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30/21. Enhancement of technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, particularly with regard to achieving international cooperation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status,

Reaffirming the obligation of States under the Charter to promote universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Recognizing that the enhancement of international cooperation is essential for the effective promotion and protection of human rights, which should be based on the principles of cooperation and genuine dialogue and aimed at strengthening the capacity of States to prevent human rights violations and comply with their human rights obligations for the benefit of all human beings,

Recalling the mandate of the Human Rights Council to promote advisory services, technical assistance and capacity-building, to be provided in consultation with and with the consent of States concerned, and provisions in Council resolutions 5/1 and 5/2 of 18 June 2007 and 16/21 of 25 March 2011 that aim to enable the Council to fulfil such a mandate,

Recalling also Human Rights Council resolutions 29/2 of 29 June 2015 and 26/19 of 26 June 2014, in which the Council resolved to ensure respect for the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all migrants,

Recalling further all relevant international human rights instruments, particularly the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the International Convention on



the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, as well as the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees,

Acknowledging the cultural and economic contributions made by migrants to their communities of origin and destination and the need to identify appropriate means of maximizing development benefits, to respond to the challenges that migration poses to countries of origin, transit and destination, to promote dignified, humane treatment with applicable protections and access to basic services, and to strengthen mechanisms for international cooperation,

Recognizing that States are responsible for promoting and protecting the human rights of all persons, including irregular migrants, who are in their territory, and subject to their jurisdiction, in accordance with their international human rights obligations,

Recognizing also the shared responsibilities of countries of origin, transit and destination in promoting and protecting the human rights of migrants and avoiding approaches that might aggravate their vulnerability, bearing in mind the need to address the special situation and vulnerability of migrant women and girls,

Expressing deep concern that the number of people who are forcibly displaced has reached the highest level since the Second World War, and underlining that it is necessary for Member States to respect their obligations under international law, including provision of international protection, as appropriate,

Deeply concerned at the large and growing number of migrants, especially women and children, including those unaccompanied or separated from their parents, who find themselves in a vulnerable situation by attempting to cross international borders, and recognizing the obligation of States to respect the human rights of those migrants in accordance with their applicable international human rights obligations,

1. *Encourages* Members and observers of the Human Rights Council to use, where relevant, the general debate under agenda item 10 as a platform to share experiences, challenges and information on assistance needed in the implementation of their human rights obligations and voluntary pledges and commitments, including accepted universal periodic review recommendations, as well as their achievements and good practices in the area of technical cooperation in the field of human rights;

2. *Emphasizes* that the discussion to promote technical cooperation and capacity-building in the Human Rights Council should be based on consultations with and the consent of the States concerned, and should take into account their needs, as well as the fact that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated and aim to make a concrete impact on the ground;

3. *Affirms* that technical cooperation should be an inclusive exercise that engages and involves all national stakeholders, including government agencies and civil societies, at all stages;

4. *Reaffirms the need* for enhanced voluntary contributions to the relevant United Nations funds to support technical assistance and capacity-building, particularly the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, the Voluntary Fund for participation in the universal periodic review and the Voluntary Trust Fund for Financial and Technical Assistance for the Implementation of the Universal Periodic Review, and encourages States to make contribution to these funds, especially those who have not yet done so;

5. *Welcomes* the panel discussion held under agenda item 10 at the twenty-eighth session of the Human Rights Council on the theme “Technical cooperation to support inclusive and participatory development and poverty eradication at the national

level”, which underlined the importance of technical cooperation and capacity-building to fill the gaps and support States in overcoming challenges in the implementation of their national development and poverty eradication policies to ensure that such policies are inclusive, participatory and leave no one behind;

6. *Underscores the importance* of international, regional and bilateral cooperation and dialogue in the protection of the human rights of all migrants, particularly at a time when both regular and irregular migration flows have increased in the globalized economy and occur in a context of conflicts and continued security concerns, while taking into account the multidimensional character of the migratory phenomenon;

7. *Encourages* States, relevant international organizations, intergovernmental bodies, civil society, including non-governmental organizations, and the private sector to continue and to enhance their dialogue with a view to strengthening and making more inclusive public policies aimed at promoting and respecting the human rights of all migrants;

8. *Decides*, in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 of its resolution 18/18 of 29 September 2011, that the theme for the annual thematic panel discussion under agenda item 10 to be held during its thirty-first session will be “Technical cooperation and capacity-building to promote and protect the rights of all migrants, including women, children, older persons and persons with disabilities”;

9. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a report on the activities undertaken by the Office, other relevant United Nations agencies and, where applicable, regional organizations to support efforts by States to promote and protect the rights of migrants in their national legislation, policies and programmes, and to submit it to the Human Rights Council at its thirty-first session, to serve as a basis for the thematic panel discussion, and to liaise with States, relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, relevant special procedures and other stakeholders, including, where applicable, those involved in technical cooperation projects that demonstrate best practices, constructive engagement and positive impact on the ground with a view to ensuring their participation in the thematic panel discussion.

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[Adopted without a vote.]
