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Universal periodic review

**President's statement\***

### **PRST 20/1.**

#### **Reports of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review**

At the thirty-third meeting, held on 6 July 2012, the President of the Human Rights Council read out the following statement:

*"The Human Rights Council,*

*Recalling* Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1 of 18 June 2007 and 16/21 of 25 March 2011,

*Recalling also* Human Rights Council decisions 6/102 of 27 September 2007 and 17/119 of 17 June 2011 containing general guidelines for the preparation of information under the universal periodic review,

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolution 65/281 of 17 June 2011 and Human Rights Council decision 17/119, in which the Council extended the duration of review by the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review from three hours to three and a half hours for each State review from the second cycle onwards,

*Recalling* President's statement PRST/9/2 of 24 September 2008, in which the word limit of reports of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review on each State reviewed was set at 9,630 words,

*Taking into account* the fact that the extension of the duration of the review entails a greater number of statements made during the universal periodic review of each State,

*Recalling* that the word limit for reports of intergovernmental bodies has been set at 10,700 words,<sup>1</sup>

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\* The resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council will be contained in the report of the Council on its twentieth session (A/HRC/20/2), chap. I.

<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the resolutions of the General Assembly on the control and limitation of documentation, in particular resolutions 52/214, 53/208 and 59/265, reports originating in the

*Decides* to increase the word limit for all reports of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review on each State reviewed from 9,630 words to 10,700 words.”

[Adopted without a vote.]

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