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The right to privacy in the digital age

Note by the Secretariat

1. In its resolution 42/15 on the right to privacy in the digital age, the Human Rights Council requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a thematic report on how artificial intelligence, including profiling, automated decision-making and machine-learning technologies may, without proper safeguards, affect the enjoyment of the right to privacy, and to submit it to the Council at its forty-fifth session.

2. In its decision 45/113, the Human Rights Council decided to postpone the submission of the report to its forty-seventh session.

3. In the light of the ongoing financial constraints faced by the Organization, the High Commissioner for Human Rights has not been in a position to implement that mandate within the deadline. She aims to submit the report at a future session of the Human Rights Council, as the financial situation permits.

