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

8/1. Rights of peasants

The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,

Recalling Human Rights Council resolutions 7/14 of 27 March 2008, 10/12 of 26 March 2009, 13/4 of 24 March 2010 and 16/27 of 25 March 2011,

Recalling also the request of the Human Rights Council that the Advisory Committee continue its work on the advancement of the rights of people working in rural areas, and present the final study thereon to the Council at its nineteenth session,

1. *Welcomes* the final study on the advancement of the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas and the annexed declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas prepared by its drafting group;¹

2. *Submits* herewith to the Human Rights Council the above-mentioned study;²

3. *Requests* the Human Rights Council to consider the recommendations made by the Advisory Committee in its study, in particular:

(a) The creation of a new special procedures mandate on the promotion and protection of the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas;

(b) The development of a new international human rights instrument on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas.

Adopted without a vote
9th meeting
24 February 2012

8/2. Right to food

The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,

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

Recalling also the request of the Human Rights Council, in its resolution 16/27, that the Advisory Committee undertake, as a follow-up to the study on discrimination in the context of the right to food,³ 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 study on severe malnutrition and childhood diseases with children affected by noma as an example and the human rights principles and guidelines to

¹ A/HRC/AC/8/6.

² A/HRC/19/75.

³ A/HRC/16/40.

improve the protection of children at risk or affected by malnutrition, specifically at risk of or affected by noma, annexed thereto, prepared by its drafting group;⁴

2. *Submits* herewith to the Human Rights Council the above-mentioned study and the annex thereto;⁵

3. *Requests* the Human Rights Council to consider the recommendations made by the Advisory Committee in the above-mentioned study, and to encourage States to implement the human rights principles and guidelines to improve the protection of children at risk or affected by malnutrition, specifically at risk of or affected by noma, annexed thereto;

4. *Welcomes* the preliminary study on the theme “promotion of human rights of the urban poor: strategies and best practices” prepared by its drafting group;⁶

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

6. *Assigns* the completion of the above-mentioned study to the drafting group on the right to food, to be presented to the Advisory Committee at its ninth session for submission to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-second session;

7. *Welcomes* the concept note for the preliminary study on rural women and the right to food prepared by the drafting group;⁷

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 without a vote
9th meeting
24 February 2012*

8/3. Human rights and international solidarity

The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,

Recalling Human Rights Council resolutions 9/2 of 24 September 2008, 12/9 of 1 October 2009, 15/13 of 30 September 2010 and 18/5 of 29 September 2011, 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 that right,

1. *Takes note* of the draft paper prepared by the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the drafting group established by the Advisory Committee to consider this issue, Chen Shiqiu,⁸

⁴ A/HRC/AC/8/7.

⁵ A/HRC/19/73.

⁶ A/HRC/AC/8/5.

⁷ A/HRC/AC/8/CRP.2.

⁸ A/HRC/AC/8/CRP.1.

as well as of the comments and suggestions made during the discussions on the issue in the Advisory Committee at its eighth session;

2. *Welcomes* the participation of the independent expert on human rights and international solidarity and encourages the drafting group to continue to cooperate closely with her, and to submit the revised paper on the issue to the Advisory Committee at its ninth session;

3. *Designates* Mr Shiqiu and Dheerujlall Seetulsingh to participate in the workshop convened by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 18/5 for an exchange of views on, inter alia, the gender implications of international solidarity, the impact of a right to international solidarity, the role of international solidarity in achieving the Millennium Development Goals and the realization of the right to development;

4. *Requests* the Office of the High Commissioner to provide the drafting group with all the assistance necessary to enable it to accomplish its task.

Adopted without a vote

9th meeting

24 February 2012

8/4. 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 Advisory 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 further that the Human Rights Council, in its resolution 17/16 of 17 June 2011, requested 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 progress report on the right of peoples to peace submitted by the drafting group to the Advisory Committee at its eighth session;⁹

2. *Welcomes* the submissions and comments received during its eighth session by various stakeholders and members of the Advisory Committee;

3. *Also welcomes* the initiatives of civil society actors to organize discussions on the draft declaration of the Advisory Committee;

4. *Requests* the drafting group to finalize its work on the draft declaration on the right of peoples to peace in the light of the discussions held by the Advisory Committee at its eighth session, and to submit it to the Human Rights Council at its twentieth session;

5. *Also requests* the drafting group to include in its revision, inter alia:

⁹ A/HRC/AC/8/2.

- (a) Reference to the link between the right to peace and all civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights in article 1;
- (b) Reference to the importance of citizen security and a preventive approach;
- (c) Strengthening of gender mainstreaming in article 8;
- (d) Reference to the right to truth in article. 11;
- (e) More explicit wording on a monitoring mechanism in article 13;

6. *Expresses the wish* that a representative of the drafting group on the right of peoples to peace of the Advisory Committee be invited to participate in the discussions of the Human Rights Council on the draft declaration;

7. *Also expresses the wish* that the drafting group be kept informed of the follow-up to the work of the Human Rights Council, and that it might be involved, in appropriate ways, in the ongoing debate;

8. *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 without a vote
9th meeting
24 February 2012*

8/5. 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,¹⁰

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

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;

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

¹⁰ A/HRC/18/29.

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. *Recommends* that the Human Rights Council extend the time schedule envisaged to allow for better informed work, and requests the drafting group to submit a preliminary study to the Advisory Committee at its ninth session with a view to submitting an interim report to the Council at its twenty-second session and a final report 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 on the progress of work on terrorist hostage-taking, and requests the Advisory Committee to submit an interim report to the Council at its twenty-second session, and the final report 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.

*Adopted without a vote
9th meeting
24 February 2012*

8/6. 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 can contribute to the promotion and protection of human rights, and to present that study to the Council before its twenty-first session;

Recalling also that, at its seventh session, the Advisory Committee established a drafting group with the task of preparing the above-mentioned study, and appointed Ahmer Bilal Soofi as Chairperson and Vladimir Kartashkin as Rapporteur of the group,

1. *Takes note* of the comments and suggestions made during the discussions on the preliminary study prepared by Mr Kartashkin;

2. *Requests* the drafting group to submit the revised preliminary study to the Advisory Committee at its ninth session for further consideration.

*Adopted without a vote
9th meeting
24 February 2012*

8/7. 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 United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights¹¹ and further views from States and relevant stakeholders, and to submit proposals thereon to the Council at its nineteenth session,

1. *Welcomes* the responses received to its questionnaire submitted to States, non-governmental organizations and relevant stakeholders;
2. *Approves* the final report on the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights presented by Dheerujlall Seetulsingh, Chairperson of the drafting group established by the Advisory Committee to prepare the above-mentioned task,¹² together with Laurence Boisson de Chazournes, Rapporteur of the drafting group;
3. *Submits* herewith to the Human Rights Council the above-mentioned final report.

Adopted without a vote
9th meeting
24 February 2012

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 eighth session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 20 to 24 February 2012. The session was opened by the Chairperson for its eighth session, Latif Hüseyinov.
2. The President of the Human Rights Council, MsLaura Dupuy Lasserre, addressed the Advisory Committee at its 1st meeting, on 20 February 2012.
3. At the same meeting, Mrthe Director of the Human Rights Council and Special Procedures Division made a statement on behalf of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

B. Composition of the Advisory Committee

4. The names of the members are as follows:¹³ 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); Obiora Chinedu Okafor (Nigeria, 2014); Anantonia Reyes Prado (Guatemala, 2014); Shigeki Sakamoto (Japan, 2013); Dheerujlall Seetulsingh (Mauritius, 2014); Ahmer Bilal Soofi (Pakistan, 2014); Halima Embarek Warzazi (Morocco, 2012); Jean Ziegler (Switzerland, 2012); and Mona Zulficar (Egypt, 2013).

¹¹ A/HRC/13/19.

¹² A/HRC/AC/7/2.

¹³ The year in parenthesis indicates when the term of office of the members expires.

5. In its decision 18/121, the Human Rights Council decided that, as a transitional measure, the period of office of members of the Advisory Committee ending in March 2012 would be exceptionally extended until 30 September 2012.

C. Attendance

6. 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. Mr d'Escoto Brockmann was not able to attend the session due to medical reasons.

D. Meetings and documentation

7. The Advisory Committee held eight plenary meetings, one closed meeting on agenda item 3, two closed meetings on agenda item 2 and one closed meeting on agenda item 1. The Advisory Committee adopted seven texts (see chapter I above).

E. Officers

8. 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, the following officers elected by acclamation at the 1st meeting of the seventh session of the Advisory Committee, held on 8 August 2011, also served as officers at the eighth session:

<i>Chairperson:</i>	Latif Hüseyinov
<i>Vice Chairpersons:</i>	Mona Zulficar
	Anantonia Reyes Prado
<i>Rapporteurs:</i>	Jean Ziegler
	Chung Chinsung

9. At the same meeting, the Advisory Committee observed a minute of silence in memory of Purificacion V. Quisumbing.

10. Also at the same meeting, the Advisory Committee observed a minute of silence for the victims of human rights violations around the world.

F. Adoption of the agenda

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

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

G. Organization of work and conduct of business

13. The Advisory Committee considered item 2 of the agenda at its 1st meeting, on 20 February.

14. At the 1st meeting, the modalities with respect to the organization of work and conduct of business were recalled by the Chairperson on the basis of the modalities applied at the previous sessions of the Committee.

15. It was agreed that the deadline for submitting draft recommendations would be 23 February 2012.

16. 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

17. The Advisory Committee considered agenda item 2 at its 1st and 2nd meeting, on 20 February, at its 3rd and 4th meetings, on 21 February, and at its 5th and 6th meetings, on 22 February.

Requests currently under consideration by the Committee

1. Promotion of the right of peoples to peace

18. At its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 20 February, the Advisory Committee, pursuant to Human Rights 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/8/2). 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 Victor Manuel Rodríguez Rescia on behalf of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

19. At the 9th meeting, on 24 February, Mr Sakamoto introduced draft text A/HRC/AC/8/L.4, sponsored by Ms Boisson de Chazournes, Mr Chen, Ms Chung, Mr Heinz, Mr Hüseyinov, Mr Ntunduguru Karokora, Mr Kartashkin, Mr Okafor, Ms Reyes Prado, Mr Sakamoto, Mr Seetulsingh, Mr Soofi, Ms Warzazi, Mr Ziegler and Ms Zulficar.

20. At the same meeting, Mr Bengoa made a statement with regard to the draft text.

21. Also at the same meeting, the draft text was adopted without a vote (for the text as adopted, see chapter I). Subsequently, Mr d'Escoto Brockmann informed the secretariat in writing that he wished to be dissociated from recommendation 8/4.

2. Traditional values of humankind

22. At its 2nd meeting, on 20 February, and ^{its} 3rd meeting, on 21 February, the Advisory Committee, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 16/3, held a discussion on promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms through a better understanding of traditional values of humankind. At its 2nd meeting, Mr Kartashkin made a presentation on his preliminary report on the issue (A/HRC/AC/8/4). Committee members took part in the ensuing discussion (see annex II). At the 3rd meeting, a discussion followed in which Committee members, Government observers, observers for non-governmental organizations and an observer for an intergovernmental organization took part (see annex II).

23. At the 9th meeting, on 24 February, Mr Soofi introduced draft text A/HRC/AC/8/L.6, sponsored by Ms Boisson de Chazournes, Mr Chen, Ms Chung, Mr Kartashkin, Mr Karokora, Mr Chinedu Okafor, Ms Reyes Prado, Mr Seetulsingh, Mr Soofi, Ms Warzazi, Mr Ziegler and Ms Zulficar.

24. At the same meeting, Mr Bengoa, Mr Kartashkin, Mr Karokora and Ms Warzazi made statements with regard to the draft text.

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

3. Right to food

26. At its 3rd and 4th meetings, on 21 February, and at its 6th meeting, on 22 February, the Advisory Committee, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolutions 7/14, 10/12, 13/4 and 16/27, held discussions on the promotion of the right to food.

(a) Advancement of the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas

27. At its 3rd and 4th meetings, the Advisory Committee held a discussion on the final study on the advancement of the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas (A/HRC/AC/8/6). Mr Bengoa introduced the study. During the ensuing discussion, statements were made by Committee members, observers for Governments and observers for non-governmental organizations (see annex II).

28. At the 9th meeting, on 24 February, Mr Bengoa introduced draft text A/HRC/AC/8/L.1, sponsored by Mr Bengoa, Mr Chen, Ms Chung, Mr Heinz, Mr Hüseyinov, Mr Karokora, Mr Kartashkin, Mr Okafor, Ms Reyes Prado, Mr Sakamoto, Mr Seetulsingh, Mr Soofi, Ms Warzazi, Mr Ziegler and Ms Zulficar.

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

(b) Severe malnutrition and childhood diseases with children affected by noma as an example

30. At the 4th meeting, Mr Ziegler, as chairperson of the drafting group on the right to food, made an introductory statement on the final study on severe malnutrition and childhood diseases, with children affected by noma as an example (A/HRC/AC/8/7).

31. At the 9th meeting, on 24 February, Mr Bengoa introduced draft text A/HRC/AC/8/L.2, sponsored by Mr Bengoa, Mr Chen, Ms Chung, Mr Heinz, Mr Hüseyinov, Mr Karokora, Mr Kartashkin, Mr Okafor, Ms Reyes Prado, Mr Sakamoto, Mr Seetulsingh, Mr Soofi, Ms Warzazi, Mr Ziegler and Ms Zulficar.

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

(c) Rural women and the right to food

33. At its 6th meeting, on 22 February, the Advisory Committee, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 16/27, held a discussion on the concept note for the preliminary study on rural women and the right to food (A/HRC/AC/8/CRP.2). Ms Zulficar, rapporteur of the drafting group, presented the concept note. A discussion followed, in which Committee members and an intergovernmental organization took part (see annex II).

(d) Promotion of human rights of the urban poor: strategies and best practices

34. At its 6th meeting, on 22 February, the Advisory Committee, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 16/27, held a discussion on the preliminary study on the promotion of human rights of the urban poor (A/HRC/AC/8/5). Ms Chung, rapporteur of the drafting group, presented an introduction to the study. Committee members took part in the ensuing discussion (see annex II).

4. Human rights and issues related to terrorist hostage-taking

35. At its 5th meeting, on 22 February, the Advisory Committee, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 18/10, held a preliminary discussion on human rights and issues relating to terrorist hostage-taking. Observers for Algeria and Senegal, on behalf of the African States, made introductory statements regarding the background of Council resolution 18/10 and the study requested by the Council. During the ensuing discussion, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee and Government observers (see annex II).

36. At the 9th meeting, on 24 February, Mr Hüseyinov introduced draft text A/HRC/AC/8/L.5, sponsored by Ms Boisson de Chazournes, Mr Chen, Mr Heinz, Mr Hüseyinov, Mr Karokora, Mr Kartashkin, Mr Okafor, Ms Reyes Prado, Mr Sakamoto, Mr Seetulsingh, Mr Soofi and Mr Ziegler.

37. At the same meeting, Mr Chen, Ms Chung, Mr Kartashkin and Ms Warzazi made statements with regard to the draft text.

38. 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

39. At its 5th meeting, on 22 February, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolutions 9/2, 12/9 and 15/13, the Advisory Committee held a discussion on human rights and international solidarity. The Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity, Virginia Dandan, made an introductory statement on a draft declaration on the right of peoples and individuals to international solidarity and on her mandate. Mr Chen, chairperson of the drafting group, presented the draft paper on human rights and international solidarity (A/HRC/AC/8/CRP.1). Committee members and government observers took part in the ensuing discussion (see annex II).

40. At the 9th meeting, on 24 February, Mr Chen introduced draft text A/HRC/AC/8/L.3, sponsored by Mr Bengoa, Ms Boisson de Chazournes, Mr Chen, Ms Chung, Mr Heinz, Mr Hüseyinov, Mr Kartashkin, Mr Okafor, Ms Reyes Prado, Mr Sakamoto, Mr Seetulsingh, Mr Bilal Soofi, Ms Warzazi and Mr Ziegler.

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

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

42. At its 6th meeting, on 22 February, the Advisory Committee, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 13/23, held a discussion concerning final proposals for the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights. Mr Seetulsingh, the chairperson of the drafting group, and Ms Boisson de Chazournes made a statement on the final study (A/HRC/AC/8/3). Committee members, Government observers and an observer for a non-governmental organization took part in the ensuing discussion (see annex II).

43. At the 9th meeting, on 24 February, Mr Seetulsingh introduced draft text A/HRC/AC/8/L.7, sponsored by Mr Bengoa, Ms Boisson de Chazournes, Mr Chen, Ms

Chung, Mr Heinz, Mr Hüseyinov, Mr Karokora, Mr Kartashkin, Mr Okafor, Ms Reyes Prado, Mr Sakamoto, Mr Seetulsingh, Mr Soofi, Ms Warzazi and Mr Ziegler.

44. At the same meeting, the draft text was adopted unanimously, 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, and of section III of the annex to Council resolution 16/21 of 25 March 2011

Agenda and annual programme of work, including new priorities

45. At the 7th meeting, held on 23 February, Committee members made statements regarding possible research proposals to be submitted to the Human Rights Council for consideration and approval (see annex II).

V. Report of the Advisory Committee on its eighth session

46. At its 9th meeting, on 24 February, the Advisory Committee considered agenda item 4.

47. At that meeting, the Rapporteur of the Advisory Committee presented the draft report on its eighth session (A/HRC/AC/8/8).

48. Also at the same meeting, statements in relation to the draft report were made by Mr Chen, Ms Chung and Ms Warzazi.

49. At the same meeting, the Advisory Committee adopted the draft report ad referendum and decided to entrust the Rapporteur with its finalization.

50. Also at the same meeting, the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee made concluding remarks.

Annex I

Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
2. 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;
 - (ix) Human rights and issues related to terrorist hostage-taking;
 - (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.
3. Implementation of sections III and IV of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007, and of section III of the annex to Council resolution 16/21 of 25 March 2011:
 - (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.
4. Report of the Advisory Committee on its eighth session.

Annex II

[English only]

List of speakers

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Meeting and date</i>	<i>Speakers</i>
1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work	1st meeting 20 February 2012	Members: Mr Bengoa, Mr Chen, Ms Chung, Mr Kartashkin, Ms Zulficar
2. Request to the Advisory Committee 2 (i) Right to food stemming from Human Rights Council resolutions	3rd meeting 21 February 2012	Members: Mr Bengoa
(a) Requests currently under consideration by the Committee	4th meeting 21 February 2012	Members: Mr Ziegler Government observers: Ethiopia, Uruguay Observers for non-governmental organizations: International Association of Democratic Lawyers, Foodfirst Information and Action Network
	6th meeting 22 February 2012	Members: Mr Bengoa, Ms Chung, Ms Reyes Prado, Mr Seetulsingh, Ms Warzazi, Ms Zulficar Observers for intergovernmental organizations: Caritas Internationalis (International Confederation of Catholic Charities)
2 (v) Human rights and international solidarity	5th meeting 22 February 2012	Members: Mr Chen, Mr Sakamoto, Mr Seetulsingh, Mr Soofi Government observers: China, Cuba
2 (vi) Promotion of the right of peoples to peace	1st meeting 20 February 2012	Members: Mr Bengoa, Ms Boisson de Chazournes, Mr Heinz, Mr Seetulsingh, Mr Soofi, Mr Ziegler, Ms Zulficar.
	2nd meeting 20 February 2012	Members: Mr Chen, Mr Kartashkin, Ms Reyes Prado, Ms Warzazi, Ms Zulficar Government observers: Argentina, Costa Rica, Cuba, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Spain, Tunisia,

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Meeting and date</i>	<i>Speakers</i>
		Uruguay
		Observers for non-governmental organizations: Conscience and Peace Tax International, Indian Council of South America, International Association of Democratic Lawyers, International Association of Peace Messenger Cities, Japan Federation of Bar Associations, Japanese Workers Committee for Human Rights, United Network of Young Peacebuilders
	6th meeting	Members:
	22 February 2012	Government observers:
		Observers for intergovernmental organizations:
2 (vii) Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights	6th meeting	Members: Mr Bengoa, Ms Boisson de Chazournes, Mr Seetulsingh.
	22 February 2012	Government observers: Cuba, Egypt, Uruguay
		Observer for non-governmental organizations: ONG Hope International
2 (viii) Promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms through a better understanding of traditional values of humankind	2nd meeting	Members: Mr Heinz, Mr Kartashkin, Mr Sakamoto, Ms Warzazi, Ms Zulficar.
	20 February 2012	Government observers:
		Observer for non-governmental organizations:
2 (ix) Human rights and issues related to terrorist hostage-taking	5th meeting	Members: Mr Chen, Mr Heinz, Mr Kartashkin, Mr Okafor, Mr Seetulsingh, Mr Soofi, Ms Warzazi, Mr Ziegler, Ms Zulficar
	22 February 2012	Government observers: Algeria, Senegal
3. Implementation of sections III and IV of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007, and of section III of the annex to Council resolution 16/21 of 25 March 2011	(b) Agenda and annual programme of work, including new priorities	Members: Mr Bengoa, Ms Boisson de Chazournes, Ms Chung, Mr Kartashkin, Ms Reyes Prado, Mr Soofi
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of Women in Legal Careers (FIFCJ), the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), 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 Solar Cookers International (SCI), the United States Federation for Middle East Peace (USFMEP), the Network Women in Development Europe (KULU, Denmark), 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 (IAPMC), the Committee for Hispanic Children and Families, the Comite International pour le Respect et l'Application de la Charte Africaine des Droits de l'Homme et des Peuples (CIRAC), the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies (CIHRS), the World for World Organisation (WFWO), the Universal Esperanto Association (UEA), the Grail, UNANIMA International, the Association for Democratic Initiatives (ADI), the General Arab Women Federation (GAWF), the International Association of Democratic Lawyers (IADL), the Centre Independent de Recherches et d'Initiatives pour le Dialogue (CIRID), the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW), Peace Boat, the International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR), the Comision 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 Planetary Association for Clean Energy (PACE), Initiatives of Change International, Associazione Comunita Papa Giovanni XXIII, the Action internationale pour la paix et le développement dans la région des Grands Lacs, the Indian Movement "Tupaj Amaru", the General

Arab Women Federation, National Council of Women in Great Britain, 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 Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS), the International Movement against all Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR), the National Alliance of Women's Organisations (NAWO), African Services Committee (ASC), Guild of Services, European Women's Lobby (EWL), European Union of Women (EUW), International Organization for the Right to Education and Freedom of Education (OIDE), Women's Union of Russia (WUR), Fundación Cultura de Paz, Permanent Assembly for Human Rights (APDH), International Islamic Relief Organization (IIROSA), Japanese Association of International Women's Rights, Japanese Worker's Committee for Human Rights, non-governmental organizations in special consultative status, the Association of World Citizens, 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 3HO Foundation, Inc. (Healthy, Happy, Holy Organization), the Dzeno Association, the Country Women Association of Nigeria (COWAN), the Association Nigerienne des Scouts de l'Environnement (ANSEN), the Asia Pacific Forum on Women, the Law and Development (APWLD), the International Progress Organization (IPO), European Federation of Road Traffic Crash Victims, a nongovernmental organizations on the roster Amendments to the (second) draft declaration on the right to peace prepared by the Advisory Committee drafting group

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A/HRC/AC/8/NGO/4	2	Written statement submitted by the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, a non-governmental organization in special consultative status
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