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Promotion and protection of human rights

Draft decision submitted by the President of the General Assembly*

Commemoration of the sixty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

The General Assembly, guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action,¹ adopted at the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993, and recalling its resolution 2217 A (XXI) of 19 December 1966 on the International Year for Human Rights, specifically its recommendation that a prize or prizes should be awarded, for the first time, on 10 December 1968, on the occasion of the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and that prizes should not be awarded more often than at five-year intervals:²

- (a) Decides to hold a commemorative plenary meeting on 10 December 2013 on the occasion of the sixty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- (b) Also decides that the commemorative plenary meeting will include the award ceremony for the United Nations prize in the field of human rights;
- (c) Further decides that the President of the Human Rights Council and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights will deliver statements at the commemorative plenary meeting.

* In order for the General Assembly to take action on the present proposal, it will be necessary to decide to consider agenda item 69 directly in plenary meeting.

¹ A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.

² Resolution 2217 A (XXI), annex, recommendation C (a).

