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

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7/... International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance

The Human Rights Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 47/133 of 18 December 1992, by which the Assembly adopted the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance,

Recalling its resolution 1/1 of 29 June 2006,

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Acknowledging the adoption of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance by the General Assembly in its resolution 61/177 of 20 December 2006, and its opening for signature, ratification and accession,

Welcoming the signature of the Convention by fifty-seven States at the opening ceremony, held in Paris, on 6 February 2007, and the signature of the Convention thereafter,

Welcoming also the ratification of the Convention by some States,

Recognizing that the entry into force of the Convention, as soon as possible, through its ratification by twenty States, will be a significant event,

Recognizing also the widespread campaign engaged by the "Group of Friends" of the Convention.

- 1. Encourages States that are in the process of signing, ratifying or acceding to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance to complete their internal procedures towards those ends in compliance with domestic legislation as expeditiously as possible;
- 2. *Encourages* all States that have not done so to consider signing, ratifying or acceding to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance;
- 3. *Invites* States to consider joining the campaign to share information on best practices and to work towards the early coming into force of the Convention with the aim of its universality.
