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

MISSING PERSONS

**Ansar Ahmed Burney, Chinsung Chung, Wolfgang Stefan Heinz, Latif Huseynov,
Vladimir Kartashkin, Bernard Andrews Nyamwaya Mudho, Mona Zulficar:
draft recommendation**

2/... Missing persons

The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,

Recalling Human Rights Council resolution 7/28 of 28 March 2008 on missing persons, in which the Council decided to hold a panel discussion on the question of missing persons at its ninth session and requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a summary of the panel's deliberations with a view to subsequently charging the Advisory Committee, at the same session, with the preparation of a study on best practices in the matter,

Recalling also Council decision 9/101 of 24 September 2008 on missing persons, in which the Council renewed its request to the Advisory Committee to prepare the study and to submit it to the Council at its twelfth session,

Taking note of the results of the panel discussion prepared by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on 22 September 2008,

Appreciative of the summary of the panel discussion prepared by the Office of the High Commissioner,

Noting that the Advisory Committee, at its second session held from 26 to 30 January 2009, continued its deliberations on the issue of missing persons,

1. *Entrusted* a drafting group with the task of preparing a study on best practices in the matter of missing persons in situations of armed conflict as requested by the Council;
2. *Designated* the following members of the Advisory Committee as members of the drafting group: Ansar Burney, Chinsung Chung, Wolfgang Stefan Heinz, Latif Huseynov, Miguel Alfonso Martinez and Bernard Andrews Nyamwaya Mudho;
3. *Notes* that the drafting group elected Mr. Heinz as Chairperson and Mr. Huseynov as Rapporteur of the drafting group;
4. *Requests* the drafting group to submit the results of its work on the study to the Advisory Committee at its third session with a view to submitting them to the Council at its twelfth session;
5. *Requests* the Secretariat to provide all the assistance necessary to support the activities of the drafting group, particularly to facilitate contacts with relevant stakeholders, such as the International Committee of the Red Cross, and to make all relevant information on the ongoing work of the drafting group available on the website of the Advisory Committee.
