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**Twenty-ninth meeting of Chairs
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Annotations

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened in New York on Tuesday, 27 June 2017.

3. Election of officers

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the meeting will be elected, based on the principle of rotation of Chairs.

6. Organizational matters and adoption of the programme of work

The meeting will be held pursuant to General Assembly resolution 49/178 on the effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights.

7. Follow-up to General Assembly resolution 68/268 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system

The Chairs will consider the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the human rights treaty body system (A/71/118) and supplementary information.

8. Reporting compliance by States parties

(a) Review of compliance by States parties with their reporting obligations to the treaty bodies

The Chairs will review the status of reporting compliance by States parties and discuss trends, figures and possible action. They will have before them a note by the Secretariat on compliance by States parties with international human rights treaty body reporting obligations (HRI/MC/2017/2).

(b) National mechanisms for reporting and follow-up

The Chairs will be updated by a representative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the work being done by the Office on national mechanisms for reporting and follow-up. The presentation will be followed by a discussion.

9. Follow-up to concluding observations, decisions and Views

The Chairs will compare current treaty body practices with a view to achieving a common approach. They will have before them a note by the Secretariat on follow-up to concluding observations, decisions and Views (HRI/MC/2017/4).

10. Implementation by the treaty bodies of the guidelines on the independence and impartiality of members of the human rights treaty bodies (the Addis Ababa Guidelines)

At their twenty-fourth meeting, held in June 2012, the Chairs endorsed the guidelines on independence and impartiality of members of the human rights treaty bodies (the Addis Ababa Guidelines) (see A/67/222 and Corr.1, annex I) and strongly recommended that they be promptly adopted by the respective treaty bodies.

In paragraphs 36 and 37 of its resolution 68/268, the General Assembly encouraged the treaty bodies to implement the Addis Ababa Guidelines in accordance with their mandates, and invited the Chairs to keep States parties updated on their implementation.

Under the present agenda item, the Chairs will take stock of the implementation by treaty bodies of the Addis Ababa Guidelines and discuss trends, questions and challenges in that regard.

11. Implementation by the treaty bodies of the Guidelines against Intimidation or Reprisals (the San José Guidelines)

At their twenty-seventh meeting, the Chairs reaffirmed their decision, first made at their twenty-sixth meeting, to include reprisals as a standing item on the agenda of the annual meeting of Chairs.

Welcoming the strong condemnation made by the General Assembly in paragraph 8 of resolution 68/268 of all acts of intimidation and reprisals towards individuals and groups for their contribution to the work of the treaty bodies, the Chairs, at their twenty-seventh meeting, endorsed the Guidelines against Intimidation or Reprisals (the San José Guidelines) (HRI/MC/2015/6) and recommended that the treaty bodies adopt them.

Under the present agenda item, the Chairs will take stock of the implementation by the treaty bodies of the San José Guidelines and discuss trends, questions and challenges in that regard.

12. Development of a common treaty body approach to engaging national human rights institutions

The Chairs will review the report on and the recommendations made at the workshop held on the theme “Towards a common treaty body approach to engaging national human rights institutions” and consider how to simplify, harmonize and optimize the ways in which the treaty body system engages with national human rights institutions.

The Chairs will have before them a note by the Secretariat on the development of a common treaty body approach to engaging national human rights institutions (HRI/MC/2017/3), as well as the report on the above-mentioned workshop and any relevant background papers prepared for the workshop.

13. Treaty bodies and the Sustainable Development Goals

The Chairs will be updated by a representative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the latest developments regarding the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and on the mechanisms in place to ensure accountability.

14. Strategies for increasing the visibility of the treaty body system

The Chairs will be updated by a representative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on strategies for increasing the visibility of the treaty body system. The presentation will be followed by a discussion.

15. Remedies

The Chairs will discuss developments since their twenty-eighth meeting.

16. Inquiries

The Chairs will discuss developments since their twenty-eighth meeting.

17. Consultations with States parties, United Nations agencies and civil society organizations

In paragraph 38 of its resolution 68/268, the General Assembly encouraged the human rights treaty bodies, with a view to accelerating the harmonization of the treaty body system, to continue to enhance the role of their Chairs in relation to procedural matters,

including with respect to formulating conclusions on issues related to working methods and procedural matters and to promptly generalizing good practices and methodologies among all treaty bodies, ensuring coherence across the treaty bodies and standardizing working methods.

In paragraph 39 of the same resolution, the General Assembly encouraged the human rights treaty bodies to strengthen the possibilities for interaction during the annual meetings of the Chairs of the treaty bodies with States parties to all human rights treaties, held in Geneva and New York, with a view to ensuring a forum for an open and formal interactive dialogue.

Under the present agenda item, the Chairs will hold consultations with States parties, United Nations representatives and civil society organizations.

18. Other matters

The Chairs will discuss any other matter relating to the work of the treaty bodies, as considered necessary.

19. Adoption of the report on the twenty-ninth meeting

The Chairs will adopt a report on the meeting that will include the agenda items for their thirtieth meeting and recommendations to be submitted to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session.
