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At its ... meeting, held on 6 July 2012, the President of the Human Rights Council read out the following statement:

“The Human Rights Council,

Recalling Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1 of 18 June 2007 and 16/21 of 25 March 2011,

Recalling also Human Rights Council decisions 6/102 of 27 September 2007 and 17/119 of 17 June 2011 containing general guidelines for the preparation of information under the universal periodic review,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 66/247 of 24 December 2011 and Human Rights Council decision 17/119, in which the Council extended the duration of review by the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review from three hours to three and a half hours for each State review from the second cycle onwards,

Recalling President’s statement PRST/9/2 of 24 September 2008, in which the word limit of reports of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review on each State reviewed was set at 9,630 words,

Taking into account the fact that the extension of the duration of the review entails a greater number of statements made during the universal periodic review of each State,

Recalling that the word limit for reports of intergovernmental bodies has been set at 10,700 words,¹

¹ In accordance with the resolutions of the General Assembly on the control and limitation of documentation, in particular resolutions 52/214, 53/208 and 59/265, reports originating in the Secretariat are subject to a page limit equivalent to 8,500 words, while those not originating in the Secretariat are subject to a page guideline equivalent to 10,700 words.

Decides to increase the word limit for all reports of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review on each State reviewed from 9,630 words to 10,700 words.”
