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stemming from Human Rights Council resolutions:

human rights and issues related to terrorist hostage-taking

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8/... Terrorist hostage-taking

The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,

Noting that, in Human Rights Council resolution 18/10 of 29 September 2011, the Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a study on the issue of terrorist hostage-taking for the purposes of promoting awareness and understanding, paying particular attention to its impact on human rights and the role of regional and international cooperation in this field,

Noting also that, in its resolution 18/10, the Human Rights Council also requested the Advisory Committee to submit the study to the Council at its twenty-third session and to present an interim report thereon at its twenty-first session,

Taking note of the discussions held by the Human Rights Council panel on the issue of human rights in the context of action taken to address terrorist hostage-taking at its eighteenth session,¹

Taking into account the preliminary discussions held by the Advisory Committee at its eighth session,

Taking note of the first discussion on the topic held at its 8th meeting,

1. *Decides* to establish a drafting group consisting of Wolfgang Stefan Heinz, Latif Hüseyinov, Obiora Chinedu Okafor, Shigeki Sakamoto, Ahmer Bilal Soofi and Jean Ziegler;

¹ A/HRC/18/29.

2. *Appoints* Mr Hüseyinov as Chairperson and Mr Heinz as Rapporteur of the drafting group;

3. *Encourages* all interested stakeholders, such as Member States, international organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations, to contribute to the study process;

4. *Proposes* changing the time schedule envisaged by the Human Rights Council to allow for better-informed work and that the final report may be submitted to the Council at its twenty-fourth session;

5. *Recommends* that the Human Rights Council consider adopting the following decision:

“The Human Rights Council takes note of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee that its drafting group present its interim report to the Committee at its ninth session, with the proposal to present the final report to the Committee at its tenth session, and requests the Committee to submit the final report to the Council at its twenty-fourth session.”

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 the above-mentioned task.
