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**Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil,
political, economic, social and cultural rights,
including the right to development**

Decision adopted by the Human Rights Council*

18/120

Human rights and unilateral coercive measures

At its 38th meeting, on 30 September 2011, the Human Rights Council decided to adopt the following text:

“The Human Rights Council,

Recalling the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling also all previous resolutions on human rights and unilateral coercive measures adopted by the Commission on Human Rights, the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly,

Recognizing the universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated character of all human rights and, in this regard, reaffirming the right to development as a universal and inalienable right and an integral part of all human rights,

Expressing its concern at the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on human rights, development, international relations, trade, investment and cooperation,

Reaffirming Human Rights Council resolution 15/24 of 6 October 2010, in which the Council requested the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a thematic study on the impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights, including recommendations on actions aimed at ending such measures, taking into account all previous reports, resolutions and relevant information available to the United Nations system in this regard, and to present the study to the Council at its eighteenth session,

* The resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council will be contained in the report of the Council on its eighteenth session (A/HRC/18/2), chap. I.

Taking note of the note by the Secretariat¹ informing the Human Rights Council that the above-mentioned thematic study was under preparation, required additional time for its completion and would therefore be submitted to the Human Rights Council at its nineteenth session,

Decides to examine this question in accordance with its annual programme of work under the same agenda item.”

[Adopted by a recorded vote of 34 to 12, with no abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Djibouti, Ecuador, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Thailand, Uganda, Uruguay

Against:

Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Spain, Switzerland, United States of America]

¹ A/HRC/18/28.