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y compris le droit au développement**

Informations communiquées par la Commission sud-africaine des droits de l'homme*

Note du secrétariat

Le secrétariat du Conseil des droits de l'homme fait tenir ci-joint la communication soumise par la Commission sud-africaine des droits de l'homme**, qui est reproduite ci-après conformément à l'article 7 b) du Règlement intérieur figurant en annexe à la résolution 5/1 du Conseil des droits de l'homme, qui dispose que la participation des institutions nationales des droits de l'homme s'exerce selon les modalités et les pratiques convenues par la Commission des droits de l'homme, notamment la résolution 2005/74 du 20 avril 2005.

* Institution nationale des droits de l'homme à laquelle le Comité international de coordination des institutions nationales pour la promotion et la protection des droits de l'homme a accordé le statut d'accréditation «A».

** La communication est reproduite en annexe telle qu'elle a été reçue, dans la langue originale seulement.

Annexe

Written contribution by the South African Human Rights Commission on the report of the Special Rapporteur of the right to food on his mission to South Africa

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The South African Human Rights Commission is a national human rights institution with “A” status accreditation under the Paris Principles.

The South African Human Rights Commission welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the Special Rapporteurs Report on his Mission to South Africa.

The right to food is not only inextricably linked to human dignity but goes to the core of human survival. The Special Rapporteur highlighted the gross inequalities in income in South Africa and the high levels of poverty experienced by the majority of the population. The stark reality is that many people in South Africa, and in particular those who are vulnerable, such as children, the elderly, persons with disabilities, the rural poor and women do not have sufficient food and are hungry and starving.

The South African Human Rights Commission is delighted that the Special Rapporteur has supported other United Nations treaty bodies and mechanisms, such as the Universal Periodic Review Process, in recommending that South Africa should ratify the International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR). This would be an important step in South Africa demonstrating at an international level its commitment to ensuring that the right to food is all enjoyed by everyone in the country.

The South African Human Rights Commission welcomes the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur which promotes a strong rights-based approach by government and the need for accountability and independent monitoring. As South Africa’s national human rights institution we will promote the recommendations at a domestic level and monitor government’s implementation thereof.
