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### Advisory Committee

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Agenda item 3 (f)

**Requests addressed to the Advisory Committee stemming from  
Human Rights Council resolutions and currently under  
consideration by the Committee**

**Current levels of representation of women in human rights organs and mechanisms**

**Ibrahim Abdulaziz Alsheddi; Buhm-Suk Baek; Nadia Amal Bernoussi; Lazhari Bouzid; Alessio Bruni; Milena Costas Trascasas; Iurii Alexandrovich Kolesnikov; José Augusto Lindgren Alves; Xinsheng Liu; Ajai Malhotra; Itsuko Nakai; Mona Omar; Javier Palummo; Elizabeth Salmón; Patrycja Sasnal; Dheerujlall Seetulsingh; Cheikh Tidiane Thiam; Catherine Van de Heyning; draft action**

### **25/...Current levels of representation of women in human rights organs and mechanisms**

*The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,*

*Recalling* Human Rights Council resolution 41/6 of 11 July 2019, in which the Council requested the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee to prepare a report, in close cooperation with the Working Group and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, on current levels of representation of women in human rights organs and mechanisms such as the Advisory Committee, the treaty bodies and the special procedures established by the Council; the report, to be presented to the Council at its forty-seventh session, was to include good practices by States in nominating, electing and appointing candidates to ensure balanced gender representation, in line with the system-wide strategy on gender parity, and recommendations to assist the Council and Member States in that regard,

*Recalling also* that the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to seek the views, inputs and meaningful participation of relevant stakeholders in an inclusive manner, including Member States, international and regional organizations, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the special procedures, national human rights institutions, civil society and academic institutions, when preparing the above-mentioned report,

*Recalling further* that, at its twenty-third session, the Advisory Committee established a drafting group, currently composed of Buhm-Suk Baek; Milena Costas Trascasas; José Augusto Lindgren Alves; Ajai Malhotra; Mona Omar (Chair); Javier Palummo; Elizabeth Salmón (Rapporteur) and Catherine Van de Heyning.

1. *Takes note* of the draft report submitted by the drafting group to the Advisory Committee at its present session;<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> A/HRC/AC/25/CRP.1.



2. *Notes* that the drafting group and the full Advisory Committee held meetings to discuss the topic during its twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth sessions;
  3. *Welcomes* the input received from Member States and other stakeholders in response to the questionnaire circulated after the twenty-third session, as well as their participation in the four regional consultations held after the twenty-fourth session;
  4. *Notes with appreciation* that recent appointments to the Advisory Committee increased the number of women in its membership;
  5. *Adopts* the draft report ad referendum and entrusts the Rapporteur with its finalization, with a view to presenting the report to the Human Rights Council at its forty-seventh session.
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