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REQUESTS ADDRESSED TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE STEMMING FROM HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PERSONS AFFECTED BY LEPROSY AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS

José Bengoa Cabello, Ansar Ahmed Burney, Shiqiu Chen, Chinsung Chung, Héctor Felipe Fix Fierro, Wolfgang Stefan Heinz, Latif Huseynov, Vladimir Kartashkin, Bernard Andrews Nyamwaya Mudho, Purificación C. Valera Quisumbing, Shigeki Sakamoto, Dheerujlall Seetulsingh: draft recommendation

2/... Elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members

The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,

Recalling Human Rights Council resolution 8/13 of 18 June 2008 on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members,

Welcoming the fact that the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights has collected information on the measures that 24 Governments have taken to eliminate discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members, pursuant to Council resolution 8/13,

Welcoming also the submissions of civil society organizations on the issue of leprosy,

Taking note of the open-ended consultation meeting held on 15 January 2008 to exchange views among relevant actors, including Governments, observers of the United Nations, relevant United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and programmes, non-governmental organizations, scientists and medical experts, as well as representatives of persons affected by leprosy and their family members,

Recommends that the Human Rights Council consider adopting the following decisions:

"The Human Rights Council,

- 1. Welcomes with appreciation the working paper on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members (A/HRC/AC/2/CRP.5), submitted by Shigeki Sakamoto;
 - 2. *Endorses* the conclusions contained in the above-mentioned working paper;
- 3. Requests Mr. Sakamoto to formulate a draft set of principles and guidelines for the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members, for review by the Advisory Committee at its third session and for consideration by the Council by September 2009;
- 4. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide Mr. Sakamoto with all the assistance necessary to enable him to accomplish the above-mentioned task."
