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Overall orientation

19.1 The overarching purpose of the United Nations human rights programme is the universal enjoyment of human rights by all. The 2005 World Summit acknowledged peace and security, development and human rights as interlinked and mutually reinforcing pillars of the United Nations system, providing foundations for collective security and well-being. The United Nations human rights programme has the vital responsibility for contributing to conflict prevention and resolution, as well as for helping to make development equitable, sustainable and responsive to the needs of people through the application of the rights-based approach methodology. In order to promote and encourage respect for human rights, the programme undertakes to give practical effect to the will and resolve of the world community, as expressed through the United Nations. Its mandate derives from Articles 1, 13, 55 and 62 of the Charter of the United Nations; the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights and subsequently endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 48/121; Assembly resolution 48/121 establishing the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; international human rights instruments adopted by the United Nations; the outcomes of relevant United Nations conferences and summits; and the resolutions and decisions of policymaking bodies, including, in particular, Assembly resolutions 55/2 on the United Nations Millennium Declaration and 60/1 on the 2005 World Summit Outcome.

19.2 The programme falls under the leadership of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, entrusted with the principal responsibility for the human rights activities of the Organization, under the direction and authority of the Secretary-General. The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) acts as the central supportive structure for the programme. By 2008, the Office will complete the first phase of its reform in the follow-up to the 2005 World Summit, which took note of the High Commission's plan of action.

19.3 The programme will strive to fill the gaps in the implementation of international human rights standards. It will endeavour to work with all relevant parties to remove obstacles to the full realization of all human rights and to prevent human rights violations from occurring or continuing throughout the world. The country engagement strategy of the Office will allow for the realization of the programme in the framework of the enhanced partnerships at the national, regional and international levels. It will draw on the values of the Millennium Declaration and the 2005 World Summit Outcome document, which call for the promotion of democracy, the strengthening of the rule of law and respect for all internationally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the right to development. Priority will continue to be given to emphasizing the importance of human rights on international and national agendas, combating poverty and countering discrimination on all internationally recognized grounds, including race, sex, language or religion, advancing the rights of children and women, raising awareness of human rights at all levels of education, responding to the needs of the vulnerable for protection and addressing situations of international concern, as identified by the Human Rights Council and other relevant United Nations organs.

19.4 Increased support for human rights implementation will be provided to Member States, at their request, through, inter alia, assistance to national systems of human rights protection, human rights education and other activities to protect

rights holders. All human rights activities will be addressed in an integrated, interrelated and interdependent manner. The programme will continue to take gender issues fully into account in the development and application of norms and procedures so that violations against women and girls are clearly identified and addressed. Substantive and organizational support will be provided to the Human Rights Council and its procedures, other relevant United Nations organs and treaty-monitoring bodies. Particular efforts will be made to strengthen, rationalize and streamline the United Nations mechanisms in the field of human rights, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolutions 48/141 and 60/1. The programme will strive to meet the essential challenge of ensuring the enjoyment of human rights worldwide, through the dedicated and coordinated efforts of all relevant partners, focusing on the empowerment and protection of people.

19.5 The programme strategy will be guided by the lessons learned from the 2006-2007 biennium, in particular with regard to measurements of achievement that can be implemented realistically by OHCHR and its partners.

Subprogramme 1

Human rights mainstreaming, right to development, research and analysis

19.6 The responsibility for implementing the subprogramme lies with the Research and Right to Development Branch of the Operations, Programmes and Research Division.

A. Human rights mainstreaming

Objective of the Organization: to advance further integration of human rights and their gender dimension into development, humanitarian, peace and security, governance, and rule of law programmes and activities of the United Nations, in particular at the country level

| Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat | Indicators of achievement |
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| (a) Incorporation of all human rights aspects into development, humanitarian, peace and security, governance and rule of law programmes and activities of United Nations system agencies, departments and bodies and United Nations country teams | (a) Increased number of United Nations common country programming documents that integrate a human rights perspective |
| (b) Strengthened capacity of the United Nations human rights programme to assist Member States, at their request, in building and strengthening national systems for human rights protection | (b) Increased number of human rights guidance and methodological tools for development, humanitarian, peace and security, governance and rule of law activities developed under United Nations frameworks, aimed at strengthening the capacity of United Nations country teams, integrated missions, departments and bodies |

(c) Wider knowledge within the entire United Nations system, including United Nations country teams, of relevant human rights issues and their gender dimension

(c) Increased number of Resident and Humanitarian Coordinators, Special Representatives of the Secretary-General, other senior officials and country teams trained and advised by OHCHR

Strategy

19.7 This part of the subprogramme will play a leadership role in pursuing United Nations system-wide partnership for the integration of all human rights into development, humanitarian, peace and security, governance and rule of law programmes and activities within the United Nations system in order to contribute to closing gaps in the implementation of international human rights standards. The strategy will focus on:

(a) Enhancing system-wide, coordinated efforts and coherent policies for the promotion and protection of human rights at the country level by placing human rights at the heart of United Nations programmes and activities in the development, humanitarian, peace and security, governance and rule of law areas;

(b) Strengthening the substantive engagement and partnership of OHCHR with the World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme, other United Nations agencies and civil society, promoting the practical integration of human rights into development programmes, as well as ensuring consistency and mutual reinforcement between United Nations-supported development activities and OHCHR country engagement strategies;

(c) Developing methodologies to facilitate the incorporation of all human rights in United Nations policies, programmes and activities for development, peace and security, rule of law, governance and humanitarian assistance, including by advancing the practical application of rights-based approaches to all the aforementioned areas;

(d) Contributing to developing the capability of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations country teams, through training, advice and methodological tools to assist Member States, at their request, in building and enhancing national capacities to promote and protect human rights and in mainstreaming human rights into national policies.

B. Right to development

Objective of the Organization: to advance the promotion and protection of the right to development

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Indicators of achievement

(a) Further integration and/or inclusion of the promotion and protection of the right to development in global partnerships for development

(a) Increased number of partnerships agreed to and applying specific criteria for the assessment of global development partnerships from the perspective of the right to development

(b) Enhanced awareness, knowledge and understanding of the right to development at the international, regional and country levels

(b) Increased number of analytical papers and information materials relevant to the right to development made available by OHCHR to its partners within and outside the United Nations

Strategy

19.8 This part of the subprogramme will pursue a multidimensional strategy for the implementation of the right to development, focusing on:

(a) Providing substantive support to the Human Rights Council and its subsidiary mechanisms on the implementation of the right to development;

(b) Building stronger partnership and collaboration with relevant actors, including Member States, multilateral institutions and civil society, so that support given to human rights bodies relevant to the right to development will have increased focus on its practical implementation;

(c) Encouraging the promotion and protection of the right to development in global development partnerships, as reflected in Millennium Development Goal 8 (aid, trade and debt reduction), through advocacy, networking, technical advice and the establishment of partnerships and other kinds of cooperation;

(d) Promoting the implementation of the right to development in national development strategies, such as, inter alia, poverty reduction strategy papers, national Millennium Development Goals strategies and United Nations development frameworks, through close cooperation with Member States and United Nations agencies, funds and programmes;

(e) Identifying obstacles at the national, regional and international levels to the implementation of the right to development and promoting awareness about the content and importance of the right to development, including through increased engagement at the country level, research, advocacy and informational and educational activities.

C. Research and analysis

Objective of the Organization: to contribute to closing gaps in the implementation of international human rights standards based on an analysis of human rights problems and challenges and through the development and application of expertise on human rights themes and methodologies

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

(a) Enhanced effectiveness of the United Nations efforts to counter the disadvantaged situation or exposure to discrimination of groups such as women, children, persons belonging to minorities, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, migrants and victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Indicators of achievement

(a) Increased number of activities and measures taken to promote and protect the enjoyment of human rights by members of those groups

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| <p>(b) More effective implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, in particular with regard to poverty reduction and combating HIV/AIDS</p> <p>(c) Enhanced legal protection and advocacy for the implementation of economic, social and cultural rights at the regional and country levels</p> <p>(d) More effective United Nations assistance to Member States and other stakeholders, at their request, in strengthening the rule of law and democracy mechanisms for the protection of all human rights and in implementing the relevant instruments elaborated by the United Nations legislative bodies</p> <p>(e) Enhanced methodological expertise to implement human rights activities in support of country engagement, leadership and partnership strategies</p> <p>(f) Enhanced capacity of OHCHR to provide training and advice to promote human rights compliance and to protect rights-holders at the national level</p> | <p>(b) Increased number of activities and measures undertaken in promoting and developing rights-sensitive poverty reduction strategies</p> <p>(c) Strengthened legal protection and advocacy in implementing economic, social and cultural rights</p> <p>(d) Increased number of policies, measures and tools developed by OHCHR and other United Nations partners to assist all actors, including Governments and civil society, in strengthening and building democratic institutions, law enforcement and correction measures, accountability mechanisms, the administration of justice, combating impunity, enhancing rights-based approaches to counter terrorism and trafficking, law enforcement and correction measures, and rights-based approaches to transitional justice for conflict and post-conflict States</p> <p>(e) Increased number of methodological and operational guidelines and tools, and training materials developed, including indicators for human rights assessment</p> <p>(f) Increased number of advice and training activities provided by OHCHR and its partners in relevant substantive areas</p> |
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Strategy

19.9 This part of the subprogramme strategy will be based on the consolidation, further development and strengthening of substantive human rights expertise to support effective engagement with countries and global and national-level partnerships and to provide leadership to meet current human rights challenges. Strengthened expertise will be brought to bear to overcome human rights implementation gaps and will provide the basis for OHCHR to work on technical cooperation, advocacy, training, policy development, analysis, protection and advice to partners. The strategy will focus on:

- (a) Advocacy for the indivisibility, interdependence and interrelatedness of all human rights by enhancing substantive and methodological expertise; development of partnerships within and outside the United Nation for capacity-building in the areas of the rule of law, democracy and good governance; a human rights approach to anti-trafficking measures as well as to the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, including poverty reduction and combating HIV/AIDS; and countering the disadvantaged situation or exposure to

discrimination of groups such as women, children, persons belonging to minorities, indigenous people, persons with disabilities and migrants;

(b) Advancing knowledge, awareness, understanding and implementation of all human rights, including through research, policy-oriented analysis, support to standard-setting and clarification, capacity-building, protection, advocacy, development of methodologies and best practices in the areas of human rights protection, institution-building and education, development and delivery of human rights training activities, including within the framework of the World Programme for Human Rights Education, provision of specialized human rights reference services and improved knowledge management;

(c) Effective implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, including wider inclusion in advisory services and training provided to countries, upon their request, of measures to be taken to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and enhancement of research and analysis in this area.

Subprogramme 2

Supporting human rights bodies and organs

Objective of the Organization: to further the enjoyment and protection of human rights, increase the knowledge and awareness of the international human rights machinery among national and international actors and rationalize, streamline and provide substantive support and advice to existing human rights mechanisms and procedures, including the Human Rights Council

| Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat | Indicators of achievement |
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| (a) Timely delivery of required substantive and technical support to intergovernmental bodies, in particular to the Human Rights Council and its subsidiary and expert mechanisms, in developing and implementing the methodology to carry out their functions | (a) (i) Increased availability of documents and prompt provision of substantive and technical support to the intergovernmental machinery and its subsidiary mechanisms through the use of new information technology facilities and tools (ii) Satisfaction expressed by Member States as a result of the substantive advice provided by the Secretariat to the organs concerned |
| (b) Timely delivery of required substantive support to States parties related to their participation in more streamlined and harmonized procedures before treaty bodies, in particular with respect to reporting through the common core document and targeted treaty-specific reports | (b) Increased number of States parties submitting streamlined reports on the basis of the harmonized reporting guidelines |
| (c) Enhanced dissemination of treaty body outputs among national and international actors | (c) Increased number of national and regional courts citing treaty body recommendations and decisions |

- (d) Timely delivery of required substantive support to treaty bodies in preparation of their concluding observations and recommendations emanating from the review of State parties reports, as well as from country visits and consideration of individual complaints
 - (e) Enhanced cooperation with stakeholders who can benefit from and/or contribute to the work of treaty bodies, including provision of assistance to legislative reform in the area of human rights at the national level
 - (d) (i) Increased number of implementable recommendations
 - (ii) Continuous introduction of refined methods of work allowing for a larger number of individual complaints to be concluded at each session of the treaty bodies concerned
 - (iii) Increased number of complaints adopted by treaty bodies
 - (e) (i) Increased number of civil society actors, including national human rights institutions, non-governmental organizations and media, participating in treaty body sessions and activities relating to the treaty body system
 - (ii) Higher level of cooperation with requesting countries in the development of laws and policy documents for adoption or revision by them
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Strategy

19.10 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Treaties and Commission Branch of the Human Rights Procedures Division. The strategy will include:

- (a) Drawing on all available in-house resources and expertise to provide substantive and technical support, including the analytical capacity, for the review of State reports, processing of individual complaints, and on the conduct of country visits by human rights treaty bodies;
- (b) Enhancing the effective functioning of human rights bodies and organs, including the Human Rights Council, through coordinated support for the improvement, rationalization and streamlining of existing procedures, as well as systematic engagement with Governments, experts, special procedures mandate holders, specialized agencies, other international organizations, national institutions and non-governmental organizations to that end;
- (c) Formulating concrete proposals designed to render the deliberations and decision-making by human rights bodies in relation to individual complaints procedures more effective;
- (d) Strengthening the capacity and role of the OHCHR Documents Processing Unit, acting in close cooperation with the United Nations Office at Geneva, with a view to more effective coordination and streamlining of all of OHCHR documentation, as well as seeking to rationalize such documentation, including through initiatives to reduce its volume;

(e) Enhancing and coordinating in-house efforts more effectively and expanding partnerships with United Nations agencies, non-governmental organizations, national human rights institutions and the media to promote awareness and knowledge of all international human rights treaties in order to assist in closing gaps in implementing international human rights standards and complying with treaty commitments by States parties;

(f) Promoting ratification of the principal human rights conventions and protocols.

Subprogramme 3

Advisory services, technical cooperation and field activities

Objective of the Organization: to cooperate with countries in efforts to strengthen the implementation of international human rights standards at the national level

| Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat | Indicators of achievement |
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| (a) Enhanced assistance provided at the request of countries to support legislative reforms at the national level to remove obstacles to the full realization of human rights | (a) Increased number of laws and policy documents adopted or revised by Member States to ensure compliance with international human rights standards |
| (b) Enhanced institutional capacity development at the national level to meet the challenges to the full realization of human rights | (b) Increased number of human rights institutions established at the national level |
| (c) Enhanced human rights education and awareness-raising at the national level | (c) Increased number of institutionalized human rights training and education programmes in the formal education system and for core professional groups (law enforcement officials, prison officials, judges and lawyers) |
| (d) Enhanced capacity of United Nations country teams and United Nations peace missions to assist countries, at their request, in the development of national human rights protection systems | (d) Increased number of programmes implemented by United Nations country teams and human rights components of United Nations peace missions in support of national human rights protection systems |
| (e) Enhanced capacity of the United Nations to contribute to the prevention or halting of large-scale human rights violations at the national level | (e) Increased number of cases when OHCHR assisted in resolving identified situations of human rights crises at short notice |

Strategy

9.11 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Capacity-Building and Field Operations Branch of the Operations, Programmes and Research Division. The strategy will include:

(a) Strengthening United Nations efforts for peace, security and development by enhancing the capacity of United Nations country teams and of United Nations peacekeeping and peacebuilding missions to assist countries in the development of national human rights protection systems based, inter alia, on the recommendations of human rights treaty-monitoring bodies and the special procedures of the Human Rights Council. This will be achieved through joint activities with the United Nations offices or missions, the deployment of human rights officers and the provision of expert advice from Headquarters, regional and country offices;

(b) Rapidly deploying human rights observers and fact-finding missions in crisis situations, in particular those identified by the Human Rights Council and other United Nations policymaking bodies;

(c) Providing stakeholders at the national level with the involvement of all parts of OHCHR, with human rights legal advice, education and training through technical cooperation programmes aimed at strengthening the administration of justice and developing effective national human rights institutions, human rights education programmes and comprehensive national plans of action. The need to address different gaps in the implementation of human rights will guide the work of OHCHR in the field in all areas, including the response to early warnings;

(d) Strengthening United Nations system-wide cooperation at the regional and subregional levels for the protection and promotion of human rights, as well as interaction between OHCHR programmes in the field and treaty bodies and special procedures;

(e) Gathering information and observing human rights developments at the country level so as to assist the Human Rights Council and other United Nations policymaking bodies, as well as treaty-monitoring bodies and special procedures in engaging in a dialogue with countries in the implementation of their respective mandates and ensuring efficient support to the country-specific special procedures of the Human Rights Council.

Subprogramme 4

Support for human rights thematic fact-finding procedures

Objective of the Organization: to increase the contribution of the special procedures to the implementation of human rights at the country level

| Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat | Indicators of achievement |
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| (a) Improved contribution by special procedures mandate holders to the analysis of gaps in the implementation of international human rights standards, especially in the context of early warning related to situations posing serious threats to peace and/or development | (a) Increased number of follow-up plans and activities to reports and recommendations made by the thematic mandate holders in analytical and programmatic documents and projects, including national human rights action plans, United Nations partner reports and programmes, including the United Nations Development Assistance Framework, and OHCHR field-oriented programmes and activities |

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| (b) Enhanced cooperation with stakeholders who can benefit from and/or contribute to the work of the special procedures | (b) Increased number of partners, including Governments, civil society organizations, United Nations agencies and programmes, United Nations human rights machinery, including treaty bodies, and policymaking bodies cooperating in the implementation of special procedures' findings |
| (c) Increased assistance to advocacy on behalf of victims of human rights violations and to endeavours to prevent the occurrence or continuation of human rights violations | (c) Increased number of responses, feedback and follow-up to activities by special procedures mandate holders, including individual communications |
| (d) Efficient communication with right holders and institutions acting on their behalf on how to address their concerns to special procedures and on the follow-up to interventions made | (d) Increased number of activities undertaken to disseminate information on special procedures to individuals, United Nations partners and civil society |

Strategy

19.12 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Special Procedures Branch, of the Human Rights Procedures Division. The subprogramme will strengthen its research, analytical, communications, information and logistical support for thematic procedures with a view to enhancing the impact of their work by:

- (a) Developing coherent methods of work and effective channels for the implementation, at the country level, of the findings and recommendations of the special procedures by:
 - (i) Strengthening the capacity of mandate holders to study, report and make recommendations within their mandates;
 - (ii) Providing a qualitative analysis of specific thematic issues, including alleged human rights violations;
 - (iii) Ensuring a smooth flow of information from mandate holders to OHCHR country engagement activities and vice versa;
- (b) Supporting and providing thematic expertise to fact-finding missions, including through enhanced cooperation with OHCHR geographic desks;
- (c) Disseminating knowledge of the findings and methodology of the thematic special procedures and improving coordination among mandate holders and between them and other mechanisms of the human rights machinery;
- (d) Reinforcing dialogue and cooperation between thematic special procedures and partners, including Member States, United Nations country teams, national human rights institutions, civil society organizations and victims themselves;
- (e) Facilitating the special procedures' contribution to early warning mechanisms and to the formulation and implementation of technical cooperation programmes.

Legislative mandates

General Assembly resolutions

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| 48/141 | High Commissioner for the promotion and protection of all human rights |
| 55/2 | United Nations Millennium Declaration |
| 60/144 | Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action |
| 60/1 | 2005 World Summit Outcome |
| 60/251 | Human Rights Council |

Commission on Human Rights resolutions

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| 2004/2 | Strengthening of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights |
| 2005/42 | Integrating the human rights of women throughout the United Nations system (subprogrammes 1 and 2) |
| 2005/54 | Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights (subprogrammes 1 and 3) |
| 2005/58 | Development of public information activities in the field of human rights, including the World Public Information Campaign on Human Rights |

Subprogramme 1

Human rights mainstreaming, right to development, research and analysis

General Assembly resolutions

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| 41/128 | Declaration on the Right to Development |
| 46/122 | United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery |
| 58/179 | Access to medication in the context of pandemics such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria |
| 59/113 A and B | World Programme for Human Rights Education |
| 59/166 | Trafficking in women and girls |
| 59/174 | Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People |
| 59/186 | Human rights and extreme poverty |

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- 59/189 Missing persons
- 59/190 Strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity
- 59/193 Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order
- 59/195 Human rights and terrorism
- 60/131 Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities
- 60/141 The girl child
- 60/142 Programme of Action for the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People
- 60/144 Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action
- 60/145 Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination
- 60/147 Basic Principles and Guidelines on the Right to a Remedy and Reparation for Victims of Gross Violations of International Human Rights Law and Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law
- 60/150 Combating defamation of religions
- 60/152 Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights
- 60/155 Human rights and unilateral coercive measures
- 60/156 Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights
- 60/157 The right to development
- 60/158 Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism
- 60/159 Human rights in the administration of justice
- 60/160 Effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities
- 60/163 Promotion of peace as a vital requirement for the full enjoyment of all human rights by all
- 60/165 Right to food
- 60/167 Human rights and cultural diversity

- 60/215 Towards global partnerships
- 60/232 Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities
- Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions*
- 1998/279 Question of human rights and states of emergency
- 2003/246 World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action
- 2003/264 The Social Forum
- 2004/253 Human rights and extreme poverty
- 2004/256 Question of the realization in all countries of the economic, social and cultural rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and study of special problems which the developing countries face in their efforts to achieve these human rights
- 2004/257 The right to restitution, compensation and rehabilitation for victims of grave violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms
- 2004/268 Follow-up to the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education
- 2004/275 Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of human rights
- 2004/276 Traditional practices affecting the health of women and the girl child
- 2005/9 Further promotion of equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities and protection of their human rights
- 2005/10 Comprehensive and integral international convention to protect and promote the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities
- 2005/30 Basic Principles and Guidelines on the Right to a Remedy and Reparation for Victims of Gross Violations of International Human Rights Law and Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law
- 2005/31 Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system
- 2005/256 The right to development
- 2005/268 Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights

- 2005/269 Working Group of the Commission on Human Rights to elaborate a draft declaration in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 49/214 of 23 December 1994
- 2005/270 Human rights and indigenous issues
- 2005/271 Human rights and international solidarity
- 2005/273 Human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises
- 2005/278 Rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities
- 2005/279 Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism

Commission on Human Rights resolutions

- 1999/46 Contemporary forms of slavery
- 2003/107 The Social Forum
- 2004/21 Adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living
- 2004/34 The right to restitution, compensation and rehabilitation for victims of grave violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms
- 2004/35 Conscientious objection to military service
- 2004/43 Human rights in the administration of justice, in particular juvenile justice
- 2004/44 Human rights and terrorism
- 2004/45 Trafficking in women and girls
- 2004/50 Missing persons
- 2004/54 Tolerance and pluralism as indivisible elements in the promotion and protection of human rights
- 2004/71 Follow-up to the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education
- 2004/118 Fundamental standards of humanity
- 2005/3 Combating defamation of religions
- 2005/4 The right to development
- 2005/14 Human rights and unilateral coercive measures
- 2005/16 Human rights and extreme poverty
- 2005/17 Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights

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| 2005/18 | The right to food |
| 2005/20 | Promotion of the enjoyment of the cultural rights of everyone and respect for different cultural identities |
| 2005/22 | Question of the realization in all countries of economic, social and cultural rights |
| 2005/23 | Access to medication in the context of pandemics such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria |
| 2005/24 | The right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health |
| 2005/25 | Women's equal ownership, access to and control over land and the equal rights to own property and to adequate housing |
| 2005/26 | Human rights and forensic science |
| 2005/29 | Strengthening of popular participation, equity, social justice and non-discrimination as essential foundations of democracy |
| 2005/30 | Integrity of the judicial system |
| 2005/31 | Hostage-taking |
| 2005/32 | Democracy and the rule of law |
| 2005/35 | Basic Principles and Guidelines on the Right to a Remedy and Reparation for Victims of Gross Violations of International Human Rights Law and Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law |
| 2005/36 | The incompatibility between democracy and racism |
| 2005/37 | Promoting the rights to peaceful assembly and association |
| 2005/42 | Integrating the human rights of women throughout the United Nations system |
| 2005/45 | Human rights and arbitrary deprivation of nationality |
| 2005/49 | Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights |
| 2005/50 | Working Group of the Commission on Human Rights to elaborate a draft declaration in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 49/214 of 23 December 1994 |
| 2005/51 | Human rights and indigenous issues |
| 2005/52 | Protection of indigenous peoples in times of conflict |
| 2005/54 | Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights |
| 2005/55 | Human rights and international solidarity |

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| 2005/56 | Promotion of peace as a vital requirement for the full enjoyment of all human rights by all |
| 2005/57 | Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order |
| 2005/59 | The question of the death penalty |
| 2005/60 | Human rights and the environment as part of sustainable development |
| 2005/61 | World Programme for Human Rights Education |
| 2005/64 | World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action |
| 2005/65 | Human rights of persons with disabilities |
| 2005/66 | Right to the truth |
| 2005/68 | The role of good governance in the promotion of human rights |
| 2005/69 | Human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises |
| 2005/70 | Human rights and transitional justice |
| 2005/79 | Rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities |
| 2005/80 | Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism |
| 2005/81 | Impunity |
| 2005/84 | The protection of human rights in the context of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) |

Subprogramme 2
Supporting human rights bodies and organs

General Assembly resolutions

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| 2106 A (XX) | International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination |
| 2200 (XXI) | International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights |
| 39/46 | Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment |
| 44/25 | Convention on the Rights of the Child |

- 59/176 International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
- 59/262 International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
- 60/141 The girl child
- 60/148 Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
- 60/149 International Covenants on Human Rights
- 60/231 Rights of the child

Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions

- 1503 (XLVIII) Procedure for dealing with communications relating to violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Commission on Human Rights resolutions

- 2005/9 Cooperation with representatives of United Nations human rights bodies

Subprogramme 3

Advisory service, technical cooperation and field activities

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