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## Human Rights Council

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### Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General

**Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil,  
political, economic, social and cultural rights,  
including the right to development**

## **Human rights and the regulation of civilian acquisition, possession and use of firearms**

### **Note by the Secretariat**

1. In its resolution 45/13 on human rights and the regulation of civilian acquisition, possession and use of firearms, the Human Rights Council requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a report on the human rights impact of the civilian acquisition, possession and use of firearms by children and youth, with a view to contributing to the strengthening or the development of comprehensive public policies based on socioeconomic interventions and services that address the factors driving firearms-related violence, and to present the report to the Council at its forty-eighth session.
2. In the light of the ongoing financial constraints faced by the Organization, the High Commissioner has not been in a position to implement that mandate within the deadline. She aims to submit the report to the Council at its forty-ninth session, as the financial situation permits.

