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PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS, CIVIL, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT

Albania*, Australia*, Austria*, Belgium*, Bulgaria*, Chile*, Congo*, Croatia*, Cyprus*, Denmark*, France, Greece*, Haiti*, Honduras*, Ireland*, Italy, Luxembourg*, Malta*, Mexico, Morocco*, Netherlands, Panama*, Peru, Poland*, Portugal*, Romania, San Marino*, Slovenia, Spain*, Switzerland, Timor-Leste*, Turkey*, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution

6/... Development of public information activities in the field of human rights, including the World Public Information Campaign on Human Rights

The Human Rights Council,

Reaffirming the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and that activities to improve public information and awareness in the field of human rights are essential to the fulfilment of the purposes and principles of the United Nations as set out in Article 1, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations,

* Non-member State of the Human Rights Council.

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the development of public information activities in the field of human rights, including the World Public Information Campaign on Human Rights (A/HRC/4/106),

Recalling relevant General Assembly resolutions, including General Assembly resolution 43/128 of 8 December 1988, by which the Assembly launched the World Public Information Campaign on Human Rights, General Assembly resolution 59/113 of 10 December 2004, by which the Assembly proclaimed the World Programme for Human Rights Education, and General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006, by which the Assembly decided that the Council should promote human rights education and learning as well as advisory services, technical assistance and capacity-building,

Recalling also the relevant Commission on Human Rights resolutions, particularly its last resolution on this subject, resolution 2005/58 of 20 April 2005,

- 1. Encourages the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to continue to support, within their respective responsibilities and in consultation with States, the development of national capacities for human rights education and public information, inter alia by involving national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations, and to launch, within the framework of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights sixtieth anniversary activities, specific initiatives for widening public information in the field of human rights;
- 2. Encourages all States to develop specific public information activities within the framework of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights sixtieth anniversary activities, and to enhance their education and training efforts, also in the context of the World Programme for Human Rights Education, including targeted training programmes for professional audiences in the field of human rights in close contact with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;
- 3. *Calls* on the High Commissioner for Human Rights to mainstream human rights education and public information activities, within the framework of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights sixtieth anniversary activities, in the existing initiatives and in those to be undertaken to this end, at the international, regional, and national levels;

- 4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, within the regular budget of the United Nations, to mobilize, as appropriate, the United Nations Country Teams in order to promote, within the framework of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights sixtieth anniversary activities, education, training and public information activities in the field of human rights;
- 5. Also requests the Secretary-General and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to submit to the Council, prior to its seventh session, a joint progress report, from within the regular budget of the United Nations, on public information activities in the field of human rights, including activities being undertaken throughout the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, by the United Nations system, internationally and at the national level, and, particularly, by the field presences of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.
