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**IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTIONS III AND IV OF ANNEX
TO HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL RESOLUTION 5/1 OF
18 JUNE 2007:**

**STATUS OF STUDIES MANDATED TO BE CARRIED OUT
BY THE SUB-COMMISSION ON THE PROMOTION AND
OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

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1/... Sub-Commission studies

1. The President of the Human Rights Council, at the inauguration of the first session of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, stated that the Sub-Commission had left behind a substantial body of studies of varying status: some were considered finished by the experts of the Sub-Commission, while others were considered to be “work in progress” at the time that body ceased to exist in 2006. He added that all of these studies had been incorporated in the final report of the Sub-Commission transmitted to the Council in 2006. The Council did not address the matter in the context of the adoption of the resolution 5/1 and therefore, the status of those studies or papers which were listed therein but not acted upon by the Council remained unclear.

The President concluded that the suggestions of the Advisory Committee could be of great value in determining how the legacy of its predecessor body, the Sub-Commission, should be addressed by the Council.

2. On the same occasion, the Acting High Commissioner for Human Rights stated to the Committee members that it was now in their hands, as members of this new human rights body, to propose to the Council any other pending studies and mandates of the Sub-Commission that should be concluded or completed in the course of the Committee's future work.

3. In the light of the above statements, the Advisory Committee submits to the Human Rights Council a shortlist of studies chosen by the criteria of thematic importance; the mandate given by the former Commission on Human Rights; and the previous work undertaken by the Sub-Commission on this subject. The shortlist is as follows:

(a) Discrimination in the criminal justice system;

(b) Corruption and its impact on the full enjoyment of human rights;

(c) Discrimination based on work and descent;

(d) The role of States in the guarantee of human rights with reference to the activities of transnational corporations and other business enterprises.

4. The Advisory Committee has members with expertise in the contents of each proposed study who will guarantee the follow-up to those mandates.
