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**An analytical study on the fundamental principle of non-discrimination in
the context of globalization submitted in accordance with Commission on
Human Rights resolution 2002/28**

Note by the Secretariat*

1. The present note is submitted in response to Commission resolution 2002/28 which requested the High Commissioner for Human Rights to undertake an analytical study “in cooperation with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the World Trade Organization and other relevant international financial and economic institutions, to study and clarify the fundamental principle of non-discrimination and its application at the global level with a view to recommending measures for its integration and effective implementation in the debate on the process of globalization”.

2. In response to the resolution, the High Commissioner wrote to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD and the Director-General of the WTO on 7 June 2002 as a first step in the process of cooperation. Subsequently, the Office held consultations with experts from UNCTAD and the WTO with a view to sharing approaches to the report and in gathering relevant information. The Office also held consultations with experts from WIPO and FAO, as well as academics and other experts. The Office of the High Commissioner has prepared a first draft of the report, which has been shared with the above organizations and experts for review. However it is believed that the draft report would benefit from further consultation, discussion and review and the final report will be submitted therefore to the sixtieth session of the Commission on Human Rights in 2004.

* In accordance with paragraph 8, section B, of resolution 53/208, this note has been submitted late in order to finalize consultations.