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I. Action taken by the Advisory Committee at its seventh session

7/1. Study on promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms through a better understanding of traditional values of humankind

The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,

Recalling Human Rights Council resolution 16/3 of 24 March 2011, in which the Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a study on how a better understanding and appreciation of traditional values of dignity, freedom and responsibility could contribute to the promotion and protection of human rights, and to submit it to the Council at its twenty-first session,

Taking note of the discussions at the workshop on traditional values of humankind held on 4 October 2010, and the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights containing a summary of those discussions (A/HRC/16/37),

Having due regard for the statements made at the seventh session of the Advisory Committee,

1. *Decides* to establish a drafting group consisting of the following members: Ms. Chung, Mr. Kartashkin, Mr. Okafor, Ms. Reyes Prado, Ms. Zulficar, Mr. Seetulsingh, Ms. Boisson de Chazournes, Mr. Chen, Mr. Soofi and Mr. Karakora;
2. *Appoints* Mr. Ahmer Bilal Soofi as Chairperson and Mr. Vladimir Kartashkin as Rapporteur of the group;
3. *Requests* the drafting group to prepare the above-mentioned study and to submit it to the Advisory Committee for consideration at its ninth session;
4. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the drafting group with all the assistance necessary to enable it to accomplish the above-mentioned task.

*Adopted by consensus
8th meeting
12 August 2011*

7/2. Human rights and international solidarity

The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,

Recalling Human Rights Council resolution 9/2 of 24 September 2008, resolution 12/9 of 1 October 2009 and resolution 15/13 of 30 September 2010, in which the Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare inputs to contribute to the elaboration by the independent expert on human rights and international solidarity of a draft declaration on the right of peoples and individuals to international solidarity, and to the further development of guidelines, standards, norms and principles with a view to promoting and protecting this right,

1. *Takes note* of the draft outline prepared by Mr. Chen Shiqiu as Chairperson/Rapporteur of the drafting group established by the Advisory Committee to consider this issue, as well as the comments and suggestions made during the discussions on the issue at the seventh session of the Committee;

2. *Encourages* the drafting group to cooperate closely with the independent expert on human rights and international solidarity and to submit the outcome of its work to the Advisory Committee at its eighth session;

3. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the drafting group with all the assistance necessary to enable it to accomplish its task.

*Adopted by consensus
8th meeting
12 August 2011*

7/3. Drafting group on the promotion of the right of peoples to peace

The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,

Recalling Human Rights Council resolution 14/3 of 17 June 2010, in which the Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a draft declaration on the right of peoples to peace,

Recalling also that, at its fifth session, the Committee designated Chinsung Chung, Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann, Wolfgang Stefan Heinz and Mona Zulficar as members of the drafting group, which subsequently elected Ms. Zulficar as Chairperson and Mr. Heinz as Rapporteur, and that Shigeki Sakamoto and Latif Hüseyinov joined the drafting group at the sixth session of the Committee,

Recalling that Human Rights Council resolution 17/16 of 17 June 2011 requests the Advisory Committee, in consultation with Member States, civil society, academia and all relevant stakeholders, to present a draft declaration on the right of peoples to peace and to report on progress thereon to the Council at its twentieth session,

1. *Takes note* of the second progress report submitted by the drafting group to the Advisory Committee at its seventh session (A/HRC/AC/7/3);

2. *Welcomes* the responses received to the questionnaire sent out in April 2011 and the discussions and statements made during its seventh session;

3. *Welcomes* initiatives by civil society to organize discussions on progress reports of the Advisory Committee with Member States and academic experts;

4. *Encourages* the various stakeholders to contribute to the work under way;

5. *Requests* the drafting group to submit to the eighth session of the Committee a draft declaration on the right of peoples to peace revised in light of comments received and discussions held at the seventh session of the Advisory Committee;

6. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the drafting group with all the assistance necessary to enable it to accomplish its task.

*Adopted by consensus
8th meeting
12 August 2011*

7/4. Right to food

The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,

Recalling the series of resolutions of the Human Rights Council on the right to food, specifically resolution 7/14 of 27 March 2008, resolution 10/12 of 26 March 2009, resolution 13/4 of 24 March 2010 and resolution 16/27 of 25 March 2011,

Recalling further the request of the Council in its resolution 16/27 that the Committee undertake comprehensive studies on the urban poor and their enjoyment of the right to food, rural women and their enjoyment of the right to food, and the relationship between severe malnutrition and childhood diseases,

1. *Welcomes* the comments by States and other stakeholders on the preliminary study on the advancement of the rights of peasants and other people working in the rural areas (A/HRC/16/63);

2. *Assigns* the completion of this study to the drafting group on the right to food, to be presented to the Advisory Committee at its eighth session for submission to the Human Rights Council at its nineteenth session;

3. *Welcomes* the preliminary study on severe malnutrition and childhood diseases, with children affected by Noma as an example (A/HRC/AC/7/CRP.2);

4. *Invites* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to collect the views and comments on this preliminary study of all Member States, all relevant United Nations special agencies and programmes and all other relevant stakeholders, as requested by the Council, so that the Advisory Committee may take them into account in the preparation of the final study to be submitted to the Council at its nineteenth session;

5. *Assigns* the completion of the study on severe malnutrition and childhood diseases, with children affected by Noma as an example, to the drafting group on the right to food, to be presented to the Advisory Committee at its eighth session for submission to the Human Rights Council at its nineteenth session;

6. *Welcomes* the concept note entitled “Promoting the human rights of the urban poor: Strategies and best practices”;

7. *Assigns* the preparation of a preliminary study on this topic to the drafting group on the right to food, to be presented to the Advisory Committee at its eighth session;

8. *Assigns* the preparation of a preliminary study on rural women and their enjoyment of the right to food to the drafting group on the right to food, to be presented to the Advisory Committee at its ninth session.

*Adopted by consensus
8th meeting
12 August 2011*

7/5. Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,

Recalling Human Rights Council resolution 13/23 of 26 March 2010, in which the Council requested the Advisory Committee to explore ways and means to enhance cooperation in the field of human rights, taking into account the views contained in the report of the High Commissioner on the enhancement of international cooperation in the

field of human rights (A/HRC/13/19) and further views from States and relevant stakeholders, and to submit proposals thereon to the Council at its nineteenth session,

1. *Takes* note of the progress report presented by Mr. Seetulsingh, Chairperson of the drafting group established by the Advisory Committee to prepare the above-mentioned task (A/HRC/AC/7/2), and the questionnaire to be disseminated to seek further views from States and relevant stakeholders for the preparation of the final proposals,

2. *Requests* the support of the secretariat in disseminating the questionnaire to States and relevant stakeholders,

3. *Requests* the drafting group to submit proposals on the issue for consideration by the Advisory Committee at its eighth session.

*Adopted by consensus
8th meeting
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II. Officers, adoption of the agenda and organization of work

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, established pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, held its seventh session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 8 to 12 August 2011. The session was opened by the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Kyung-wha Kang.

2. The President of the Human Rights Council addressed the Advisory Committee at its 1st meeting, on 8 August 2011.

3. At the same meeting, the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights made a statement.

B. Composition of the Advisory Committee

4. The names of the members are as follows (the year in parenthesis indicates when the term of office of the members expires): Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann (Nicaragua, 2012); José Antonio Bengoa Cabello (Chile, 2013); Laurence Boisson de Chazournes (France, 2014); Chen Shiqiu (China, 2012); Chung Chinsung (Republic of Korea, 2013); Wolfgang Stefan Heinz (Germany, 2013); Latif Hüseyinov (Azerbaijan, 2014); Alfred Ntunduguru Karokora (Uganda, 2013); Vladimir Kartashkin (Russian Federation, 2013); Mr. Obiora Chinedu Okafor (Nigeria, 2014); Purificacion V. Quisumbing (Philippines, 2014); Anantonia Reyes Prado (Guatemala, 2014); Shigeki Sakamoto (Japan, 2013); Dheerujall Seetulsingh (Mauritius, 2014); Ahmer Bilal Soofi (Pakistan, 2014); Halima Embarek Warzazi (Morocco, 2012); Jean Ziegler (Switzerland, 2012); and Mona Zulficar (Egypt, 2013).

C. Attendance

5. The session was attended by members of the Advisory Committee, observers for States Members of the United Nations, observers for non-Member States and for intergovernmental organizations, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, other organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations. Two members of the Advisory Committee, Ms. Quisumbing and Mr. d'Escoto Brockmann, were not able to attend the session.

D. Meetings and documentation

6. The Advisory Committee held eight plenary meetings, two closed meetings on agenda item 3 and one closed meeting on agenda item 4. The Advisory Committee adopted five texts (see chapter I above). For a list of documents, see annex III. The drafting groups on traditional values, on international solidarity and on the right to food also held private meetings.

E. Officers

7. In accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and rule 5 of the rules of procedure of the Advisory Committee, at its 1st meeting, on 8 August 2011, the Advisory Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

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| <i>Chairperson:</i> | Latif Hüseyinov |
| <i>Vice-chairpersons:</i> | Mona Zulficar Anantonia Reyes Prado Jean Ziegler |
| <i>Rapporteur:</i> | Chinsung Chung |

8. At the same meeting, the new Chairperson, Mr. Hüseyinov, made a statement. At the suggestion of Mr. Bengoa, the Advisory Committee observed a minute of silence for the victims of human rights violations around the world.

F. Adoption of the agenda

9. At its 1st meeting, on 8 August, the Advisory Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General containing the provisional agenda for the seventh session (A/HRC/AC/7/1). The annotations to the provisional agenda are contained in A/HRC/AC/7/1/Add.1 and Corr.1 and Corr.2.

10. At the same meeting, the Advisory Committee adopted the agenda (see annex I).

G. Organization of work and conduct of business

11. The Advisory Committee considered item 2 of the agenda at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 8 August.

12. At the same meetings, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee (see annex II).

III. Requests addressed to the Advisory Committee stemming from Human Rights Council resolutions

13. The Advisory Committee considered agenda item 3 at its 2nd meeting, on 8 August, at its 3rd and 4th meetings, on 9 August, at its 5th and 6th meetings, on 10 August, and in the private meetings.

Requests currently under consideration by the Committee

1. Promotion of the right of peoples to peace

14. At its 2nd meeting, on 8 August, the Advisory Committee, pursuant to Council resolutions 11/4, 14/3 and 17/16, held a discussion on the promotion of the right of peoples to peace. Mr. Heinz made a presentation on the progress report on the issue (A/HRC/AC/7/3). Ms. Zulficar also took the floor. During the ensuing discussion, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee, Government observers and observers for non-governmental organizations (see annex II) as well as by Mr. Del Prado, representative of the Working Group on mercenaries.

Drafting group on the promotion of the right of peoples to peace

15. At the Committee's 8th meeting, on 12 August, Mr. Heinz introduced draft text A/HRC/AC/7/L.3, sponsored by Ms. Laurence Boisson de Chazournes, Mr. Shiqiu Chen, Mr. Wolfgang Heinz, Mr. Alfred Ntunduguru Karokora, Mr. Vladimir Kartashkin, Mr. Obiora Chinedu Okafor, Ms. Anantonia Reyes Prado, Mr. Shigeki Sakamoto, Mr. Dheerujall Seetulsingh, Mr. Ahmer Bilal Soofi, Ms. Halima Embarek Warzazi, Mr. Jean Ziegler and Ms. Mona Zulficar.

16. At the same meeting, Mr. Zulficar made a statement with regard to the draft text.

17. Also at the same meeting, the draft text was adopted without a vote (for the text as adopted, see chapter I).

2. Right to food

18. At its 3rd and 4th meetings, on 9 August, the Advisory Committee, pursuant to Council resolutions 7/14, 10/12, 13/4 and 16/27, held a discussion on the promotion of the right to food.

19. At its 3rd meeting, Ms. Zulficar outlined the time frame for the various research studies to be undertaken. Mr. Ziegler, chairperson of the drafting group on the right to food, provided an overview of the most recent developments and the way forward to the finalization of the preliminary study on the advancement of the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas (A/HRC/AC/7/CRP.1). A discussion followed in which Committee members, Government observers and non-governmental organizations took part (see annex II). Also at its third meeting, the Committee agreed on a letter to be addressed to the President of the Human Rights Council on the food crisis in East Africa.

20. At the Committee's 4th meeting, Ms. Zulficar made an introductory statement. Mr. Ziegler presented, on behalf of the drafting group on the right to food, the preliminary study on severe malnutrition and childhood diseases, with children affected by noma as an example (A/HRC/AC/7/CRP.2). Ms. Chung presented the concept note for the upcoming research work on the urban poor. A discussion followed in which Committee members, Government observers and an intergovernmental organization took part (see annex II).

Right to food

21. At the Committee's 8th meeting, on 12 August, Ms. Zulficar introduced draft text A/HRC/AC/7/L.4, sponsored by Mr. José Antonio Bengoa Cabello, Ms. Laurence Boisson de Chazournes, Mr. Shiqiu Chen, Ms. Chisung Chung, Mr. Wolfgang Heinz, Mr. Alfred Ntunduguru Karokora, Mr. Vladimir Kartashkin, Mr. Obiora Chinedu Okafor, Ms. Anantonia Reyes Prado, Mr. Shigeki Sakamoto, Mr. Dheerujall Seetulsingh, Mr. Ahmer Bilal Soofi, Ms. Halima Embarek Warzazi and Ms. Mona Zulficar.

22. At the same meeting, the draft text was adopted without a vote (for the text as adopted, see chapter I).

3. Traditional values of humankind

23. At its 5th and 6th meetings, on 10 August, pursuant to Council resolution 16/3, the Committee held a discussion on promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms through a better understanding of traditional values of humankind. Mr. Kartashkin made an introductory statement with regard to the study requested by the Human Rights Council. A discussion followed in which Committee members, Government observers and observers for non-governmental organizations took part (see annex II).

Study on promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms through a better understanding of traditional values of humankind

24. At the Committee's 8th meeting, on 12 August, Mr. Kartashkin introduced draft text A/HRC/AC/7/L.1, sponsored by Ms. Laurence Boisson de Chazournes, Mr. Shiqiu Chen, Ms. Chinsung Chung, Mr. Wolfgang Stefan Heinz, Mr. Latif Hüseyinov, Mr. Alfred Ntunduguru Karakora, Mr. Vladimir Kartashkin, Mr. Obiora Chinedu Okafor, Ms. Anantonia Reyes Prado, Mr. Shigeki Sakamoto, Mr. Dheerujall Seetulsingh, Mr. Ahmer Bilal Soofi, Ms. Halima Embarek Warzazi and Ms. Mona Zulficar.

25. At the same meeting, the draft text was adopted without a vote (for the text as adopted, see chapter I).

4. Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

26. At its 6th meeting, on 10 August, pursuant to Council resolution 13/23, the Committee held a discussion on the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights. Mr. Seetulsingh, chairperson of the drafting group, presented a preliminary report prepared by former Committee member and rapporteur Mr. Emmanuel Decaux on the topic (A/HRC/AC/7/2). Committee members, Government observers and one observer for non-governmental organizations took part in the ensuing discussion (see annex II).

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

27. At the Committee's 8th meeting, on 12 August, Mr. Seetulsingh introduced draft text A/HRC/AC/7/L.4, sponsored by Ms. Laurence Boisson de Chazournes, Mr. Shiqiu Chen, Ms. Chinsung Chung, Mr. Wolfgang Heinz, Mr. Latif Hüseyinov, Mr. Alfred Ntunduguru Karokora, Mr. Vladimir Kartashkin, Mr. Obiora Chinedu Okafor, Ms. Anantonia Reyes Prado, Mr. Shigeki Sakamoto, Mr. Dheerujall Seetulsingh, Mr. Ahmer Bilal Soofi, Ms. Halima Embarek Warzazi and Ms. Mona Zulficar.

28. At the same meeting, the draft text was adopted without a vote (for the text as adopted, see chapter I).

5. Human rights and international solidarity

29. At its 6th meeting, on 10 August, pursuant to Council resolutions 9/2, 12/9 and 15/13, the Committee held a discussion on human rights and international solidarity. Mr. Chen, chairperson of the drafting group, presented an overview of the most recent developments. Committee members and one Government observer took part in the ensuing discussion (see annex II).

Human rights and international solidarity

30. At the Committee's 8th meeting, on 12 August, Mr. Chen introduced draft text A/HRC/AC/7/L.2, sponsored by Mr. Shiqiu Chen, Ms. Chinsung Chung, Mr. Latif Hüseyinov, Mr. Dheerujall Seetulsingh and Ms. Halima Embarek Warzazi. Subsequently, Mr. Kartashkin joined the sponsors.

31. At the same meeting, the draft text was adopted without a vote (for the text as adopted, see chapter I).

IV. Implementation of sections III and IV of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007

A. Agenda and annual programme of work, including new priorities

32. At a closed meeting held on 11 August, Committee members exchanged views on possible research proposals to be submitted to the Council for consideration and approval.

33. At its 7th and 8th meetings, held on 11 and 12 August, Committee members made statements on possible research proposals to be submitted to the Council for consideration and approval, in which Government observers and observers from civil society took part (see annex II). Following these discussions, a letter was sent by the Chairperson of the Committee to the President of the Human Rights Council (see annex IV).

B. Appointment of members of the Working Group on Communications

34. Pursuant to paragraphs 91 and 93 of annex IV to Council resolution 5/1 providing for the mandate of members to the Working Group on Communications to be of three years and renewable only once, at its 8th meeting, on 12 August, the Advisory Committee decided by consensus to appoint Mr. Bengoa Cabello, Mr. Chen, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Kartashkin and Ms. Warzazi as member of the Working Group on Communications to serve until the end of their term as members of the Advisory Committee.

V. Report of the Advisory Committee on its seventh session

35. At the Committee's 8th meeting, on 12 August, the Rapporteur of the Advisory Committee presented the draft report of the Committee on its seventh session (A/HRC/AC/7/4).

36. At the same meeting, Mr. Seetulsingh and Ms. Warzazi made statements in relation to the draft report.

37. Also at the same meeting, the Advisory Committee adopted the draft report *ad referendum* and decided to entrust the Rapporteur with its finalization.

38. At the same meeting, Mr. Bengoa, Ms. Boisson de Chazournes, Mr. Chen, Mr. Kartashkin, Mr. Hüseyinov and Ms. Zulficar made statements.

Annex I

Agenda

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Requests addressed to the Advisory Committee stemming from Human Rights Council resolutions:
 - (a) Requests currently under consideration by the Committee:
 - (i) Right to food;
 - (ii) Integration of a gender perspective;
 - (iii) Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order;
 - (iv) Integration of the perspective of persons with disabilities;
 - (v) Human rights and international solidarity;
 - (vi) Promotion of the right of peoples to peace;
 - (vii) Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights;
 - (viii) Promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms through a better understanding of traditional values of humankind.
 - (b) Follow-up to reports of the Committee submitted to the Human Rights Council:
 - (i) Human rights education and training;
 - (ii) Elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members;
 - (iii) Missing persons.
4. Implementation of sections III and IV of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007:
 - (a) Review of methods of work;
 - (b) Agenda and annual programme of work, including new priorities;
 - (c) Follow-up to Advisory Committee recommendation 1/11;
 - (d) Appointment of members of the Working Group on Communications.
5. Report of the Advisory Committee on its seventh session.

Annex II

[English only]

List of speakers

| <i>Agenda item</i> | <i>Meeting and date</i> | <i>Speakers</i> |
|---|--|---|
| 1. Election of officers | 1st meeting 8 August 2011 | Members: Mr. Bengoa |
| 2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work | 1st meeting 8 August 2011 | Members: Mr. Kartashkin |
| | 2nd meeting 8 August 2011 | Members: Mr. Chen, Mr. Kartashkin. |
| 3. Request to the Advisory Committee stemming from Human Rights Council resolutions | (i) Right to food 3rd meeting 9 August 2011 | Members: Mr. Chen, Mr. Karakora, Mr. Kartashkin, Mr. Seetulsingh, Mr. Soofi, Mr. Ziegler, Ms. Zulficar. Government observers: Algeria, Bolivia, Cuba, Ethiopia, Poland (on behalf of the European Union), Switzerland. Observers for non-governmental organizations: FIAN International, Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru. |
| (a) Requests currently under consideration by the Committee | 4th meeting 9 August 2011 | Members: Mr. Bengoa, Ms. Chung, Mr. Sakamoto, Mr. Ziegler, Ms Zulficar. Government observers: Algeria, Burkina Faso, Cuba. Observers for intergovernmental organizations: World Health Organisation |
| | (v) Human rights and international solidarity 6th meeting 10 August 2011 | Members: Mr. Chen, Ms. Chung, Ms. Reyes Prado, Mr. Seetulsingh, Ms. Zulficar, Mr. Kartashkin The Secretariat Government observers: China |

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| (vi) Right to peace | 2nd meeting 8 August 2011 | <p>Members: Mr Bengoa, Ms Boisson de Chazournes, Mr. Chen, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Kartashkin, Mr. Okafar, Mr. Sakamoto, Mr. Seetulsingh, Mr. Soofi, Ms. Zulficar.</p> <p>Government observers: Algeria, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Costa Rica, Cuba, Morocco, Pakistan, United States of America, Uruguay.</p> <p>Observers for non-governmental organizations: Conscience and Peace Tax International, International Association of Democratic Lawyers, International Association of Peace Messenger Cities, International Society for Human Rights, Indian Council of South America, Japanese Workers Committee for Human Rights.</p> |
| (vii) Enhancement of international cooperation | 6th meeting 10 August 2011 | <p>Members: Mr. Chen, Mr Heinz, Mr. Kartashkin, Mr. Soofi.</p> <p>Observer for non-governmental organizations: Indian Council of South America</p> |
| (viii) Human rights and traditional values | 5th meeting 10 August 2011 | <p>Members: Mr. Chen, Ms. Chung, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Kartashkin, Mr. Karakora, Mr. Okafor, Ms. Reyes Prado, Mr. Sakamoto, Mr. Seetulsingh, Mr. Soofi, Ms. Warzazi, Ms. Zulficar</p> <p>Government observers: Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Morocco, Poland (on behalf of the European Union), Russian Federation.</p> <p>Observer for non-governmental organizations: Amnesty International, Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, International Commission of Jurists, International service for Human Rights.</p> |
| | 6th meeting 10 August 2011 | <p>Members: Mr. Kartashkin</p> <p>Government observers: Namibia</p> |

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| 4. Implementation of sections III and IV of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007 | (b) Agenda and annual programme of work, including new priorities | 7th meeting 11 August 2011 | Members: Mr. Bengoa, Ms. Boisson de Chazournes, Ms. Chung, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Kartashkin, Mr. Okafor, Ms. Reyes Prado, Mr. Seetulsingh, Ms. Warzazi, Mr. Ziegler, Ms. Zulfica. |
| | | 8th meeting 12 August 2011 | Members: Mr. Bengoa, Ms. Boisson de Chazournes, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Karokora, Mr. Kartashkin, Mr. Okafor, Mr. Seetulsingh, Ms. Warzazi, Ms. Zulficar. Government observers: Algeria, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Chile, Pakistan Observers for non-governmental organizations: Legal Framework for the Development of Bolivian People, Indian Council of South America |
| | (d) Appointment of members of the Working Group on Communications | 8th meeting 12 August 2011 | Members: Ms. Boisson de Chazournes, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Reyes Prado, Mr. Sakamoto, Mr. Seetulsingh. |

Annex III

[English only]

List of documents issued for the seventh session of the Advisory Committee

Documents issued in the general series

| <i>Symbol</i> | <i>Agenda item</i> | <i>Title</i> |
|---|--------------------|---|
| A/HRC/AC/7/1 | 2 | Provisional agenda |
| A/HRC/AC/7/1/Add.1 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 | 2 | Annotations to the provisional agenda |
| A/HRC/AC/7/2 | 3 | Report on enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights |
| A/HRC/AC/7/3 | 3 | Progress report of the right of peoples to peace |
| A/HRC/AC/7/4 | 5 | Report of the Advisory Committee on its seventh session |
| A/HRC/AC/7/CRP.1 | 3 | Update on the preliminary study of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee on the advancement of the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas (A/HRC/16/63) |
| A/HRC/AC/7/CRP.2 | 3 | Preliminary study on severe malnutrition and childhood diseases with children affected by noma as an example |

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| A/HRC/AC/7/L.3 | 3 | Right of peoples to peace |
| A/HRC/AC/7/L.4 | 3 | Human rights and international corporation |
| A/HRC/AC/7/L.5 | 3 | Right to food |

Documents issued in the non-governmental organizations series

| <i>Symbol</i> | <i>Agenda item</i> | <i>Title</i> |
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| A/HRC/AC/7/NGO/1 | 3 | Joint written statement submitted by the Association for Women's Rights in Development, the International Planned Parenthood Federation, nongovernmental organizations in general consultative status, Action Canada for Population and Development, the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development, the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies, the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, the Center for Reproductive Rights, the Center for Women's Global Leadership, Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era, Human Rights Watch, the International Commission of Jurists, the International Federation for Human Rights, the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association, the International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism, the International Service for Human Rights, the International Women's Health Coalition, IPAS, the Italian Association for Women in Development, the Federation for Women and Family Planning, the Swedish Federation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights, Women for Women's Human Rights - New Ways, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, non-governmental organizations in special consultative status, Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development, non-governmental organizations on the roster |
| A/HRC/AC/7/NGO/2 | 3 | Written statement submitted by the Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) a non-governmental organization in general consultative status |
| A/HRC/AC/7/NGO/3 and Corr.1 | 3 | Joint written statement submitted by the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches (CCIA/WCC), the International Association of Soldiers for Peace, Zonta International, the International Federation of Settlements and Neighbourhood Centres (IFS), the International Council Of Women (ICW-CIF), the International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF), the Asian Legal Resource Centre (ALRC), Franciscans International, |

International Federation of Business and Professional Women, Soroptimist International, International Institute for Nonaligned Studies, non-governmental organizations in general consultative status, the World Young Women's Christian Association (World YWCA), the Dominicans for Justice and Peace (Order of Preachers), Buddha's Light International Association, the Federación de Asociaciones de Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos (España), Pax Romana (the International Catholic Movement for Intellectual and Cultural Affairs and the International Movement of Catholic Students), the Temple of Understanding (TOU), the Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF), the International Federation of University Women (IFUW), the Worldwide Organization for Women (WOW), the Union of Arab Jurists, Rencontre Africaine pour la Défense des Droits de l'Homme (RADDHO), the Foundation for the Refugee Education Trust (RET), the International Bridges to Justice (IBJ), the Inter-African Committee on Traditional Practices Affecting the Health of Women and Children (IAC), the American Association of Jurists (AAJ), Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, the Lassalle-Institut, the UNESCO Centre of Catalonia, the Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association (PPSEAWA), the International Movement for Fraternal Union Among Races and Peoples (UFER), the International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), the International Federation of Women in Legal Careers (FIFCJ), the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), the International Association for Women's Mental Health (IAWMH), the International Women's Year Liaison Group (IWYLG), the Institute of International Social Development, African Action on AIDS, the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS), the Lama Gangchen World Peace Foundation (LGWPF), Pax Christi International, International Catholic Peace Movement, the Tandem Project, the Organization for Defending Victims of Violence (ODVV), the Solar Cookers International (SCI), the World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH), the United States Federation for Middle East Peace, the Network Women in Development Europe (KULU), North- South XXI, the United Towns Agency

for North-South Cooperation, the International Organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (EAFORD), Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic, the International Forum for Child Welfare, the BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights, the Arab Lawyers Union, the General Federation of Iraqi Women, the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW), the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities, the Committee for Hispanic Children and Families, the Comité International pour le Respect et l'Application de la Charte Africaine des Droits de l'Homme et des Peuples (CIRAC), Education International, the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies (CIHRS), the World for World Organisation (WFWO), the Universal Esperanto Association (UEA), the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW), the Council of American Overseas Research Centres, Zenab for Women in Development, Inc., the Grail, UNANIMA International, the Association for Democratic Initiatives (ADI), the Centre for Development Studies and Action, the Deniz Feneri Association (Light House Aid and Solidarity Association), the Arab Centre for the Independence of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession (ACIJLP), the Commission for the Defense of Human Rights in Central America (CODEHUCA), the International Association of Democratic Lawyers (IADL), the General Arab Women Federation (GAWF), the Centre Independent de Recherches et d'Initiatives pour le Dialogue (CIRID), the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW), the International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR), the Comisión Colombiana de Juristas (CCJ), the COJEP International (Conseil de Jeunesse Pluriculturelle), the Association of African Women for Research and Development (AAWORD), the Center for Migration Studies of New York (CMS) (member of the Scalabrini International Migration Network), the World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation (WAPR), the Foundation for Subjective Experience and Research, the African Women's Development and Communication Network (FEMNET), the Salvation Army, Initiatives of Change International, the Planetary Association for Clean Energy, Inc.,

the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics, Prison Fellowship International, Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII, World Organisation Against Torture, Action internationale pour la paix et le développement dans la région des Grands Lacs, the Association apprentissage sans frontières (ASF), the Indian Movement "Tupaj Amaru", the National Council of Women of Canada, National Council of Women of the United States Inc., National Council of Women of Great Britain, Peace Boat, United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY), the African Peace Network (APNET), Right to Energy SOS Future, Myochikai (Arigatou Foundation), the Fondation Idole, IUS PRIMI VIRI International Association, the African Women Association (AWA), the Center for Practice-Oriented Feminist Science (PROFS), the Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS), the International Movement against all Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR), the National Alliance of Women's Organisations (NAWO), the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), the African Services Committee (ASC), the Guild of Services, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), non-governmental organizations in special consultative status, the Federation for Peace and Conciliation (IFPC), the World Association for the School as an Instrument of Peace, the International Society for Human Rights (ISHR), the Institute for Planetary Synthesis (IPS), the International Peace Bureau (IPB), the UNESCO Centre Basque Country (UNESCO ETXEA), the 3HO Foundation, Inc. (Healthy, Happy, Holy Organization), the Dzeno Association, the Country Women Association of Nigeria (COWAN), the Association Nigérienne des Scouts de l'Environnement (ANSEN), the International Peace Research Association (IPRA), the Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD), the International Progress Organization (IPO), the Arab NGO Network for Development, Gray Panthers, European Federation of Road Traffic Crash Victims, nongovernmental organizations on the roster

Annex IV

Letter from the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee to the President of the Human Rights Council

12 August 2011

Excellency,

As Chairperson of the Advisory Committee, I would like to express our gratitude to you and members of the Bureau for the informal meeting held on 9 August in the margins of the seventh session of the Committee. We value the steps envisioned in Council resolution 16/21 to strengthen the relationship between the Council and its subsidiary body, the Advisory Committee, and were extremely appreciative of the substantive discussion held with your Bureau on 9 August 2011. We support any step which would strengthen the interaction between the Council and the Advisory Committee, in particular through:

- Making a contribution to the half-day panel discussion on promoting the mainstreaming of human rights throughout the United Nations system to be held on a yearly basis, possibly through a video message, starting with March 2012 or 2013 as would be deemed appropriate by the Council;
- Further encouraging sponsors of resolutions, which provide for a mandated research to the Advisory Committee, to engage more systematically with the Committee in order to indicate thematic priorities and clarify the scope of the specific mandate/s;
- Facilitating interaction with other subsidiary organs and mechanisms of the Council, including supporting a yearly short meeting of representatives of the Advisory Committee, the Forum on Minority Issues, the Social Forum, and the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples concomitantly with the annual meeting of Chairpersons of Treaty Bodies and of Special Procedures of the Council.

Furthermore, on behalf of the Committee, I would also like to follow up on a suggestion made during the meeting, notably the possibility for the Committee to identify in a memorandum addressed to the President and Bureau of the Council a list of specific research proposals, in particular with regard to contemporary and/or insufficiently dealt with human rights issues, for the consideration of the Council.

In responding to this proposal, and in line with paragraph 77 of the Annex to Council resolution 5/1, the Committee brainstormed both in private and public meetings, and I have the pleasure to transmit to you the following priority research proposals:

- youth, globalization and human rights;
- impact of the use of new information technologies, including Internet and social networking, on human rights;
- discrimination against the poor and other marginalized groups in the context of access to justice;
- human rights strategies in the fight against corruption;
- price speculation on corn, rice and wheat in the context of the right to food.

We look forward to your consideration of the above research proposals and to receiving feedback from the Council.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(*signed*) Latif Hüseyinov
Chairperson
Human Rights Council Advisory Committee
