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

MISSING PERSONS

**Mr. Ansar Ahmed Burney, Ms. Chinsung Chung, Mr. Wolfgang Stefan Heinz,
Mr. Latif Hüseyinov, Mr. Bernards Andrew Nyamwaya Mudho: draft recommendation ***

3/... Missing persons

The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,

Recalling Council decision 9/101 of 24 September 2008, in which the Council requested to the Advisory Committee to prepare a study on the best practices in the matter of missing persons 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,

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Taking further note of considerable difficulties to find the necessary information and research resources and the complexity of the issue, and

Noting that the Advisory Committee, at its third session, held from 3 to 7 August 2009, continued its deliberations on the issue of missing persons,

1. *Requested* its drafting group to continue its work a study on best practices in the matter of missing persons in situations of armed conflict as requested by the Council;

2. *Designated* the Committee members Miguel Alfonso Martinez, Ansar Burney, Chinsung Chung, Wolfgang Stefan Heinz, Latif Hüseyinov and Bernards Mudho as members of the drafting group;

3. *Notes* that the drafting group elected Mr. Heinz as chair and Mr. Latif Hüseyinov 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 fourth session with a view to submitting them to the Council at its fourteenth session;

5. *Recommends* that the Human Rights Council consider adopting the following decision:

“The Human Rights Council,

1. *Takes note* of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on the progress of work on missing persons and encourages the Committee to pursue this collective undertaking with a view to finalizing the study on the best practices in the matter of missing persons,
2. *Requests* the Advisory Committee to submit the study to the Council at its fourteenth session”.

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