205. 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<sup>28</sup> of the draft resolution.

206. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part I, section A, resolution 6/28.

**Right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health**

207. At the 33rd meeting, on 14 December 2007, the representative of Brazil introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.44, sponsored by Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Cyprus, Equatorial Guinea, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Mauritius, Mexico, the Netherlands, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Thailand, Timor-Leste, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Uruguay. Armenia, Austria,

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<sup>28</sup> Ibid.

Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Nicaragua, Slovenia, Turkey, the United Republic of Tanzania and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) subsequently joined the sponsors.

208. 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<sup>29</sup> of the draft resolution.

209. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part I, section A, resolution 6/29.

**Mandate of the Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons**

210. At the 34th meeting, on 14 December 2007, the representative of Austria introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.46, sponsored by Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Uganda, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United Republic of Tanzania. Armenia, Bolivia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Germany, Iceland, Japan, Moldova, Montenegro, Peru, Republic of Korea, Serbia, Timor-Leste, Uruguay and Zambia subsequently joined the sponsors.

211. At the same meeting, the representative of Austria orally revised the draft resolution by inserting new paragraphs after the first, third and fourth preambular paragraphs, by modifying paragraphs 6 (a) and 10, by inserting a new paragraph after 6 (e), and by renumbering the paragraphs accordingly.

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<sup>29</sup> Ibid.

212. 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<sup>30</sup> of the draft resolution.

213. Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Azerbaijan and Indonesia.

214. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part I, section A, resolution 6/32.

215. At the same meeting, a general comment in connection with the resolution was made by the observer for Armenia.

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

216. At the 34th meeting, on 14 December 2007, the representative of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.15/Rev.1, sponsored by Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kenya, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Mozambique, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Uruguay. Angola, Ecuador, El Salvador, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova and Paraguay subsequently joined the sponsors.

217. 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<sup>31</sup> of the draft resolution.

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<sup>30</sup> Ibid.

<sup>31</sup> Ibid.

218. At the same meeting, the representative of Pakistan withdrew the amendments to draft resolution L.15/Rev.1 contained in document A/HRC/6/L.49, sponsored by Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference).

219. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by the representatives of Cuba and the Russian Federation.

220. Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Pakistan (on behalf of States members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference that are members of the Council), Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal and South Africa.

221. At the request of the representative of Pakistan (on behalf of States members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference that are members of the Council), a recorded vote was taken on the draft resolution, which was adopted, by 29 votes to none, with 18 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:* Angola, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, France, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Italy, Japan, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mexico, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Zambia.

*Against:* None.

*Abstaining:* Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cameroon, China, Djibouti, Egypt, Gabon, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Mali, Nigeria, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka.

222. For the text of the draft resolution as adopted, see part I, section A, resolution 6/37.

223. At the same meeting, statements were made by the observers for Algeria, Morocco and the United States of America in connection with the adoption of the resolution.

#### **IV. HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATIONS THAT REQUIRE THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION**

##### **A. Follow-up to Council resolution OM/1/3 on the situation of human rights in Darfur**

###### **Update by the group of experts on Darfur**

224. At the 13th meeting, on 24 September 2007, Mr. Walter Kälin, Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons, in his capacity as Rapporteur and member of the group of experts on Darfur mandated by the Human Rights Council in resolution 4/8, introduced the interim report on the situation of human rights in Darfur (A/HRC/6/7) as requested by the Council in its resolution OM/1/3 of 20 June 2007 ("Follow-up to resolution 4/8 of 30 March 2007 adopted by the Human Rights Council at its fourth session entitled 'Follow-up to decision S-4/101 of 13 December 2006', adopted by the Council at its fourth special session entitled 'Situation of human rights in Darfur'").

225. The observer for the Sudan made a statement, as concerned country, on the report.

226. During the ensuing general debate, at the same meeting, the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Canada, China, Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Portugal<sup>32</sup> (on behalf of the European Union), Republic of Korea and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

(b) Observers for the following States: Algeria, Ireland and Norway;

(c) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Femmes Africa Solidarité, Hawa Society for Women, Human Rights Watch, International Commission of Jurists and International Federation of Human Rights Leagues.

227. At the same meeting, Mr. Kälin responded to questions and made his concluding remarks.

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<sup>32</sup> See footnote 3 above (para. 41).

## **Final report of the group of experts on Darfur**

228. At the 27th meeting, on 11 December 2007, Ms. Sima Samar, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan, introduced the final report on the situation of human rights in Darfur prepared by the group of experts on Darfur (A/HRC/6/19) as requested by the Council in its resolution OM/1/3 of 20 June 2007.

229. The observer for the Sudan made a statement, as the concerned country, on the report.

230. During the ensuing general debate, at the same meeting, the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Canada, China, Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), France, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Portugal<sup>33</sup> (on behalf of the European Union, and candidate countries - Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine), Republic of Korea, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Zambia;

(b) Observers for the following States: Algeria, Australia, Belgium, Iceland, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden and United States of America;

(c) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: African-American Society for Humanitarian Aid and Development, Amnesty International, Association for World Education (also on behalf of Association of World Citizens, International Humanist and Ethical Union and World Union for Progressive Judaism), Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies, Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations, Hawa Society for Women, Human Rights Watch, International Commission of Jurists, International Federation of Human Rights Leagues and United Nations Watch.

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<sup>33</sup> Ibid.

231. At the same meeting, Ms. Samar, together with Mr. Philip Alston, Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, Ms. Hina Jilani, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights defenders and Mr. Manfred Nowak, Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, responded to questions and made concluding remarks.

232. At the same meeting, a statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the observer for the Sudan.

**B. Follow-up to Council resolution S-5/1 on the situation of human rights in Myanmar**

233. At the 27th meeting, on 11 December 2007, Mr. Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, presented his report (A/HRC/6/14) as requested by Council resolution S-5/1 of 2 October 2007.

234. At the same meeting, the observer for Myanmar, as the concerned country, made a statement.

235. During the ensuing general debate, at the 28th meeting, on 12 December 2007, the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China, France, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Philippines, Portugal<sup>34</sup> (on behalf of the European Union, and candidate countries - Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; a country of the European Free Trade Association and member of the European Economic Area - Iceland; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine), Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Uruguay;

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<sup>34</sup> Ibid.

(b) Observers for the following States: Australia, Belgium, Cambodia, Chile, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;

(c) Observers for national human rights institutions: National Commission for Human Rights of Indonesia (also on behalf of the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia);

(d) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Amnesty International, Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (Forum-Asia) (also on behalf of Ain O Salish Kendra (ASK) Law and Mediation Centre, Center for Organization Research and Education, International NGO Forum on Indonesian Development, MINBYUN-Lawyers for a Democratic Society, Nonviolence International and Peace Boat), Asian Legal Resource Centre, Human Rights Watch, International Commission of Jurists, International Federation of Human Rights Leagues, International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs, Reporters without Borders and United Nations Watch.

236. At the same meeting, Mr. Pinheiro responded to questions and made his concluding remarks.

### **C. General debate on agenda item 4**

237. At the 13th and 14th meetings, on 24 September 2007, the Council held a general debate on item 4, during which the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Canada, China, Cuba, Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), France, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Pakistan, Portugal<sup>35</sup> (on behalf of the European Union, candidate countries - Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, as well as Georgia), Sri Lanka, Switzerland and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

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<sup>35</sup> Ibid.

(b) Observers for the following States: Australia, Belgium, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Lesotho, New Zealand, Sweden and United States of America;

(c) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: African Union;

(d) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: African-American Society for Humanitarian Aid and Development, Amnesty International, Arab Organization for Human Rights, Asian Legal Resource Centre, Baha'i International Community, Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies, Colombian Commission of Jurists, Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches (also on behalf of Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development and Asian Legal Resource Centre), Conectas Direitos Humanos, France Libertés: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand, Human Rights Watch, Indian Council of South America, Interfaith International, International Association of Schools of Social Work (also on behalf of International Federation of Social Workers), International Commission of Jurists, International Federation of Human Rights Leagues, International Human Rights Association of American Minorities, International Islamic Federation of Student Organizations, International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples, International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (also on behalf of Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development and Pax Romana), International Union of Socialist Youth, Mouvement contre le Racisme et pour l'Amitié entre les Peuples, Nippon Foundation, Union de l'Action Féminine, Union of Arab Jurists (also on behalf of International Educational Development), United Nations Watch, World Federation of Democratic Youth, World Muslim Congress and World Peace Council.

238. At the 14th meeting, on the same day, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Belarus, Canada, China, Colombia, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Iraq, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Morocco, Pakistan, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, the United Republic of Tanzania and Uzbekistan. A second statement in exercise of the right of reply, in connection with the statements made in exercise of the right of reply, were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Japan.

#### **D. Consideration and action on draft proposals**

##### **Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan**

239. At the 21st meeting, on 28 September 2007, Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States) introduced draft decision A/HRC/6/L.20, sponsored by Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States).

240. The draft decision was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part one, chapter II, decision 6/103.

##### **Follow-up to the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar**

241. At the 34th meeting, on 14 December 2007, the representative of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.38, sponsored by Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. El Salvador, Israel, Japan, Mauritius, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Switzerland and the United States of America.

242. At the same meeting, the representative of Portugal orally revised the draft resolution by inserting four new paragraphs after paragraphs 2, 3, 6 and 7, by modifying paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 10, and by renumbering the paragraphs accordingly.

243. 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<sup>36</sup> of the draft resolution.

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<sup>36</sup> See annex II.

244. The observer for Myanmar, as the concerned country, made a statement in relation to the draft resolution.

245. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by the representatives of China, India and the Russian Federation.

246. Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Japan and Malaysia.

247. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part I, section A, resolution 6/33.

### **Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan**

248. At the 34th meeting, on 14 December 2007, the representative of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States) introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.50, sponsored by Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States). Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Moldova, Monaco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland subsequently joined the sponsors.

249. 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<sup>37</sup> of the draft resolution.

250. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, China, Pakistan (on behalf of States members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference that are members of the Council), Slovenia (on behalf of States members of the European Union that are members of the Council) and the Russian Federation.

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<sup>37</sup> Ibid.

251. The observer for the Sudan, as the concerned country, made a statement in relation to the draft resolution.

252. Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Japan and Switzerland.

253. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part I, section A, resolution 6/34.

### **Human Rights Council Group of Experts on the situation of human rights in Darfur**

254. At the 34th meeting, on 14 December 2007, the representatives of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States) and Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.51, sponsored by Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States) and Portugal (on behalf of the European Union). Croatia, Japan, Moldova, Monaco, Serbia and Turkey subsequently joined the sponsors.

255. A statement in connection with the draft resolution was made by the representative of Pakistan (on behalf of States members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference that are members of the Council).

256. The observer for the Sudan, as the concerned country, made a statement in relation to the draft resolution.

257. Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Jordan and Malaysia.

258. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part I, section A, resolution 6/35.

259. At the 34th meeting, on 14 December 2007, general comments were made by the observers for the Syrian Arab Republic and the United States of America in connection with the adoption of resolutions 6/34 and 6/35.

## V. HUMAN RIGHTS BODIES AND MECHANISMS

### A. General debate on agenda item 5

260. At the 8th meeting, on 19 September 2007, the Council held a general debate on items 5, during which the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), Latvia<sup>38</sup> (also on behalf of Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Maldives, Malta, Mexico, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Portugal<sup>39</sup> (on behalf of the European Union, and candidate countries - Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; a country of the European Free Trade Association and member of the European Economic Area - Liechtenstein; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine) and Switzerland;

(b) Observers for the following States: Finland, Hungary, Ireland and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia;

(c) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Action Canada for Population and Development, Amnesty International, Association of World Citizens, Comisión Jurídica para el Autodesarrollo de los Pueblos Originarios Andinos, European Union of Public Relations, Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action, Indian Council of South America, Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru (also on behalf of World Peace Council), International Indian Treaty Council (also on behalf of International Organization of Indigenous

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<sup>38</sup> Observer State of the Council speaking on behalf of States members and observer States.

<sup>39</sup> See footnote 3 above (para. 41).

Resources Development), International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples, International Service for Human Rights, International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs, Minority Rights Group International (also on behalf of Asian Legal Resource Centre, Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions, International Federation for the Protection of the Rights of Ethnic, Religious, Linguistic and other Minorities, International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism, Islamic Human Rights Commission, Mouvement contre le racismisme et pour l'amitié entre les peuples and Society for Threatened Peoples) and Shimin Gaikou Centre.

## **B. Consideration and action on draft proposals**

### **The Social Forum**

261. At the 21st meeting, on 28 September 2007, the representative of Cuba introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.17/Rev.1, sponsored by Bolivia, Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of). Colombia, Congo and Indonesia subsequently joined the sponsors.

262. 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<sup>40</sup> of the draft resolution.

263. A statement in connection with the draft resolution was made by the representative of Slovenia (on behalf of States members of the European Union that are members of the Council).

264. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 6/13.

### **Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery**

265. At the 21st meeting, on 28 September 2007, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.23/Rev.1, sponsored by Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, the Czech

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<sup>40</sup> See annex II.

Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Maldives, the Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uruguay. Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Guatemala, Malta, Nicaragua, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, Serbia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia subsequently joined the sponsors.

266. At the same meeting, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland orally revised the draft resolution by replacing the ninth preambular paragraph and by deleting paragraph 3 (c).

267. 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<sup>41</sup> of the draft resolution.

268. A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Egypt.

269. A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of Indonesia.

270. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 6/14.

### **Forum on Minority Issues**

271. At the 21st meeting, on 28 September 2007, the representative of Austria introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.34, sponsored by Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the United Kingdom of

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<sup>41</sup> Ibid.

Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Argentina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Chile, Guatemala, Ecuador, Latvia, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine subsequently joined the sponsors.

272. At the same meeting, the representative of Austria orally revised the draft resolution by modifying the eleventh preambular paragraph, replacing the twelfth preambular paragraph, modifying paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6, then inserting a new paragraph after paragraph 3 and renumbering the paragraphs accordingly.

273. 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<sup>42</sup> of the draft resolution.

274. A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of Cuba.

275. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 6/15.

**Informal meeting to discuss the most appropriate mechanisms to continue the work of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations**

276. At the 21st meeting, on 28 September 2007, the representative of Bolivia introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.35, sponsored by Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Cuba, Ecuador, Panama, Peru, Spain, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of). Mexico and Nicaragua subsequently joined the sponsors.

277. At the same meeting, the representative of Bolivia orally revised the draft resolution by modifying paragraph 1.

278. 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<sup>43</sup> of the draft resolution.

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<sup>42</sup> Ibid.

<sup>43</sup> Ibid.

279. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 6/16.

280. At the 21st meeting, on 28 September 2007, a statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of Slovenia (on behalf of States members of the European Union that are members of the Council) in connection with the resolutions adopted under item 5. The representative of Egypt made a statement with regard to the statement made by Slovenia.

### **Expert mechanism on the rights of indigenous peoples**

281. At the 34th meeting, on 14 December 2007, the representative of Bolivia introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.42, sponsored by Bolivia and Brazil. Canada, Denmark, Guatemala and Spain subsequently joined the sponsors.

282. The President informed the Council that Brazil had withdrawn its co-sponsorship of the draft resolution.

283. At the same meeting, the representative of Bolivia orally revised the draft resolution by modifying the title of the resolution; by modifying the first and second preambular paragraphs; by inserting a new paragraph after the third preambular paragraph; by modifying paragraphs 1, 1 (a), 1 (c), 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12; by deleting paragraphs 1 (b), 1 (d), 3, 5, 6 and 7; and by renumbering the paragraphs accordingly.

284. 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<sup>44</sup> of the draft resolution.

285. A statement in connection with the draft resolution was made by the representative of Guatemala.

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<sup>44</sup> Ibid.

286. A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of the Russian Federation.

287. Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Bolivia and Cuba. Bolivia withdrew its co-sponsorship of the resolution as adopted.

288. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part I, section A, resolution 6/36.

289. At the 34th meeting, on 14 December 2007, a statement was made by the observer for the International Indian Treaty Council (on behalf of the Indigenous Caucus) regarding the adoption of resolution 6/36.

## **VI. UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW**

### **A. General debate on agenda item 6**

290. At the 8th meeting, on 19 September 2007, the Council held a general debate on item 6, during which the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), Nigeria, Slovenia (on behalf of the European Union) and Switzerland;

(b) Representative of an observer State of the Council: Ethiopia;

(c) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies (also on behalf of Baha'i International Community, Colombian Commission of Jurists and International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism), International Federation of Human Rights Leagues, International Service for Human Rights and International Indian Treaty Council (also on behalf of International Organization of Indigenous Resources Development).

### **B. Timetable for the consideration of States under the Working Group on Universal Periodic Review**

291. At the 12th meeting, on 21 September 2007, in accordance with part I, section C, paragraph 7, of the annex of Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2006, the Council agreed on a timetable for the consideration of the 192 Member States of the United Nations under the universal periodic review mechanism during its first cycle. The timetable was established by applying the modalities contained in a note prepared by the Secretariat entitled "Main steps to be taken regarding the establishment of the universal periodic review (UPR) work programme (for the first cycle)" (see annex V). The aforementioned modalities had been discussed during two informal meetings of the Council held on 12 and 19 September 2007 respectively.

292. By the deadline of 21 September 2007, as indicated by the Secretariat (see annex V, 1 (a)), Colombia and Switzerland had volunteered for being reviewed as a matter of priority in accordance with paragraph 12 of the annex of resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007.

293. At the same meeting, the Council determined, by drawing of lots, the States to be considered by the Working Group on Universal Periodic Review at each of its 12 sessions during the first cycle (2008-2011). For the timetable as established through the procedure, see annex VI.

294. Subsequently, the Council determined, by drawing of lots, the order of review in which States scheduled for the first three sessions of the Working Group in 2008 will be considered. The order of review is reproduced in annex VII.

295. At the same meeting, the representatives of China and South Africa made statements.

### **C. Consideration of and action on draft proposals**

#### **Establishment of funds for the universal periodic review mechanism of the Human Rights Council**

296. At the 21st meeting, on 28 September 2007, the representative of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States) introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.12/Rev.1, sponsored by Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States). Indonesia and the Maldives subsequently joined the sponsors.

297. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 6/17.

## **VII. HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN PALESTINE AND OTHER OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES**

### **A. Follow-up to Human Rights Council resolution OM/1/2 on the human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and general debate on item 7**

298. At the 9th meeting, on 20 September 2007, the President of the Human Rights Council and the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, on behalf of the High Commissioner for Human Rights reported “on their efforts for the implementation of Council resolutions S-1/1 and S-3/1 and on the compliance of Israel, the occupying Power, with these two resolutions” as requested by Council resolution OM/1/2 entitled “Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory: follow-up to Human Rights Council resolutions S-1/1 and S-3/1” of 20 June 2007. The observers for Israel, Palestine and Syrian Arab Republic made statements, as concerned countries, or parties.

299. During the ensuing general debate on the implementation of Council resolutions S-1/1 and S-3/1 and on item 7, at the same meeting, the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Bangladesh, Canada, China, Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Egypt (also on behalf of the Group of African States), France, Iraq<sup>45</sup> (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Portugal<sup>46</sup> (on behalf of the European Union, candidate countries - Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; a country of the European Free Trade Association and member of the European Economic Area - Liechtenstein; as well as Moldova and Ukraine), Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa and Switzerland;

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<sup>45</sup> Observer State of the Council speaking on behalf of States members and observer States.

<sup>46</sup> See footnote 3 above (para. 41).

(b) Observers for the following States: Algeria, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Yemen;

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

(d) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Amnesty International, 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 International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples and Mouvement contre le Racisme et pour l'Amitié entre les Peuples), European Centre for Law and Justice, Human Rights Watch, Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru (also on behalf of World Peace Council), International Commission of Jurists, Organization for Defending Victims of Violence, Union of Arab Jurists, United Nations Watch and World Union for Progressive Judaism.

300. At the 10th meeting, on the same day, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the observers for Israel and Palestine.

301. At the same meeting, the Secretariat responded to a question raised by a delegation.

## **B. Consideration and action on draft proposals**

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

302. At the 21st meeting, on 28 September 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/6/L.2, sponsored by Iraq (on behalf of the Group of Arab States) and Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference). Belarus, Bolivia, Cuba and South Africa subsequently joined the sponsors.

303. 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<sup>47</sup> of the draft resolution.

304. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by the representatives of Egypt and Slovenia (on behalf of States members of the European Union that are members of the Council).

305. A statement in connection with the draft resolution was made by the observer for Palestine, as a concerned party.

306. A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of Canada.

307. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 6/18.

### **Religious and cultural rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem**

308. At the 21st meeting, on 28 September 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/6/L.4 (superseding A/HRC/4/L.3 deferred from the fourth session of the Council), sponsored by Iraq (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference) and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of). Belarus, Cuba and South Africa subsequently joined the sponsors.

309. A statement in connection with the draft resolution was made by the representative of Slovenia (on behalf of States members of the European Union that are members of the Council).

310. A statement in connection with the draft resolution was made by the observer for Palestine, as a concerned party.

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<sup>47</sup> See annex II.

311. At the request of the representative of Slovenia (on behalf of States members of the European Union that are members of the Council), a recorded vote was taken on the draft resolution, which was adopted, by 31 votes to 1, with 15 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:* Angola, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Uruguay, Zambia.

*Against:* Canada.

*Abstaining:* Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, France, Germany, Guatemala, Italy, Japan, Madagascar, Netherlands, Republic of Korea, Romania, Slovenia, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

312. Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Canada and Mexico.

313. For the text of the draft resolution as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 6/19.

## **VIII. FOLLOW-UP TO AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VIENNA DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION**

### **A. Discussion on the integration of a gender perspective in the work of the Human Rights Council**

314. At the 10th and 11th meetings, on 20 and 21 September 2007, the Council held a discussion on the integration of a gender perspective in the work of the Human Rights Council. The discussion was moderated by the representative of Kenya, Ms. Maria Nzomo.

315. At the 10th meeting, on 20 September 2007, the Council heard presentations by Ms. Kyung-wha Kang, United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights; Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for children and armed conflict; Mr. Miloon Kothari, Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and Ms. Charlotte Bunch, Executive Director of the Centre for Women's Global Leadership. The Council had before it an information note as submitted by the delegations of Chile, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway and Slovenia.

316. During the ensuing discussion, at the 10th and 11th meetings, on 20 and 21 September 2007, the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Bangladesh, Brazil (also on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Canada, Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), India, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Philippines, Portugal<sup>48</sup> (on behalf of the European Union), Russian Federation, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka (on behalf of the Group of Asian States) and Switzerland;

(b) Observers for the following States: Australia, Chile, Colombia, Ethiopia, Finland, Morocco, New Zealand (also on behalf of Norway), Panama, Republic of Korea, Slovenia, Sweden, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of);

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<sup>48</sup> See footnote 3 above (para. 41).

(c) Observer for United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations:  
United Nations Population Fund;

(d) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: International Organization of  
la Francophonie;

(e) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Action Canada for Population and  
Development (also on behalf of Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, Development Alternatives  
with Women for a New Era and International Alliance of Women), Association tunisienne des  
mères, Baha'i International Community, Commission to Study the Organization of Peace,  
Femmes Africa Solidarité (also on behalf of Association Tunisienne des Mères and Women's  
International League for Peace and Freedom), International Federation of University Women  
(also on behalf of Anglican Consultative Council, International Council of Women, International  
Federation of Business and Professional Women, Mouvement contre le racisme et pour l'amitié  
entre les peuples, Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association, United Towns Agency  
for North-South Cooperation, Women's Federation for World Peace International, Women's  
International League for Peace and Freedom, Women's International Zionist Organization,  
Women's World Summit Foundation, Worldwide Organization for Women and Zonta  
International), International Institute for Non-Aligned Studies, International Service for Human  
Rights, International Women's Rights Action Watch (also on behalf of Asia Pacific Forum on  
Women, Law and Development, Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (Forum-  
Asia) and International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism) and World  
Organization Against Torture.

317. At the 10th and 11th meetings, on 20 and 21 September 2007, the presenters responded to  
questions and made concluding remarks.

318. At the 11th meeting, on 21 September 2007, the moderator summarized the discussions  
and made her concluding remarks.

## **B. General debate on agenda item 8**

319. At the 19th meeting, on 27 September 2007, the Council held a general debate on item 8,  
during which the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Bangladesh, Brazil (on behalf of the Group of Friends of the Draft United Nations Guidelines for Appropriate Use and Conditions of Alternative Care for Children - Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Egypt, Georgia, Ghana, India, Mexico, Morocco, Philippines, Portugal, Sudan, Sweden, Ukraine and Uruguay, and also on behalf of Finland, Germany, Italy, Nicaragua and Switzerland), Canada, Cuba, India, Japan, Netherlands, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Peru, Philippines, Portugal<sup>49</sup> (on behalf of the European Union), Republic of Korea, Slovenia and Switzerland;

(b) Observers for the following States: Algeria, Australia, Burkina Faso, Chile, Finland, Ireland, Morocco, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden and United States of America;

(c) Observers for United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations: United Nations Children's Fund;

(d) Observer for a national human rights institution: Canadian Human Rights Commission;

(e) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Friends World Committee for Consultation (Quakers) (also on behalf of ECPAT International, Foster Care Organization International, International Alliance of Women, International Council of Women, International Federation of Social Workers, International Save the Children Alliance, Plan International Norway and SOS Kinderdorf International), Interfaith International, International Association of Schools of Social Work, International Commission of Jurists, International Service For Human Rights and Union de l'action féminine.

### **C. Consideration of and action on draft proposals**

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

320. At the 22nd meeting, on 28 September 2007, the representative of Belgium (on behalf of Armenia, Mexico and Senegal) introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.18/Rev.1, sponsored by

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<sup>49</sup> See footnote 3 above (para. 41).

Armenia, Belgium, Mexico and Senegal. Albania, Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Congo, Croatia, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mali, the Netherlands, Peru, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uruguay subsequently joined the sponsors.

321. At the same meeting, the representative of Belgium orally revised the draft resolution by modifying paragraphs 2 and 3.

322. 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<sup>50</sup> of the draft resolution.

323. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 6/20.

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

324. At the 33rd meeting, on 14 December 2007, the representative of Chile introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.32/Rev.1, sponsored by Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Greece, Guatemala, Italy, Kenya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Republic of Korea, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Tanzania and Uruguay. Argentina, Burundi, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, France, Germany, Ghana, Honduras, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Lithuania, Madagascar, Mauritius, Moldova, the Netherlands, Paraguay, Poland, Serbia, Ukraine and Zambia subsequently joined the sponsors.

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<sup>50</sup> See annex II.

325. At the same meeting, the representative of Chile orally revised the draft resolution by modifying paragraph 6.

326. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by the representatives of Egypt, India, Pakistan (on behalf of States members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference that are members of the Council), the Russian Federation and South Africa.

327. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part I, section A, resolution 6/30.

**IX. RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, XENOPHOBIA AND RELATED FORMS OF INTOLERANCE, FOLLOW-UP TO AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DURBAN DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION**

**A. Interactive dialogue with special procedures**

**Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance**

328. At the 4th meeting, on 14 September 2007, Mr. Doudou Diène, Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, presented his report (A/HRC/6/6), as requested by Council resolution 4/9 of 30 March 2007.

329. During the ensuing interactive dialogue with Mr. Diène at the 4th and 5th meetings, on 14 September 2007, the following made statements and posed questions:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), France, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Netherlands, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Philippines, Portugal<sup>51</sup> (on behalf of the European Union), Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Senegal, South Africa and Switzerland;

(b) Observers for the following States: Algeria, Armenia, Belgium, Chile, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Lesotho, Morocco, Norway, Poland, Spain, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand and Tunisia;

(c) Observer for the Holy See;

(d) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: African Union;

(e) Observer for a national human rights institution: International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions;

(f) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Association of World Citizens, Foundation of Japanese Honorary Debts and Indian Council of South America.

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<sup>51</sup> See footnote 3 above (para. 41).

330. At the 5th meeting, on the same day, Mr. Diène responded to questions and made his concluding remarks.

## **B. Reports presented under agenda item 9 and general debate on that item**

### **Report prepared by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights<sup>52</sup>**

331. At the 15th meeting, on 25 September 2007, the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights introduced the report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on combating defamation of religions (A/HRC/6/4), as requested by Council resolution 4/9 of 30 March 2007.

### **Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference**

332. At the 15th meeting, on 25 September 2007, Ms. Najat Al-Hajjaji, in her capacity as Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference and pursuant to Council resolution 3/2 of 8 December 2006, presented an oral report on the organizational session of the Preparatory Committee, held 27-31 August 2007 (A/62/375).

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

333. At the 15th meeting, on 25 September 2007, Mr. Juan Martabit, in his capacity as Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, presented an oral report on the second part of the fifth session of the Working Group, held from 3 to 7 September 2007 (A/HRC/6/10).

334. At the 15th and 16th meetings, on 25 September 2007, the Council held a general debate on the afore-mentioned reports and a general debate on item 9, during which the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brazil (also on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), China, Cuba, Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Pakistan

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<sup>52</sup> See paragraph 101.

(on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Peru, Portugal<sup>53</sup> (on behalf of the European Union, and candidate countries - Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; a country of the European Free Trade Association and member of the European Economic Area - Liechtenstein; as well as Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine), Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Senegal, South Africa and Switzerland;

(b) Observers for the following States: Algeria, Argentina, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Morocco, Norway, Panama, Rwanda, Tunisia, Turkey and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of);

(c) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Action Canada for Population and Development (also on behalf of Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era and International Alliance of Women), European Centre for Law and Justice, European Union for Public Relations, Fraternité Notre Dame, Interfaith International, International Association of Democratic Lawyers, International Human Rights Association of American Minorities, International Humanist and Ethical Union (also on behalf of Association for World Education, Association of World Citizens and World Union for Progressive Judaism), International Islamic Federation of Students Organizations, International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism, International Organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (also on behalf of Organization for Defending Victims of Violence), Japan Fellowship of Reconciliation, Ligue internationale contre le racisme et l'antisémitisme, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (also on behalf of Asian Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Network, Asian Legal Resource Centre, Association of World Citizens, Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights, Colombian Commission of Jurists, Comité international pour le respect et l'application de la Charte africaine des droits de l'homme et des peuples, English International Association of Lund, Femmes Africa Solidarité, Indian Council of South America, Interfaith International, International Alliance of Women, International Educational Development, International Federation for the Protection of

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<sup>53</sup> See footnote 3 above (para. 41).

the Rights of Ethnic, Religious, Linguistic and Other Minorities, International Federation of University Women, International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples, International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism, International Organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, International Union of Socialist Youth, International Youth and Student Movement for the United Nations, Mbororo Social and Cultural Development Association, Mouvement contre le Racisme et pour l'Amitié entre les Peuples, Nord Sud XXI, Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association, Reporters Without Borders, Union of Arab Jurists, World Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations, World Young Women's Christian Association and Worldwide Organization for Women), World Circle of the Consensus, World Muslim Congress, World Population Foundation, World Union for Progressive Judaism (also on behalf of Association for World Education).

335. At the 16th meeting, on the same day, the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference and the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action responded to questions and made their concluding remarks.

336. Also, at the same meeting, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Japan and Sri Lanka. A second statement in exercise of the right of reply, in connection with the statements made in exercise of the right of reply, were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Japan.

### **C. Consideration and action on draft proposals**

#### **Report of the Preparatory Committee on the Durban Review Conference**

337. At the 22nd meeting, on 28 September 2007, the President introduced the decision recommended for adoption by the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference (PC.1/8).

338. The draft decision was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part one, chapter II, decision 6/105.

**Elaboration of international complementary standards to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination**

339. At the 22nd meeting, on 28 September 2007, the representative of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States) introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.8/Rev.1, sponsored by Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States). Cuba and Indonesia subsequently joined the sponsors.

340. At the same meeting, the representative of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States) orally revised the draft resolution by modifying the eighth preambular paragraph.

341. 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<sup>54</sup> of the draft resolution.

342. A statement in connection with the draft resolution was made by the representative of Pakistan (on behalf of State members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference that are members of the Council).

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

344. At the request of the representative of Slovenia (on behalf of States members of the European Union that are members of the Council), a recorded vote was taken on the draft resolution, as orally revised, which was adopted, by 32 votes to 10, with 4 abstentions. The voting was as follows:<sup>55</sup>

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<sup>54</sup> See annex II.

<sup>55</sup> The representative of Gabon subsequently stated that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of the draft resolution.

*In favour:* Angola, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroon, China, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Zambia.

*Against:* Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Romania, Slovenia, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

*Abstaining:* Japan, Republic of Korea, Ukraine, Uruguay.

345. For the text of the draft resolution as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 6/21.

**From rhetoric to reality: a global call for concrete action against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance**

346. At the 22nd meeting, on 28 September 2007, the representative of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States) introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.9/Rev.1, sponsored by Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States). Cuba and Indonesia subsequently joined the sponsors.

347. At the same meeting, the representative of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States) orally revised the draft resolution by modifying paragraph 2.

348. 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<sup>56</sup> of the draft resolution.

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

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<sup>56</sup> See annex II.

350. At the request of the representative of Slovenia (on behalf of States members of the European Union that are members of the Council), a recorded vote was taken on the draft resolution, as orally revised, which was adopted, by 28 votes to 13, with 5 abstentions. The voting was as follows:<sup>57</sup>

*In favour:* Angola, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Cameroon, China, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Zambia.

*Against:* Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Republic of Korea, Romania, Slovenia, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

*Abstaining:* Brazil, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay.

351. For the text of the draft resolution as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 6/22.

### **Preparations for the Durban Review Conference**

352. At the 22nd meeting, on 28 September 2007, the representative of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States) introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.27, sponsored by Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States). Cuba and Indonesia subsequently joined the sponsors.

353. At the same meeting, the representative of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States) orally revised the draft resolution by modifying the fourth preambular paragraph and by inserting a new paragraph after that paragraph.

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<sup>57</sup> The representative of Gabon subsequently stated that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of the draft resolution.

354. 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<sup>58</sup> of the draft resolution.

355. A statement in connection with the draft resolution was made by the representative of Pakistan (on behalf of State members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference that are members of the Council).

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

357. At the request of the representative of Slovenia (on behalf of States members of the European Union that are members of the Council), a recorded vote was taken on the draft resolution, as orally revised, which was adopted, by 33 votes to 10, with 3 abstentions. The voting was as follows:<sup>59</sup>

*In favour:* Angola, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroon, China, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Uruguay, Zambia.

*Against:* Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Romania, Slovenia, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

*Abstaining:* Japan, Republic of Korea, Ukraine.

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<sup>58</sup> See annex II.

<sup>59</sup> The representative of Gabon subsequently stated that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of the draft resolution.

358. A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of India.

359. For the text of the draft resolution as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 6/23.

360. At the 22nd meeting, on 28 September 2007, a general comment in connection with the resolutions adopted under item 9 (resolutions 6/21, 6/22 and 6/23) was made by the observer for Chile.

## **X. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY-BUILDING**

### **A. Interactive dialogue with special procedures**

#### **Democratic Republic of the Congo**

361. At the 17th meeting, on 26 September 2007, Mr. Titinga Frédéric Pacéré, independent expert appointed by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, presented his report (A/HRC/4/7). The observer for the Democratic Republic of the Congo, as the concerned country, made a statement on the report.

362. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, the following made statements and posed questions to Mr. Pacéré:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Canada, Portugal<sup>60</sup> (on behalf of the European Union) and Republic of Korea;

(b) Observers for the following States: Algeria and Belgium;

(c) Observer for a national human rights institution: National Consultative Commission on Human Rights of France;

(d) Observer for a non-governmental organization: Human Rights Watch.

363. At the same meeting, Mr. Pacéré responded to questions and made his concluding remarks.

### **B. General debate on agenda item 10**

364. At the 19th meeting, on 27 September 2007, the Council held a general debate on item 10, during which the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Bangladesh, Malaysia, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Portugal<sup>61</sup> (on behalf of the

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<sup>60</sup> See footnote 3 above (para. 41).

<sup>61</sup> Ibid.

European Union, candidate countries - Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey; countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; a country of the European Free Trade Association and member of the European Economic Area - Liechtenstein; as well as Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine) and Sri Lanka;

(b) Observers for the following States: Burkina Faso, Chile, Costa Rica and Sweden;

(c) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: International Alliance of Women, International Federation of University Women (also on behalf of Femmes Africa Solidarité, International Association for Religious Freedom, International Organization for the Right to Education and Freedom of Education, New Humanity, Pan Pacific and South Asia Women's Association, People's Decade of Human Rights Education, Soka Gakkai International, Women's Federation for World Peace International, Women's International Zionist Organization, Women's World Summit Foundation, Worldwide Organization for Women) and Soka Gakkai International (also on behalf of Anglican Consultative Council, Association for World Education, Institute for Planetary Synthesis, Interfaith International, International Federation of Social Workers, International Federation of University Women, International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism, International Organization for the Right to Education and Freedom of Education, New Humanity, Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association, Pax Romana, People's Decade of Human Rights Education, Women's Federation for World Peace International, Women's World Summit Foundation, World Federation of United Nations Associations and Worldwide Organization for Women).

### **C. Consideration and action on draft proposals**

#### **Situation of human rights in Haiti**

365. At the 21st meeting, on 28 September 2007, the President introduced draft statement A/HRC/6/L.28, sponsored by Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Ecuador, France, Germany, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, Norway, Peru, Portugal, Spain, the United States of America and Uruguay.

366. 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<sup>62</sup> of the draft resolution.

367. The draft statement was agreed upon by the Council by consensus. For the text as agreed upon, see part one, chapter III, President's statement 6/PRST/1.

#### **Advisory services and technical assistance for Burundi**

368. At the 21st meeting, on 28 September 2007, the representative of Burundi introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.29/Rev.1, sponsored by Burkina Faso, Burundi, Ghana, Mauritius, Rwanda, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia. Angola and Côte d'Ivoire subsequently joined the sponsors.

369. At the same meeting, the representative of Burundi orally revised the draft resolution by inserting a new preambular paragraph after the second preambular paragraph.

370. 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<sup>63</sup> of the draft resolution.

371. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 6/5.

#### **World Programme for Human Rights Education**

372. At the 22nd meeting, on 28 September 2007, the representative of Costa Rica introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.16 (superseding A/HRC/2/L.30 deferred from the 2nd session of the Council), sponsored by Albania, Argentina, Australia, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, El Salvador, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Italy, Mexico, Nicaragua,

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<sup>62</sup> See annex II.

<sup>63</sup> Ibid.

Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of). Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Israel, Morocco, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Sudan, Switzerland, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Turkey and Ukraine subsequently joined the sponsors.

373. At the same meeting, the representative of Costa Rica orally revised the draft resolution by modifying paragraph 9.

374. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 6/24.

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

375. At the 22nd meeting, on 28 September 2007, the representative of Indonesia introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.21, sponsored by Australia, New Zealand and Sri Lanka (on behalf of the Group of Asian States).

376. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 6/25.

### **Advisory services and technical assistance for Liberia**

377. At the 33rd meeting, on 14 December 2007, the representative of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) introduced draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.45, sponsored by Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mali, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Albania, Iceland, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal, Serbia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, the United States of America and Zambia subsequently joined the sponsors.

378. At the same meeting, the representative of Portugal orally revised the draft resolution by modifying the first preambular paragraph and paragraph 5.

379. 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<sup>64</sup> of the draft resolution.

380. A statement in connection with the draft resolution was made by the representative of Egypt (on behalf of States members of the Group of African States that are members of the Council).

381. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see part I, section A, resolution 6/31.

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<sup>64</sup> Ibid.

## **XI. REPORT ON THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL**

382. At the 34th meeting, on 14 December 2007, the Rapporteur and Vice-President, Mr. Alejandro Artucio (Uruguay), made a statement in connection with the draft report of the Council (A/HRC/6/L.10/Rev.1).
383. The draft report was adopted *ad referendum*.
384. The Council decided to entrust the Rapporteur with the finalization of the report.
385. At the same meeting, the President of the Council made a closing statement.

## ANNEXES

### ANNEX I

#### **Agenda<sup>a</sup>**

- Item 1. Organizational and procedural matters.
- Item 2. Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General.
- Item 3. Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development.
- Item 4. Human rights situations that require the Council's attention.
- Item 5. Human rights bodies and mechanisms.
- Item 6. Universal periodic review.
- Item 7. Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories.
- Item 8. Follow-up to and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.
- Item 9. Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance, follow-up and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.
- Item 10. Technical assistance and capacity-building.

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<sup>a</sup> See A/HRC/6/1.

ANNEX II

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROGRAMME BUDGET IMPLICATIONS  
OF COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS, AS WELL AS  
PRESIDENT'S STATEMENTS**

*[to be included in the final report]*

ANNEX III

**Attendance**

*[to be included in the final report]*

ANNEX IV

**List of documents issued for the sixth session of the Council**

*[to be included in the final report]*

## ANNEX V

### **Note by the Secretariat entitled “Main steps to be taken regarding the establishment of the universal periodic review (UPR) work programme (for the first cycle)”**

#### **1. First step (before the selection process)**

(a) In accordance with paragraph 12 of the institution-building text annexed to Council resolution 5/1, Member and Observer States may volunteer to be reviewed as a matter of priority. Expressions of interest should reach the Secretariat *before 21 September 2007*;

(b) The Secretariat will prepare five lists of countries in alphabetical order, each list corresponding to a regional group. The lists of regional groups will be based on groupings drawn up in New York in similar circumstances;

(c) In accordance with paragraph 9 of the institution-building text, Council members whose terms of membership ended in June 2007 or will end in June 2008 will be clearly identified\* in each list. Those countries volunteering for review will also be identified in each list (see appendix I);

(d) In order to maintain a good balance between members and non-members, Council members whose terms of membership will end in June 2009 or later, will also be identified as appropriate.

#### **2. Second step (selection process)**

(a) On 21 September 2007, the President will draw by lot the first Member or Observer State, the name of which will serve to reorganize the above lists accordingly. Each list will be recomposed taking into account the priorities mentioned in paragraph 1 (c). Those countries whose terms of membership ended in June 2007 will be moved up in the list, followed by those whose terms of membership will end in June 2008, as well as the volunteers. Members whose

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\* In appendix 1 below, members of the Human Rights Council are indicated in bold, and the date indicates the end of its term of membership.

terms of membership will end in June 2009 and those non-initial members of the Council whose terms of membership will end in 2010 will be placed in the list at the first possible opportunity in the year during which their terms of membership will end;

(b) In accordance with paragraph 14 of the institution-building text, 48 countries will be reviewed per year, thus corresponding to 16 countries to be reviewed per session of the Working Group on UPR. In this regard, and so as to ensure full respect for equitable geographic distribution (paragraph 11 of the institution-building text), the calendar for 2008 and following years will be drawn up based on the tables contained in appendix 2;

(c) The President will then draw by lot the order in which countries selected for the first UPR session will be considered. Similar drawings will take place at each plenary session for the subsequent UPR Working Group sessions;

(d) Lastly, all States to be reviewed in 2008 will be invited to indicate before 15 November 2007 whether they intend to request that one of the three rapporteurs be from its own regional group (an option provided for in paragraph 19 of the institution-building text annexed to resolution 5/1).

## Appendix 1

### Unofficial listing of regional groups

AFRICAN STATES (53)	ASIAN STATES (54)	LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES (33)	WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES (29)	EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES (23)
<b>Algeria M2007</b> <b>Angola M2010</b> Benin Botswana Burkina Faso  Burundi <b>Cameroon M2009</b> Cape Verde  Central African Republic Chad Comoros Congo  Côte d'Ivoire  Democratic Republic of the Congo <b>Djibouti M2008</b> <b>Egypt M2010</b> Equatorial Guinea Eritrea  Ethiopia  <b>Gabon M2008</b> Gambia  <b>Ghana M2008</b>  Guinea Guinea-Bissau Kenya Lesotho  Liberia Libyan Arab Jamahiriya  <b>Madagascar M2010</b>  Malawi <b>Mali M2008</b> Mauritania <b>Mauritius M2009</b>	Afghanistan <b>Bahrain M2007</b> <b>Bangladesh M2009</b> Bhutan Brunei Darussalam  Cambodia <b>China M2009</b> Cyprus  Democratic People's Republic of Korea Fiji <b>India M2007-2010</b> <b>Indonesia</b> <b>M2007-2010</b> Iran (Islamic Republic of) Iraq  <b>Japan M2008</b> <b>Jordan M2009</b> Kazakhstan Kiribati  Kuwait  Kyrgyzstan Lao People's Democratic Republic Lebanon  <b>Malaysia M2009</b> Maldives Marshall Islands Micronesia (Federated States of) Mongolia Myanmar  Nauru  Nepal Oman <b>Pakistan M2008</b> Palau	Antigua and Barbuda <b>Argentina M2007</b> Bahamas Barbados Belize  <b>Bolivia M2010</b> <b>Brazil M2008</b> Chile  Colombia  Costa Rica <b>Cuba M2009</b> Dominica  Dominican Republic  <b>Ecuador M2007</b>  El Salvador Grenada <b>Guatemala M2008</b> Guyana  Haiti  Honduras Jamaica  <b>Mexico M2009</b>  <b>Nicaragua M2010</b> Panama Paraguay <b>Peru M2008</b>  Saint Kitts and Nevis Saint Lucia  Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Suriname Trinidad and Tobago <b>Uruguay M2009</b> Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Andorra Australia Austria Belgium <b>Canada M2009</b>  Denmark <b>Finland M2007</b> <b>France M2008</b>  <b>Germany M2009</b>  Greece Iceland Ireland  Israel  <b>Italy M2010</b>  Liechtenstein Luxembourg Malta Monaco  <b>Netherlands</b> <b>M2007-2010</b> New Zealand Norway  Portugal  San Marino Spain Sweden <b>Switzerland M2009</b>  Turkey <b>United Kingdom of</b> <b>Great Britain and</b> <b>Northern Ireland</b> <b>M2008</b> United States of America	Albania Armenia <b>Azerbaijan M2009</b> Belarus <b>Bosnia and</b> <b>Herzegovina M2010</b> Bulgaria Croatia <b>Czech Republic</b> <b>M2007</b> Estonia  Georgia Hungary Latvia  Lithuania  Moldova  Montenegro <b>Poland M2007</b> <b>Romania M2008</b> <b>Russian Federation</b> <b>M2009</b> Serbia  Slovakia <b>Slovenia M2010</b>  The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia <b>Ukraine M2008</b>

AFRICAN STATES (53)	ASIAN STATES (54)	LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES (33)	WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES (29)	EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES (23)
<p><b>Morocco M2007</b> Mozambique</p> <p>Namibia Niger</p> <p><b>Nigeria M2009</b> Rwanda Sao Tome and Principe</p> <p><b>Senegal M2009</b> Seychelles Sierra Leone Somalia <b>South Africa M2007-2010</b> Sudan Swaziland Togo <b>Tunisia M2007</b> Uganda United Republic of Tanzania <b>Zambia M2008</b> Zimbabwe</p>	<p>Papua New Guinea <b>Philippines M2007-2010</b> <b>Qatar M2010</b> <b>Republic of Korea M2008</b> Samoa <b>Saudi Arabia M2009</b> Singapore</p> <p>Solomon Islands <b>Sri Lanka M2008</b> Syrian Arab Republic Tajikistan Thailand</p> <p>Timor Leste Tonga Turkmenistan Tuvalu United Arab Emirates Uzbekistan</p> <p>Vanuatu Viet Nam Yemen</p>			

## Appendix 2

### A. Number of universal periodic review (UPR) reports to be considered by the Human Rights Council during the first UPR cycle

Regional Groups	Number of reports over a four-year period	Average number of reports per year	Average number of reports per UPR session
African Group	53	13.25	4.41
Asian Group	54	13.5	4.5
GRULAC	33	8.25	2.75
WEOG	29	7.25	2.41
EEG	23	5.75	1.91

### B. Distribution by session and year

Session/ year	African Group	Asian Group	GRULAC	WEOG	EEG	Total
1-2008	4	4	3	3	2	16
2-2008	5	5	2	2	2	16
3-2008	4	4	3	3	2	16
4-2009	5	5	2	2	2	16
5-2009	4	4	3	3	2	16
6-2009	5	5	3	2	1	16
7-2010	4	5	3	2	2	16
8-2010	4	4	3	3	2	16
9-2010	4	5	3	2	2	16
10-2011	5	4	3	2	2	16
11-2011	4	5	2	3	2	16
12-2011	5	4	3	2	2	16
Total	53	54	33	29	23	

ANNEX VI

**Timetable for the consideration of United Nations Member States  
under the universal periodic review mechanism**

	1st Session (2008)	2nd Session (2008)	3rd Session (2008)	4th Session (2009)	5th Session (2009)	6th Session (2009)	7th Session (2010)	8th Session (2010)	9th Session (2010)	10th Session (2011)	11th Session (2011)	12th Session (2011)
1	Morocco	Gabon	Botswana	Cameroon	Central African Republic	Côte d'Ivoire	Angola	Guinea	Liberia	Mozambique	Seychelles	Swaziland
2	South Africa	Ghana	Burkina Faso	Djibouti	Chad	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Egypt	Guinea-Bissau	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Namibia	Sierra Leone	Togo
3	Tunisia	Mali	Burundi	Mauritius	Comoros	Equatorial Guinea	Madagascar	Kenya	Malawi	Niger	Somalia	Uganda
4	Algeria	Zambia	Cape Verde	Nigeria	Congo	Eritrea	Gambia	Lesotho	Mauritania	Rwanda	Sudan	United Republic of Tanzania
5	Bahrain	Benin	Turkmenistan	Senegal	Vanuatu	Ethiopia	Qatar	Kiribati	Lebanon	Sao Tome and Principe	Palau	Zimbabwe
6	India	Japan	Tuvalu	Bangladesh	Viet Nam	Bhutan	Fiji	Kuwait	Maldives	Myanmar	Papua New Guinea	Syrian Arab Republic
7	Indonesia	Pakistan	United Arab Emirates	China	Yemen	Brunei Darussalam	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Kyrgyzstan	Marshall Islands	Nauru	Samoa	Tajikistan
8	Philippines	Republic of Korea	Uzbekistan	Jordan	Afghanistan	Cambodia	Iraq	Laos People's Democratic Republic	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Nepal	Singapore	Thailand
9	Argentina	Sri Lanka	Colombia	Malaysia	Uruguay	Cyprus	Kazakhstan	Grenada	Mongolia	Oman	Solomon Islands	Timor-Leste
10	Ecuador	Tonga	Bahamas	Saudi Arabia	Belize	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Bolivia	Guyana	Honduras	Paraguay	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Trinidad and Tobago
11	Brazil	Guatemala	Barbados	Cuba	Chile	Costa Rica	Nicaragua	Haiti	Jamaica	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Suriname	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
12	Netherlands	Peru	Israel	Mexico	Malta	Dominica	El Salvador	Spain	Panama	Saint Lucia	Belgium	Antigua and Barbuda
13	Finland	France	Liechtenstein	Canada	Monaco	Dominican Republic	Italy	Sweden	United States of America	Australia	Denmark	Iceland
14	United Kingdom	Switzerland	Luxembourg	Germany	New Zealand	Norway	San Marino	Turkey	Andorra	Austria	Greece	Ireland
15	Poland	Romania	Montenegro	Russian Federation	Slovakia	Portugal	Slovenia	Armenia	Bulgaria	Estonia	Hungary	Lithuania
16	Czech Republic	Ukraine	Serbia	Azerbaijan	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Albania	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Belarus	Croatia	Georgia	Latvia	Moldova

ANNEX VII

**Order of review during the first three sessions of the Working Group  
on Universal Periodic Review<sup>a</sup>**

Working Group on Universal Periodic Review		
First session (scheduled for 7-18 April 2008)	Second session (scheduled for 5-16 May 2008)	Third session (scheduled for 1-12 December 2008)
1. Bahrain	1. Gabon	1. Botswana
2. Ecuador	2. Ghana	2. Bahamas
3. Tunisia	3. Peru	3. Burundi
4. Morocco	4. Guatemala	4. Luxembourg
5. Indonesia	5. Benin	5. Barbados
6. Finland	6. Republic of Korea	6. Montenegro
7. United Kingdom	7. Switzerland	7. United Arab Emirates
8. India	8. Pakistan	8. Israel
9. Brazil	9. Zambia	9. Liechtenstein
10. Philippines	10. Japan	10. Serbia
11. Algeria	11. Ukraine	11. Turkmenistan
12. Poland	12. Sri Lanka	12. Burkina Faso
13. Netherlands	13. France	13. Cape Verde
14. South Africa	14. Tonga	14. Colombia
15. Czech Republic	15. Romania	15. Uzbekistan
16. Argentina	16. Mali	16. Tuvalu

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<sup>a</sup> See paragraph 294.

ANNEX VIII

**Annual programme of work for the second cycle of the  
Human Rights Council (2007/08)<sup>a</sup>**

<b>Sixth session (4 weeks)</b> <b>10-28 September/ 10-14 December 2007<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>Seventh session (4 weeks, including 1 week of HLS)</b> <b>Main session 3-28 March 2008</b>	<b>Eighth session (2 weeks)</b> <b>2-13 June 2008</b>
<b>Item 1. Organizational and procedural matters</b> Adoption of the Report of the Session	<b>Item 1. Organizational and procedural matters</b> Adoption of the programme of work for the session High-level segment Selection and appointment of mandate-holders Election of the members of the HRC Advisory Committee Adoption of the Report of the Session	<b>Item 1. Organizational and procedural matters</b> Adoption of the work programme for the session Selection and appointment of mandate-holders Adoption of the Report of the Session Adoption of the Annual Report of the Human Rights Council
<b>Item 2. Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Secretary-General<sup>c</sup></b> Statement by the High Commissioner for Human Rights	<b>Item 2. Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Secretary-General<sup>c</sup></b> Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and other reports of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Secretary-General	<b>Item 2. Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Secretary-General<sup>c</sup></b> Update by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Secretary-General

<sup>a</sup> The draft annual programme of work is based on resolution 5/1 and other resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council and is subject to change according to any further resolutions and decisions of the Council, including those related to the process of the review, rationalization and improvement of mandates.

<sup>b</sup> The programme of work of the September-December Session as distributed during the sixth session of the Human Rights Council.

<sup>c</sup> While all reports attributed to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, OHCHR or the Secretary-General are submitted under item 2 of the agenda, the Council may wish to consider them under another item of its agenda.

<p><b>Sixth session (4 weeks)</b> <b>10-28 September/ 10-14 December 2007<sup>b</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Seventh session (4 weeks, including 1 week of HLS)</b> <b>Main session 3-28 March 2008</b></p>	<p><b>Eighth session (2 weeks)</b> <b>2-13 June 2008</b></p>
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<b>Item 7. Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories</b> <b>September</b> <i>Interactive Dialogue</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report on the HR situation in the OPT (resolution OM/1/2)</li> </ul>	<b>Item 7. Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories</b> <i>Interactive Dialogue</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report of the SR on the situation of HR in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 (resolution 5/1)</li> </ul> <i>Other reports</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report on the follow-up to the resolutions S-1/1 and S-3/1 (resolution 6/18)</li> <li>Report on religious and cultural rights in the OPT (resolution 6/19)</li> </ul>	<b>Item 7. Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories</b>
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