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Belarus,* Democratic People's Republic of Korea,* Eritrea,* Iran (Islamic Republic of),* Russian Federation,* Sudan and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)*: revised draft resolution

59/... Discontinuation of the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea

The Human Rights Council,

Reaffirming respect for the universal principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity, the free determination of peoples, the sovereign equality of States, non-intervention and non-interference in the internal affairs of States as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, and reiterating that it is the primary responsibility of the State to respect, protect and ensure the full enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms of its people,

1. *Decides* to discontinue the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea upon the expiration of the current term;

2. *Requests* the Government of Eritrea to maintain and strengthen its cooperation with international human rights mechanisms – including through its ongoing engagement with the universal periodic review, by working fully towards the implementation of all recommendations accepted during the fourth cycle and outstanding recommendations accepted at previous cycles, treaty bodies and the special procedures of the Human Rights Council – as well as with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, with a view to enhancing the promotion and protection of human rights in the country;

3. *Recognizes* that the gaps in the promotion and protection of human rights in Eritrea are not systemic, emphasizes that Eritrea, like other developing countries, faces context-specific capacity constraints in realizing fully its human rights obligations, and stresses in this regard the importance of engagement with the Office of the High Commissioner with a view to addressing the above-mentioned gaps through targeted capacity-building and technical cooperation;

4. *Requests* the Office of the High Commissioner to provide Eritrea with technical assistance and capacity-building support in mutually agreed areas of cooperation, within the framework of agenda item 10, encourages continued dialogue and cooperation in a spirit of genuine partnership and welcomes the readiness of Eritrea to engage, including through the multi-country office of the Office of the High Commissioner in Nairobi.

* State not a member of the Human Rights Council.

