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### Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General

Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil,  
political, economic, social and cultural rights,  
including the right to development

## Comprehensive study on the use of digital technologies to achieve universal birth registration

### Note by the Secretariat\*

1. The present note is submitted pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 52/25, in which the Council requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare, in consultation with States, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, civil society and other relevant stakeholders, a comprehensive study on the use of digital technologies to achieve universal birth registration, its best practices, challenges and opportunities, and potential mechanisms to close the gap between the number of children whose births are reported as registered and those who actually have a birth certificate, and to submit the report thereon to the Council at its fifty-eighth session.

2. The Secretariat has been informed that, in order to allow for consultation with stakeholders, the report will be submitted to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-ninth session. The sponsors of Council resolution 52/25 have been duly informed and agreed to the postponement.

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