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

Report of the Secretary-General on missing persons

Note by the Secretariat

1. The present note is submitted pursuant to resolution 75/184 of the General Assembly, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Human Rights Council at its relevant session and to the Assembly at its seventy-seventh session a comprehensive report on the implementation of that resolution, including practical recommendations.

2. Pursuant to the above-mentioned request, the Secretariat refers the Human Rights Council to the report of the Secretary-General on missing persons submitted to the General Assembly.¹ The report contains details of the applicable international legal and institutional framework; the legislative and preventive measures adopted to prevent individuals from going missing; the measures taken to clarify the fate and whereabouts of missing persons; the situation of missing children; the criminal investigations and prosecutions in cases of missing persons; the forensic recovery and identification of remains of missing persons; and the legal status of missing persons and support for families. The report concludes with the proposal for a series of practical legislative and other measures that would prevent persons from going missing, clarify the fate and whereabouts of the missing, address the needs of families of the missing and ensure accountability.

¹ [A/77/245](#).

