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Statement by the President

PRST OS/15/... Efficiency of the Human Rights Council

At the organizational session of the Human Rights Council held on 6 December 2021, the President of the Council made the following statement:

“The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations, General Assembly resolutions 60/251 of 15 March 2006 and 65/281 of 17 June 2011, and Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1 and 5/2 of 18 June 2007, on institution-building of the Council and on the code of conduct for special procedure mandate holders of the Council, respectively, and 16/21 of 25 March 2011, on the review of the work and functioning of the Council,

Welcoming the ongoing implementation of the measures outlined in President’s statements PRST OS/12/1 of 3 December 2018, PRST OS/13/1 of 6 December 2019 and PRST OS/14/1 of 7 December 2020, and their impact on addressing the financial and time constraints related to its workload,

Recognizing the additional challenges for the efficient conduct of the work of the Human Rights Council, including the restrictions imposed to combat the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), the ongoing effects of the United Nations liquidity crisis and the impact of the renovation of the Palais des Nations pursuant to the Strategic Heritage Plan,

1. Decides to extend the measures contained in President’s statement PRST OS/13/1 for one additional year, and requests the President of the Human Rights Council to organize an informal stocktaking meeting to assess the impact of their implementation after its fifty-first session and before the organizational session to be held in December 2022;

2. Also decides to remain actively seized of the matter.”

