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Nineteenth meeting of chairpersons
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The nineteenth meeting of chairpersons of the human rights treaty bodies will be held on 21 and 22 June 2007, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 49/178 of 23 December 1994.
2. The present document contains the provisional agenda and annotations for the nineteenth meeting.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Organizational matters.
4. Meeting with the President of the Human Rights Council.
5. Discussion of the recommendations of the sixth Inter-Committee Meeting.
6. Enhancing the effectiveness of the treaty bodies: a coordinated approach to the work of the treaty bodies.
7. Joint meeting of the fourteenth meeting of special rapporteurs/representatives, experts and chairpersons of working groups of the special procedures with chairpersons of treaty bodies.

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8. Informal consultation with States.
9. Adoption of the report and setting of dates for the twentieth meeting of chairpersons.

ANNOTATIONS

Item 1. Opening of the meeting and election of officers

The meeting will convene at the United Nations Office at Geneva (Palais Wilson) on Thursday, 21 June 2007, at 10 a.m. The meeting will elect its Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting will adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda contained in the present document.

Item 3. Organizational matters

Under this agenda item, the meeting will consider and adopt a programme of work.

Item 4. Meeting with the President of the Human Rights Council

Under this agenda item, participants will meet with the President of the Human Rights Council, Ambassador Luis Alfonso de Alba, who will provide an update on progress achieved so far in the Human Rights Council.

Item 5. Discussion of the recommendations of the sixth Inter-Committee Meeting

Participants will consider the recommendations contained in an advance unedited version of the report of the sixth Inter-Committee Meeting, held from 18 to 20 June 2007.

Item 6. Enhancing the effectiveness of the treaty bodies: a coordinated approach to the work of the treaty bodies

Under this agenda item, the participants will discuss the working methods of treaty bodies, including coordination and possibilities for harmonization. The meeting will consider the reports of the working group on harmonization of working methods (HRI/MC/2007/2 and Add.1). The meeting will also have before it an updated version of the report on the current working methods of the human rights treaty bodies (HRI/MC/2007/4), the report of the second meeting of the working group on reservations (HRI/MC/2007/5), an updated version of the report on reservations (HRI/MC/2005/5/Add.2), the report of the seminar on recommendations of United Nations expert bodies (HRI/MC/2007/7) and the conclusions of the international roundtable on the role of national human rights institutions (HRI/MC/2007/3).

Item 7. Joint meeting of the fourteenth meeting of special rapporteurs/representatives, experts and chairpersons of working groups of the special procedures with chairpersons of treaty bodies

The chairpersons will meet with the special rapporteurs/representatives, experts and chairpersons of working groups, who have convened for their fourteenth meeting. The topic of discussion will be the universal periodic review mechanism of the Human Rights Council, including information to be provided by treaty bodies and special procedures mandate holders.

Item 8. Informal consultation with States

Under this agenda item, the chairpersons will meet with representatives of States. It is proposed that the topic of discussion during this informal consultation be the strengthening of support to and enhancing the effectiveness of the treaty bodies of the human rights treaty system, including proposals put forward by the treaty bodies and recommendations of the inter-committee working group on harmonization of working methods (see item 6 above).

Item 9. Adoption of the report and setting of dates for the twentieth meeting of chairpersons

The chairpersons will adopt a report on their meeting, including conclusions and recommendations, to be submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session, in accordance with Assembly resolution 55/90 of 4 December 2000.

In addition, the chairpersons will determine the dates of their twentieth meeting, to be held in 2008.
