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Geneva, 4-15 August 2008

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* The text of recommendations adopted is contained in document A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.11.

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**I. Recommendations adopted by the Advisory Committee
at its first session (A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.11)**

II. Election of officers, adoption of agenda and organization of work

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, established pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, held its first session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 4 to 15 August 2008. The session was opened by the Acting High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Kyung-wha Kang.
2. The President of the Human Rights Council, Ambassador Martin Uhomoibhi, addressed the Advisory Committee at its 1st meeting, on 4 August 2008.

B. Composition of the Advisory Committee

3. In accordance with Council resolution 5/1 and Council decision 6/102, 18 members of the Advisory Committee were elected at the seventh session of the Council on 26 March 2008. The names of the members are as follows (the year in brackets indicates when the term of office of the members expires): Miguel Alfonso Martínez (Cuba, 2009); José Antonio Bengoa Cabello (Chile, 2010); Ansar Ahmed Burney (Pakistan, 2011); Chen Shiqiu (China, 2009); Chung Chinsung (Republic of Korea, 2010); Emmanuel Decaux (France, 2011); Héctor Felipe Fix Fierro (Mexico, 2011); Wolfgang Stefan Heinz (Germany, 2010); Latif Hüseyinov (Azerbaijan, 2011); Baba Kura Kaigama (Nigeria, 2011); Vladimir Kartashkin (Russian Federation, 2010); Bernards Andrews Nyamwaya Mudho (Kenya, 2010); Purificacion V. Quisumbing (Philippines, 2011); Shigeki Sakamoto (Japan, 2010); Dheerujlall Seetulsingh (Mauritius, 2011); Halima Embarek Warzazi (Morocco, 2009); Jean Ziegler (Switzerland, 2009); and Mona Zulficar (Egypt, 2010).

C. Attendance

4. The session was attended by members of the Advisory Committee, observers for States members of the United Nations, observers for non-member States and observers for intergovernmental organizations, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, other organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations. Two members of the Advisory Committee, Mr. Mudho and Mr. Seetulsingh, were unable to attend the first session. One member, Mr. Kaigama, was unable to attend the second week of the first session.

D. Meetings and documentation

5. The Advisory Committee held 16 plenary meetings, 10 meetings of drafting groups and 3 closed meetings. The Advisory Committee adopted 13 recommendations. The text of the recommendations is contained in document A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.11.

E. Election of officers

6. In accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, at its 1st meeting, on 4 August 2008, the Advisory Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairperson: Miguel Alfonso Martínez (Cuba)

Vice-Chairpersons: Chung Chinsung (Republic of Korea)
Vladimir Kartashkin (Russian Federation)
Mona Zulficar (Egypt)

Rapporteur: Emmanuel Decaux (France)

7. At the same meeting, Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi and Mr. Ziegler made statements in connection with the election of the Chairperson. After his election, the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee, Mr. Alfonso Martínez, made a statement.

8. Also at the same meeting, Mr. Burney, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Hüseyinov and Mr. Kaigama made statements in connection with the election of the Vice-Chairpersons and the Rapporteur.

F. Adoption of the agenda

9. At its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 4 August 2008, the Advisory Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General containing the provisional agenda for the first session (A/HRC/AC/2008/1/1). The annotations to the provisional agenda are contained in document A/HRC/AC/2008/1/1/Add.1.

10. At the same meetings, statements in connection with the provisional agenda for the first session were made by members of the Advisory Committee and by observers for Governments and non-governmental organizations (for the detailed list of speakers, see annex II).

11. At the 3rd meeting, on 5 August, the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee proposed revisions to the provisional agenda, as agreed upon by the Bureau. The Chairperson proposed that the order of consideration of items 3 and 4 be exchanged; thus, the previous item 3 became the new item 4, and the previous item 4 became the new item 3. The Advisory Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General containing the revised provisional agenda for the first session (A/HRC/AC/2008/1/1/Rev.1).
12. At the same meeting, statements in connection with the revised provisional agenda for the first session were made by members of the Advisory Committee (see annex II).
13. Also at the same meeting, the agenda, as amended, was adopted without a vote (see annex I).

G. Organization of work and conduct of business

14. The Advisory Committee considered item 2 of the agenda at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 4 August, at its 3rd meeting, on 5 August, at its 6th meeting, on 6 August, at its 7th and 8th meetings, on 7 August, at its 9th meeting, on 8 August, at its 10th meeting, on 11 August, at its 14th meeting, on 13 August, and also at its private meeting of 13 August.
15. At its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 4 August, the Advisory Committee considered its programme of work, in accordance with rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.
16. At the same meetings, statements in connection with the programme of work for the first session were made by members of the Advisory Committee and observers for Governments and non-governmental organizations (see annex II).
17. At the 3rd meeting, on 5 August, statements in connection with the revised programme of work for the first session were made by members of the Advisory Committee (see annex II).
18. At the same meeting, the programme of work, as revised, was adopted without a vote.

19. Also at the same meeting, the Advisory Committee, upon the recommendation of its officers, decided to adopt, without a vote, modalities with respect to the organization of its work and conduct of business. Statements in connection with the proposed modalities were made by members of the Advisory Committee (see annex II).

20. The Advisory Committee agreed that meetings of the Bureau would be held on Tuesdays in the morning and whenever necessary. The Chairperson or Bureau would also hold meetings with non-governmental organizations once a week, on Thursdays, from 9 to 10 a.m.

21. According to the adopted modalities, the order of statements during discussions would be: members of the Advisory Committee, who may speak at any time; observers for intergovernmental organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations; and Government observers.

22. The Advisory Committee also accepted the recommendation of its officers on the permitted duration and frequency of statements. Members of the Advisory Committee would be entitled to make one or more statements of 10 minutes maximum for each item or sub-item. It was agreed that Advisory Committee members taking the floor on procedural matters should be as brief as possible and in no case should their statements exceed two minutes.

23. Following the practice in other bodies of the United Nations, special rapporteurs and authors of working papers would be given the floor at the beginning of each relevant agenda item or sub-item for the introduction of their reports. The special rapporteur and other experts entrusted with the preparation of any such reports or working papers could speak for a maximum of 20 minutes, to be divided between the introduction of the report and concluding remarks. An interactive discussion with other experts and observers would follow.

24. Observers for non-governmental organizations would be limited to one statement of seven minutes for each item or sub-item. With regard to joint statements by non-governmental organizations, the following timing was agreed upon: for 1 or 2 non-governmental organizations, 7 minutes; for 3 to 5 non-governmental organizations, 10 minutes; for 6 to 10 non-governmental organizations, 12 minutes; and for more than 10 non-governmental organizations, 15 minutes. Non-governmental organizations making joint statements may request to speak before non-governmental organizations speaking individually.

25. Observers for intergovernmental organizations, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, national human rights institutions and other organizations would be limited to making one statement of seven minutes for each item or sub-item. That speaking time would also apply to Government observers. It was also agreed that statements by Government observers, under any agenda item or sub-item, should not address the human rights situation in countries other than their own, except when exercising the right of reply. Statements in exercise of that right should be limited to three minutes for the first statement and two minutes for the second, normally to be exercised at the end of the general debate on any particular agenda item.
26. The Chairperson called on all participants to avoid personal attacks and non-parliamentary language that might bring into question the character and integrity of any other participant.
27. It was also agreed that the list of speakers would be opened at the beginning of the session for all participants to register to speak on any agenda item or sub-item. If the list of speakers is not exhausted during a particular meeting, the remaining speakers would be given the floor, in the same order, as the first speakers at the next meeting. The closure of the list of speakers on any particular item or sub-item would be announced by the Chairperson in good time as the work proceeded, normally at the beginning of the consideration of that agenda item or sub-item.
28. It was further agreed that, if there were no more speakers on an agenda item or sub-item at a particular meeting, the Advisory Committee would take up the next item or sub-item on its calendar without closing the discussion on the preceding item or sub-item, if deemed necessary.
29. It was agreed that, in order to respect editorial and other requirements, draft recommendations should, as a general rule, be submitted at least three working days before the date on which they were scheduled to be considered for a decision. The deadlines for the submission of draft recommendations would be set by the Chairperson in consultation with the Bureau and announced sufficiently in advance.
30. The Advisory Committee also decided that delegations should distribute copies of their statements or documents only at the back of the conference room. They may also place such copies on the tables situated at the back of the room. Non-governmental organizations were not to distribute documents, pamphlets or any other material by placing them on the desks of members or observers in the conference room.

31. At the 6th meeting, on 5 August, the 7th and 8th meetings, on 7 August, the 9th meeting, on 8 August, the 10th meeting, on 11 August, the 14th meeting, on 13 August, and also at the private meeting of 13 August, statements in connection with the organization of work were made by members of the Advisory Committee and an observer for Government (see annex II).

32. At the 16th meeting, on 15 August, general comments were made by the Chairperson, Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Burney, Mr. Kartashkin, Mr. Ziegler and Ms. Zulficar.

III. Requests to the Advisory Committee stemming from Human Rights Council resolutions

33. The Advisory Committee considered agenda item 3 at its 3rd and 4th meetings, on 5 August, its 5th and 6th meetings, on 6 August, its 7th and 8th meetings, on 7 August, its 9th meeting, on 8 August, and its 10th meeting, on 11 August, as well as at its private meetings on 13 and 14 August.

A. Human rights education and training

34. Pursuant to Council resolution 6/10, the Advisory Committee, at its 3rd and 4th meetings, on 5 August, held a discussion on human rights education and training.

35. At the 3rd meeting, on 5 August, a representative from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) made a presentation. During the ensuing discussion, at the 3rd and 4th meetings, on the same day, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee and by observers for Governments and non-governmental organizations (see annex II).

36. At the 4th meeting, on the same day, the Advisory Committee established, without a vote, a drafting group on human rights education and training, consisting of experts from each regional group. The drafting group on human rights education and training consisted of the following members of the Advisory Committee: Mr. Decaux, Mr. Fix Fierro, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing and Mrs. Warzazi.

37. The drafting group held seven meetings, on 5, 6, 7, 8 (two meetings), 12 and 13 August. Three of the meetings were held privately.

Drafting group on human rights education and training: programme of work

38. At its 15th meeting, on 14 August, the Advisory Committee considered draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.7, sponsored by Mr. Decaux, Mr. Fix Fierro, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing and Mrs. Warzazi.

39. Mr. Decaux introduced the draft recommendation and orally revised it by modifying the title, adding a fourth preambular paragraph, modifying paragraph 2 and inserting a new paragraph 7.

40. Statements in connection with the draft recommendation were made by Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Hüseyinov and Ms. Quisumbing.

41. A statement was made by Mr. Decaux in response to questions asked.

42. The draft recommendation was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote.

B. Right to food

43. Pursuant to Council resolution 7/14, the Advisory Committee, at its 4th meeting, on 5 August, held a discussion on the right to food.

44. At the same meeting, a representative from OHCHR made a presentation. During the ensuing discussion, at the 4th and 5th meetings, on 5 and 6 August, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee and by observers for Governments and non-governmental organizations (see annex II).

45. At its 5th meeting, on 6 August, the Advisory Committee established, without a vote, a drafting group on the right to food, consisting of experts from each regional group. The drafting group on the right to food consisted of the following members of the Advisory Committee: Mr. Bengoa, Ms. Chung, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Ziegler and Ms. Zulficar.

46. The drafting group held three meetings, on 6, 12 and 15 August.

47. At the 9th meeting, on 8 August, the Director of the Division on Globalization and Development Strategies of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Heiner Flassbeck, addressed the plenary. During the ensuing discussion, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee and observers for non-governmental organizations (see annex II).

48. At the 10th meeting, on 11 August, the Chief of the Protection, Policy and Legal Advice Section of the Division of International Protection Services of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Oldrich Andrysek, addressed the plenary. During the ensuing discussion, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee and by observers for non-governmental organizations (see annex II).

Hunger refugees: good offices of the Human Rights Council and the Secretary-General

49. At its 15th meeting, on 14 August, the Advisory Committee considered draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.13, sponsored by Mr. Bengoa, Ms. Chung, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mrs. Warzazi, Mr. Ziegler and Ms. Zulficar.

50. Mr. Ziegler introduced the draft recommendation, orally revising it by modifying the fourth paragraph.

51. The draft recommendation was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote.

Realization of the right to food in United Nations refugee camps

52. At its 15th meeting, on 14 August, the Advisory Committee considered draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.14, sponsored by Mr. Ziegler. Subsequently, Ms. Quisumbing joined the sponsor.

53. Mr. Ziegler introduced the draft recommendation, orally revising it by modifying the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth preambular paragraphs and the operative paragraph. During the ensuing discussion, further oral revisions were proposed by Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Hüseyinov and Ms. Quisumbing, some of which were accepted by the sponsors.

54. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Kartashkin and Mrs. Warzazi. Statements were also made by Mr. Ziegler in response to the questions asked.

55. The draft recommendation was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote.

Drafting group on the right to food: programme of work

56. At its 15th meeting, on 14 August, the Advisory Committee considered draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.15, sponsored by Mr. Bengoa, Ms. Chung, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Ziegler and Ms. Zulficar.

57. Mr. Bengoa introduced the draft recommendation.

58. Mr. Decaux orally revised the draft recommendation by modifying the title, which was accepted by the sponsors.

59. In accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the attention of the Advisory Committee was drawn to the estimated administrative and programme budget implications of the draft recommendation (see annex III).

60. The draft recommendation was adopted without a vote.

C. Human rights of women

61. Pursuant to Council resolution 6/30, the Advisory Committee, at its 5th meeting, on 6 August, held a discussion on integrating the human rights of women throughout the United Nations system. A representative from OHCHR made a presentation. During the ensuing discussion, at the 5th and 6th meetings, on the same day, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee and by observers for Governments and non-governmental organizations (see annex II).

Integrating the human rights of women throughout the United Nations system

62. At its 15th meeting on 14 August, the Advisory Committee considered draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.9, sponsored by Ms. Chung, Mr. Sakamoto and Ms. Zulficar. Subsequently, Mr. Burney and Ms. Quisumbing joined the sponsors.

63. Ms. Zulficar introduced the draft recommendation, orally revising it by modifying the operative paragraph and inserting an operative paragraph 2.

64. The draft recommendation was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote.

D. Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order

65. Pursuant to Council resolution 8/5, the Advisory Committee, at its 7th meeting, on 7 August, held a discussion on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order. A representative from OHCHR made a presentation. During the ensuing discussion, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee and by observers for Governments and non-governmental organizations (see annex II).

Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order

66. At its 15th meeting on 14 August, the Advisory Committee considered draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.3, sponsored by Mr. Burney and Ms. Quisumbing.

67. Mr. Burney introduced the draft recommendation, orally revising the first, second and third paragraphs. Mrs. Warzazi proposed further oral revisions to the draft recommendation, which were accepted by the sponsors.

68. A statement in connection with the draft recommendation was made by Mr. Kartashkin.

69. The draft recommendation was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote.

E. Missing persons

70. Pursuant to Council resolution 7/28, the Advisory Committee, at its 7th meeting on 7 August, held a discussion on missing persons. A representative from the OHCHR made a presentation. During the ensuing discussion, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee and by observers for Governments (see annex II).

Missing persons

71. At the 15th meeting, on 14 August, the draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.4, sponsored by Mr. Burney, was withdrawn by the sponsor.

72. At the same meeting, the Advisory Committee considered draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.8, sponsored by Ms. Chung, Mr. Fix Fierro, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing and Mr. Sakamoto. Subsequently, Mr. Decaux joined the sponsors.

73. Mr. Kartashkin introduced the draft recommendation, orally revising it by modifying the operative paragraph. Mrs. Warzazi further orally revised the draft recommendation by modifying the operative paragraph, which was accepted by the sponsors.

74. The draft recommendation was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote.

F. Human rights of persons with disabilities

75. Pursuant to Council resolution 7/9, the Advisory Committee, at its 8th meeting on 7 August, held a discussion on the human rights of persons with disabilities. A representative from OHCHR made a presentation. During the ensuing discussion, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee and by an observer for Government (see annex II).

Human rights of persons with disabilities

76. At the 15th meeting, on 14 August, the draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.4, sponsored by Mr. Burney, was withdrawn by the sponsor.

G. Elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family

77. Pursuant to Council resolution 8/13, the Advisory Committee, at its 8th meeting on 7 August, held a discussion on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family. A representative from OHCHR made a presentation. During the ensuing discussion, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee and by an observer for Government (see annex II).

Elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members

78. At its 15th meeting, on 14 August, the Advisory Committee considered draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.12, sponsored by Mr. Burney, Mr. Chen, Ms. Chung, Mr. Fix Fierro, Mr. Hüseyinov, Ms. Quisumbing and Mr. Sakamoto.

79. Mr. Sakamoto introduced the draft recommendation, orally revising it by modifying the operative paragraph.

80. In accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the attention of the Advisory Committee was drawn to the estimated administrative and programme budget implications of the draft recommendation (see annex III).

81. The draft recommendation was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote.

IV. Implementation of sections III and IV of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007

82. The Advisory Committee considered agenda item 4 at its 10th and 11th meetings, on 11 August, its 12th and 13th meetings, on 12 August, its 14th meeting, on 13 August, and at its private meetings, on 12, 13 and 14 August.

A. Rules of procedures and methods of work

83. At its 10th and 11th meetings, on 11 August, and at a closed meeting on 13 August, the Advisory Committee discussed its rules of procedure and methods of work. During the ensuing discussion, at the same meetings, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee and by observers for Governments and non-governmental organizations (see annex II).

84. At the 11th meeting, on 11 August, the Advisory Committee established, without a vote, a drafting group on the rules of procedure, consisting of experts from each regional group. The drafting group on the rules of procedure consisted of the following members of the Advisory Committee: Mr. Burney, Mr. Fix Fierro, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Hüseyinov and Ms. Zulficar (as a provisional member).

85. The drafting group held a meeting on 13 August 2008.

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86. At its 16th meeting on 15 August, the Advisory Committee considered draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.1, sponsored by Mr. Alfonso Martínez.

87. Mr. Alfonso Martínez introduced the draft recommendation, orally revising it. Mr. Decaux proposed further oral revisions to the draft recommendation, which were accepted by the sponsor.

88. In accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the attention of the Advisory Committee was drawn to the estimated administrative and programme budget implications of the draft recommendation (see annex III).

89. The draft recommendation was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote.

B. Status of studies mandated to be carried out by the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights

90. At its 12th and 13th meetings, on 12 August, and at a closed meeting on the same day, the Advisory Committee discussed the status of studies mandated to be carried out by the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights. During the ensuing discussion, at the same meetings, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee and by observers for Governments and non-governmental organizations (see annex II).

Publication of studies completed by the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights

91. At its 16th meeting, on 15 August, the Advisory Committee considered draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.2, sponsored by Mr. Ziegler.

92. Mr. Ziegler introduced the draft recommendation.

93. The draft recommendation was adopted without a vote.

Sub-Commission studies

94. At its 16th meeting, on 15 August, the Advisory Committee considered draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.17/Rev.2, sponsored by Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Burney, Mr. Chen, Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Fix Fierro, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Hüseyinov, Ms. Quisumbing, Mr. Sakamoto and Ms. Zulficar.

95. Mr. Bengoa introduced the draft recommendation.

96. Statements in connection with the draft recommendation were made by Mr. Alfonso Martínez and Mr. Kartashkin. Statements were also made by Ms. Quisumbing and Mrs. Warzazi proposing oral revisions to the draft recommendation.

97. Ms. Zulficar proposed further oral revisions to paragraphs 3 and 4 of the draft recommendation, which were accepted by the sponsors.

98. The draft recommendation was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote.

C. Agenda and annual programme of work, including new priorities

99. At its 14th meeting, on 13 August, the Advisory Committee discussed its agenda and annual programme of work, including new priorities. During the ensuing discussion, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee and by observers for Governments and non-governmental organizations (see annex II).

New bodies established by the Human Rights Council

100. At its 16th meeting, on 15 August, the Advisory Committee considered draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.6, sponsored by Mrs. Warzazi.

101. Mrs. Warzazi introduced the draft recommendation.

102. The draft recommendation was adopted without a vote.

The right of peoples to self-determination

103. At its 16th meeting, on 15 August, the Advisory Committee considered draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.16, sponsored by Mr. Ziegler.

104. Mr. Ziegler introduced the draft recommendation. Statements in connection with the draft recommendation were made by Mr. Burney, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi and Ms. Zulficar.

105. Mr. Bengoa proposed amendments to the fourth paragraph of the draft recommendation.

106. In accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the attention of the Advisory Committee was drawn to the estimated administrative and programme budget implications of the draft recommendation (see annex III).

107. The draft recommendation was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote.

108. Mr. Hüseyinov raised a strong objection to the adoption of the recommendation, as well as the procedure applied in its adoption.

D. Appointment of members of the Working Group on Communications

109. At its 14th meeting, on 13 August, the Advisory Committee decided, without a vote, to appoint the following members to the Working Group on Communications:

Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Mr. Chen, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Kartashkin and Mrs. Warzazi.

V. Report to the Human Rights Council on the first session of the Advisory Committee

110. The Advisory Committee considered agenda item 5 at its 16th meeting, on 15 August 2008.

111. At that meeting, the Rapporteur of the Advisory Committee, Mr. Decaux, presented the draft report on its first session (A/HRC/2008/1/L.10).

112. Statements in connection with the draft report were made by Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi and Ms. Zulficar.

113. At the same meeting, the Advisory Committee adopted the draft report and referendum and decided to entrust the Rapporteur with its finalization.

ANNEX I

Agenda

1. Election of officers
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 - (4) Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order
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ANNEX II

List of speakers

Agenda item	Meeting and date	Speakers
1 Election of officers	1st meeting 4 August 2008	Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Burney, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Kaigama, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi, Mr. Ziegler
2 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work	1st meeting 4 August 2008	Members: Mr. Bengoa, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi Government observers: India, Indonesia
	2nd meeting 4 August 2008	Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Chen, Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mr. Sakamoto, Mrs. Warzazi, Mr. Ziegler, Ms. Zulficar Government observers: Argentina, Bangladesh, China, Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), Japan, Mexico, Philippines, Switzerland, Thailand Observers for non-governmental organizations: International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (also on behalf of the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA) and Minority Rights Group International), Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru, International Federation of University Women
	3rd meeting 5 August 2008	Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi

Agenda item	Meeting and date	Speakers
<p align="center">2</p> <p align="center">Adoption of the agenda and organization of work <i>(concluded)</i></p>	<p align="center">6th meeting 6 August 2008</p>	<p>Members: Mr. Decaux, Mr. Kartashkin, Mrs. Warzazi</p>
	<p align="center">7th meeting 7 August 2008</p>	<p>Member: Mrs. Warzazi</p>
	<p align="center">8th meeting 7 August 2008</p>	<p>Members: Ms. Chung, Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Kartashkin, Mrs. Warzazi</p>
	<p align="center">9th meeting 8 August 2008</p>	<p>Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Chen, Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi, Mr. Ziegler, Ms. Zulficar</p> <p>Government observer: Philippines</p>
	<p align="center">10th meeting 11 August 2008</p>	<p>Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Kartashkin, Mrs. Warzazi, Mr. Ziegler</p>
	<p align="center">14th meeting 13 August 2008</p>	<p>Members: Mr. Decaux, Mrs. Warzazi</p>
	<p align="center">13 August 2008 (closed)</p>	<p>Members: Mr. Bengoa, Ms. Chung, Mr. Kartashkin, Mrs. Warzazi</p>
	<p align="center">16th meeting 15 August 2008</p>	<p>Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Burney, Mr. Kartashkin, Mr. Ziegler, Ms. Zulficar</p>

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3 Requests to the Advisory Committee stemming from Human Rights Council resolutions	A Human rights education and training	3rd meeting 5 August 2008	Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Chen, Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mr. Sakamoto, Mrs. Warzazi, Ms. Zulficar Government observers: India, Nigeria, Switzerland (also on behalf of Morocco)
		4th meeting 5 August 2008	Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Kaigama, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi Government observers: Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Mexico, Switzerland Observers for non-governmental organizations: Indian Council of South America, International Federation of University Women, World Association for the School as an Instrument of Peace
	B Right to food	4th meeting 5 August 2008	Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Decaux, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi, Mr. Ziegler, Ms. Zulficar
		5th meeting 6 August 2008	Members: Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Chen, Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi, Mr. Ziegler Government observers: Bangladesh, Brazil, France, Nigeria Observers for non-governmental organizations: Europe-Third World Centre, Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru (also on behalf of the World Peace Council)
		9th meeting 8 August 2008	Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Ziegler Observers for non-governmental organizations: Comision Juridica Para el Studodesarollo (CAPAJ), Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru

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3 Requests to the Advisory Committee stemming from Human Rights Council resolutions (continued)		10th meeting 11 August 2008	Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Burney, Mr. Heinz, Ms. Quisumbing, Mr. Sakamoto, Mrs. Warzazi, Mr. Ziegler, Ms. Zulficar
		14 August 2008 (closed)	Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mrs. Warzazi, Mr. Ziegler
		13 August 2008 (closed)	Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Kartashkin, Mrs. Warzazi
	C Human rights of women	5th meeting 6 August 2008	Members: Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Ms. Quisumbing, Mr. Sakamoto, Mrs. Warzazi, Ms. Zulficar Government observer: Mexico Observers for non-governmental organizations: International Federation of University Women
		6th meeting 6 August 2008	Members: Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mrs. Warzazi, Ms. Zulficar Government observer: Argentina Observers for non-governmental organizations: Japan Fellowship of Reconciliation
		13 August 2008 (closed)	Members: Mr. Heinz, Ms. Quisumbing, Ms. Zulficar

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3 Requests to the Advisory Committee stemming from Human Rights Council resolutions (continued)	D Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order	7th meeting 7 August 2008	Members: Mr. Chen, Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Kartashkin, Mrs. Warzazi, Ms. Zulficar Government observer: Brazil Observers for non-governmental organizations: Indian Council of South America, Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru (also on behalf of World Peace Council), World Association for the School as an Instrument of Peace
		13 August 2008 (closed)	Members: Mr. Burney, Mr. Chen, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi
	E Missing persons	7th meeting 7 August 2008	Members: Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Mr. Burney, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi Government observers: France, Mexico, Nigeria, Russian Federation
		13 August 2008 (closed)	Members: Mr. Burney, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi
	F Human rights of persons with disabilities	8th meeting 7 August 2008	Members: Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Kaigama, Mr. Kartashkin, Mrs. Warzazi Government observer: Mexico
		13 August 2008 (closed)	Members: Mr. Burney

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3 Requests to the Advisory Committee stemming from Human Rights Council resolutions (concluded)	G Elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family	8th meeting 7 August 2008	Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Burney, Mr. Decaux, Ms. Quisumbing, Mr. Sakamoto Government observer: Japan
		14 August 2008 (closed)	Members: Mr. Kartashkin, Mr. Sakamoto, Mrs. Warzazi, Ms. Zulficar
4 Implementation of sections III and IV of the annex to the Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007	A Rules of procedure and methods of work	10th meeting 11 August 2008	Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Burney, Mr. Chen, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mr. Sakamoto, Ms. Zulficar Government observers: Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Philippines
		11th meeting 11 August 2008	Members: Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Mr. Bengoa, Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi, Ms. Zulficar Government observers: Egypt, India, Russian Federation
		13 August 2008 (closed)	Members: Mr. Chen, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mrs. Warzazi

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4 Implement- ation of sections III and IV of the annex to the Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007 (continued)	B Status of studies mandated to be carried out by the Sub- Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights	12th meeting 12 August 2008	Members: Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Mr. Chen, Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Kartashkin, Mrs. Warzazi, Mr. Ziegler Government observers: Bangladesh, Russian Federation
		13th meeting 12 August 2008	Members: Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Mr. Bengoa, Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi Government observers: Argentina, Egypt, France, Germany, India, Mexico Observers for non-governmental organizations: Comisión Jurídica Para el Autodesarrollo de los Pueblos Originos Andios, International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (also on behalf of the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA))
		12 August 2008 (closed)	Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Chen, Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mr. Sakamoto, Mrs. Warzazi, Mr. Ziegler, Ms. Zulficar
		14 August 2008 (closed)	Members: Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Chen, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mr. Sakamoto, Mrs. Warzazi, Ms. Zulficar

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4 Implementation of sections III and IV of the annex to the Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007 (concluded)	C Agenda and annual programme of work, including new priorities	14th meeting 13 August 2008	Members: Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Kartashkin Government observers: Bangladesh, India, Mexico Observers for non-governmental organizations: Indian Council of South America
		14th August (closed)	Members: Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Mr. Bengoa, Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi, Mr. Ziegler, Ms. Zulficar
5 Report to the Human Rights Council on the first session of the Advisory Committee		16th meeting 15 August 2008	Members: Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi and Ms. Zulficar

ANNEX III

**Administrative and programme budget implications of recommendations
adopted by the Advisory Committee at its first session**

1. Should the draft recommendations to the Human Rights Council be adopted, additional resources which would be required would be the subject of a statement on administrative and programme budget implications included in the report of the Council. Accordingly, no statements on administrative and programme budget implications are included in the present report in respect of recommendations adopted by the Advisory Committee during the first session.
