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**EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF HUMAN RIGHTS MECHANISMS:
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**Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection
of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region**

Note by the Secretariat

1. In its resolution 2004/74, the Commission requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its sixty-first session a report containing the conclusions of the thirteenth Workshop on Regional Cooperation for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in the Asian and Pacific Region and information on the progress achieved in the implementation of the resolution.
2. Following consultations with the host country, China, the thirteenth Annual Workshop, initially scheduled to take place from 1 to 4 February 2005 in Beijing, has been postponed for later in the year. The main reason for the postponement is the fact that many countries of the region, particularly those that have been directly affected by the tsunami of 26 December 2004, have given top priority to relief efforts for the populations concerned. In particular, official confirmations of participants in the workshop, received by the Secretariat by the deadline of 7 January 2005, were significantly lower than in previous years. Under the circumstances, it was decided to postpone the workshop to later in the year to allow for more thorough preparations, including the thematic discussion on the issue of human rights and human trafficking.
3. In view of the above, the Secretariat wishes to inform the Commission on Human Rights that the Secretary-General's report will be submitted to it at the conclusion of the thirteenth Annual Workshop.
