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46/... High-level panel discussion on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to support the participation of Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States in the work of the Human Rights Council

At its ... meeting, on ... March 2021, the Human Rights Council decided to adopt the text below:

“The Human Rights Council,

Recalling its resolution 19/26 of 23 March 2012, in which the Human Rights Council established the terms of reference for the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Support the Participation of Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States in the Work of the Human Rights Council,

Recalling also its decision 31/115 of 23 March 2016 on the holding of a high-level panel discussion on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Human Rights Council and the value placed upon the participation of all States Members of the United Nations in the work of the Council,

Recalling further its resolution 34/40 of 24 March 2017 on promoting the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Support the Participation of Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States in the Work of the Human Rights Council,

Welcoming the efforts of the Trust Fund to meet fully its mandate and the voluntary contributions of States to the Trust Fund, while encouraging all States to make such voluntary contributions,

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Recognizing the contribution of the Trust Fund to the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Human Rights Council at its thirty-second session, at which there was universal representation of all States Members of the United Nations for the first time,

Noting that March 2022 will mark the tenth anniversary of the Trust Fund,

Recognizing that universal and meaningful participation is enhanced by strengthening the capacity of delegations of least developed countries and small island developing States to participate in the activities of the Human Rights Council, and welcoming the contributions of all relevant stakeholders in that regard,

Emphasizing that the tenth anniversary offers an important opportunity to underline and reiterate the importance of the universal participation of all States Members of the United Nations in the work of the Human Rights Council,

1. *Decides* to convene, during the high-level segment of its forty-ninth session, a high-level panel discussion on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Support the Participation of Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States in the Work of the Human Rights Council focused on the benefits of universal and meaningful participation of all States Members of the United Nations in the work of the Human Rights Council, and that the discussion shall be fully accessible to persons with disabilities;

2. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize the panel discussion, and to liaise with States and other stakeholders with a view to ensuring their participation in it, while taking into account geographical representation;

3. *Also requests* the Office of the High Commissioner to prepare a report on the panel discussion in the form of a summary and to submit it to the Human Rights Council at its fiftieth session;

4. *Further requests* the Office of the High Commissioner, through the Trust Fund, to secure the participation of Member States that do not have a permanent resident mission in Geneva so as to achieve universal participation of all States Members of the United Nations at the forty-ninth session of the Human Rights Council, including in the high-level panel discussion.”
