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Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

**Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and United Arab Emirates:
draft resolution**

United Nations Human Rights Training and Documentation Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab Region

The General Assembly,

Guided by the fundamental and universal principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,¹

Recalling the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action of 1993,² which reiterated the need to consider the possibility of establishing regional and subregional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights where they do not already exist,

Recalling also its resolutions [32/127](#) of 16 December 1977, [51/102](#) of 12 December 1996 and all its subsequent resolutions concerning regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights,

Recalling further its resolutions [60/153](#) of 16 December 2005 and [67/162](#) of 20 December 2012,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/51 of 9 March 1993³ and all its subsequent resolutions concerning regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights,

Reaffirming that regional cooperation plays a fundamental role in promoting and protecting human rights and should reinforce universal human rights, as contained in international human rights instruments, and their protection,

¹ Resolution 217 A (III).

² A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.

³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 3* and corrigenda (E/1993/23 and Corr.2, 4 and 5), chap. II, sect. A.



Noting that the developments in the Middle East and North Africa have generated growing demand for the services of the Centre, which as a result will not be able to discharge its mandate effectively,

Concurring with the view of the Secretary-General that the Centre will be unable to effectively discharge its mandate and crucial role in the region,

Mindful of the vastness and diversity of needs in the field of human rights in South-West Asia and the Arab region, and taking into account the need of the Centre for more predictable funding in order to discharge its mandate fully and effectively,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General;⁴
2. *Acknowledges with appreciation* the successful human rights capacity-building activities, training and educational programmes and regional consultations conducted by the United Nations Human Rights Training and Documentation Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab Region;
3. *Recognizes with appreciation* the tangible achievements of the Centre and the impact of the assistance that it has provided through a number of training activities and regional consultations on United Nations human rights mechanisms, human trafficking, the media and human rights education;
4. *Underlines* the role of the Centre as a source of regional proficiency and the need to meet an increasing number of requests for training and documentation, including in the Arabic language, which require additional resources and the reinforcement of its activities;
5. *Expresses particular concern* that the current capacity of the Centre to provide continuous follow-up assistance to the countries of the region, supported exclusively by voluntary contributions, appears insufficient to enable it to respond appropriately and in a timely and sustainable manner to increasing requests from Member States;
6. *Reaffirms* the request contained in paragraph 5 of its resolution 67/162, and requests the Secretary-General to further strengthen the Centre, without any further delay, in order to ensure the full implementation of its mandate;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

⁴ A/68/287.