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## **I. Recommendations adopted by the Advisory Committee at its sixth session**

### **A. Recommendations adopted by the Advisory Committee for consideration by the Human Rights Council**

#### **6/1. Missing persons**

*The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,*

*Recalling* Human Rights Council decision 9/101 of 24 September 2008 entitled “Missing persons”, in which the Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a study on best practices in the matter of missing persons and to submit it to the Council at its twelfth session,

*Recalling also* Human Rights Council decision 12/117 of 1 October 2009, in which the Council requested the Advisory Committee to submit the study to the Council at its fourteenth session,

*Noting* that the Advisory Committee, at its fourth session, held from 25 to 29 January 2010, continued its deliberations on the issue of missing persons and endorsed the progress report on the issue prepared by its drafting group on missing persons,<sup>1</sup>

*Welcoming* the replies provided by Governments to the questionnaire transmitted by the secretariat by note verbale dated 2 November 2009,

*Recalling* the consultations with the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances that took place at its fourth and fifth sessions,

*Recalling also* Human Rights Council decision 14/118 of 17 June 2010, in which the Council took note of the above-mentioned report and requested the Advisory Committee to finalize the study on best practices in the matter of missing persons and to submit it to the Council at its sixteenth session,

*Noting* that the Advisory Committee, at its sixth session, held from 17 to 21 January 2011, continued its deliberations on the issue of missing persons,

*Noting with deep concern* that armed conflicts are continuing in various parts of the world, often resulting in serious violations of international humanitarian law and human rights law with respect to missing persons, and stressing the importance of ending impunity for such violations at the national and international levels,

1. *Endorses* the final report on best practices in the matter of missing persons prepared by its drafting group on missing persons as revised in the light of the comments made by the members of the Advisory Committee;<sup>2</sup>

2. *Submits* the report to the Human Rights Council for consideration at its sixteenth session.

*Adopted by consensus  
7<sup>th</sup> meeting  
21 January 2011*

<sup>1</sup> A/HRC/AC/4/CRP.2/Rev.1.

<sup>2</sup> A/HRC/AC/6/2.

## 6/2. Study on discrimination in the context of the right to food

*The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,*

*Recalling* Human Rights Council resolution 10/12 of 26 March 2009, in which the Council requested the Committee to undertake a study on discrimination in the context of the right to food, including identification of good practices of anti-discriminatory policies and strategies, and to report thereon to the Council at its thirteenth session,

*Recalling also* Human Rights Council resolution 13/4 of 19 March 2010, in which the Council welcomed the submission of the preliminary study on discrimination in the context of the right to food by the Advisory Committee<sup>3</sup> and requested the Committee to take into consideration for the conclusion of the study the collected views and comments of all Member States, all relevant United Nations special agencies and programmes and all other relevant stakeholders on the good practices of anti-discriminatory policies and strategies set out in the preliminary study,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the written and oral comments and views on the preliminary study on discrimination in the context of the right to food made by Member States, United Nations special agencies and programmes, other international organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations as part of the consultation process undertaken by the Advisory Committee;

2. *Notes* that the input from Member States and other stakeholders has been essential in the finalization of the study on discrimination in the context of the right to food and that a wide range of contributions are reflected in the final study;

3. *Submits* herewith to the Human Rights Council the final study on discrimination in the context of the right to food;<sup>4</sup>

4. *Recommends* that the Human Rights Council consider requesting the Advisory Committee to undertake comprehensive studies on the following topics, since the study on discrimination in the context of the right to food has revealed a pressing need for further research in the areas below:

(a) The right to food of the urban poor, including strategies to improve their legal protection and best practices;

(b) The right to food of rural women, including patterns of discrimination, strategies and policies for their legal protection and best practices, with a special focus on female-headed households and temporary or seasonal workers;

(c) The relationship between severe malnutrition and childhood diseases, taking children affected by noma as an example, and guidelines to improve the legal protection of malnourished children;

(d) The right to food of people forced to leave their homes and land because of hunger, and guidelines on their legal protection.

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<sup>3</sup> A/HRC/13/32.

<sup>4</sup> A/HRC/16/40.

### **6/3. Drafting group on the promotion of the right of peoples to peace**

*The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,*

*Recalling* Human Rights Council decision 14/3 of 17 June 2010, in which the Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a draft declaration on the right of peoples to peace and to report on the progress thereon to the Council at its seventeenth session,

*Recalling also* that, at the 7th meeting of its fifth session, the Committee designated Chinsung Chung, Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann, Wolfgang Stefan Heinz and Mona Zulficar as members of the drafting group, which subsequently elected Ms. Zulficar as chairperson and Mr. Heinz as rapporteur, and that Shigeki Sakamoto and Latif Hüseyinov joined the drafting group at the sixth session of the Committee,

1. *Takes note* of the progress report submitted by the drafting group to the Advisory Committee at its sixth session;<sup>5</sup>
2. *Notes* that the Committee and the drafting group held meetings to discuss the right of peoples to peace;
3. *Submits* its revised progress report on the draft declaration on the right of peoples to peace,<sup>6</sup> taking into account the comments made, to the Human Rights Council for consideration at its seventeenth session;
4. *Requests* the drafting group to prepare a questionnaire to consult with Member States, civil society, academia and all relevant stakeholders, to be distributed after the sixth session of the Advisory Committee;
5. *Encourages* the various stakeholders to contribute to the work under way.

*Adopted by consensus  
7<sup>th</sup> meeting  
21 January 2011*

### **6/5. Preliminary study on ways and means to further advance the rights of people working in rural areas**

*The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,*

*Recalling* Human Rights Council resolution 13/4 of 24 March 2010, in which the Council requested the Advisory Committee to undertake a preliminary study on ways and means to further advance the rights of people working in rural areas, including women, in particular smallholders engaged in the production of food and/or other agricultural products, including from directly working the land, traditional fishing, hunting and herding activities, and to report thereon to the Council at its sixteenth session,

*Welcoming* the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food,<sup>7</sup> presented to the General Assembly on 21 October 2010, and the recommendations made therein,

*Having due regard* for the discussions and statements made at the third meeting of the Advisory Committee at its sixth session,

<sup>5</sup> A/HRC/AC/6/CRP.3.

<sup>6</sup> To be issued as document A/HRC/17/39.

<sup>7</sup> A/65/281.

1. *Submits* herewith to the Human Rights Council the preliminary study on the advancement of the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas;<sup>8</sup>

2. *Recommends* that the Human Rights Council authorize the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to request all States Members of the United Nations, all relevant United Nations bodies, special agencies and programmes, in particular the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and other international organizations, as well as national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations, to give their views and comments on the preliminary study on the advancement of the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, so that such views can be taken into account in the preparation of the final study;

3. *Also recommends* that the Human Rights Council consider requesting the Advisory Committee to organize, as part of its broad consultations with Member States and other stakeholders on the advancement of the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, a seminar entitled “Rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas: the need for a new instrument”, to be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva two days before the Committee’s seventh session, without financial implications for the United Nations.<sup>9</sup>

## **Annex**

### **Concept note**

#### **Seminar entitled “The rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas: the need for a new instrument”**

**5–6 August 2011**

**Palais des Nations, Geneva**

The seminar is intended to offer a forum for feedback on the work of the Advisory Committee of the Human Rights Council on the advancement of the rights of people working in rural areas. The seminar will be an integral part of the consultation process on a new instrument on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas.

Attendance at the seminar will respect regional and gender balances. Representatives of the following will be invited to attend: States Members of the United Nations, United Nations special agencies and programmes, other international organizations, national human rights institutions, non-governmental organizations and movements of people working in rural areas, including women, smallholders, landless people and people involved in traditional fishing, hunting and herding activities.

The expected number of participants is 50.

The seminar will have no financial implications for the United Nations but will require the support of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Food First Information and Action Network International and La Via Campesina will be responsible for raising funds to cover organizational costs.

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21 January 2011*

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<sup>8</sup> A/HRC/16/63.

<sup>9</sup> See annex.

## B. Other recommendations

### 6/4. Drafting group on enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

*The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,*

*Recalling* Human Rights Council resolution 13/23 of 26 March 2010, entitled “Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights”, in which the Council requested the Advisory Committee to explore ways and means to enhance cooperation in the field of human rights, taking into account the views contained in the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights<sup>10</sup> and further views from States and relevant stakeholders, and to submit proposals in this regard to the Council at its nineteenth session,

*Recalling* Advisory Committee recommendation 5/4 of 6 August 2010, entitled “Drafting group on the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights”,

*Noting* that the Advisory Committee, at its sixth session, held from 17 to 21 January 2011, continued its deliberations on enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights on the basis of the preparatory document prepared by Emmanuel Decaux as Rapporteur of the drafting group,<sup>11</sup>

1. *Notes* that the drafting group and the full Advisory Committee met with the sponsors of Human Rights Council resolution 13/23 and held meetings to discuss the matter under consideration with States and other stakeholders;

2. *Takes note* of the preparatory document submitted by the drafting group and encourages it to revise the document in the light of the discussions on the subject by the Advisory Committee and comments received from States and other stakeholders;

3. *Notes* that the drafting group will prepare a questionnaire for the approval of the Advisory Committee at its seventh session, which will subsequently be circulated to seek further views of States and stakeholders.

*Adopted by consensus*  
7<sup>th</sup> meeting  
21 January 2011

## II. Officers, adoption of the 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 sixth session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 17 to 21 January 2011. The session was opened by the Chairperson for the fifth and sixth sessions of the Advisory Committee, Purificación V. Quisumbing.

2. The President of the Human Rights Council addressed the Advisory Committee at its 1st meeting, on 17 January 2011.

<sup>10</sup> A/HRC/13/19.

<sup>11</sup> A/HRC/AC/4/CRP.4.

3. At the same meeting, the Director of the Human Rights Council and Special Procedures Division made a statement on behalf of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

## **B. Composition of the Advisory Committee**

4. 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:<sup>12</sup> Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann (Nicaragua, 2012); José Antonio Bengoa Cabello (Chile, 2013); Ansar Ahmed Burney (Pakistan, 2011); Chen Shiqiu (China, 2012); Chung Chinsung (Republic of Korea, 2013); Emmanuel Decaux (France, 2011); Héctor Felipe Fix Fierro (Mexico, 2011); Wolfgang Stefan Heinz (Germany, 2013); Latif Hüseyinov (Azerbaijan, 2011); Baba Kura Kaigama (Nigeria, 2011); Alfred Ntunduguru Karokora (Uganda, 2013); Vladimir Kartashkin (Russian Federation, 2013); Purificacion V. Quisumbing (Philippines, 2011); Shigeki Sakamoto (Japan, 2013); Dheerujall Seetulsingh (Mauritius, 2011); Halima Embarek Warzazi (Morocco, 2012); Jean Ziegler (Switzerland; 2012); and Mona Zulficar (Egypt, 2013).

## **C. Attendance**

5. The session was attended by members of the Advisory Committee, observers for States Members of the United Nations, observers for non-Member States and for intergovernmental organizations, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, other organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations. Mr. d'Escoto Brockmann was not able to attend the session for medical reasons. Other three members of the Advisory Committee, Mr. Fix Fierro, Mr. Burney and Mr. Kaigama, were also unable to attend the session.

## **D. Meetings and documentation**

6. The Advisory Committee held eight plenary meetings, three closed meetings on agenda item 3 and three meetings for drafting groups. The Advisory Committee adopted five recommendations (see chapter I above).

## **E. Officers**

7. In accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and rule 5 of the rules of procedure of the Advisory Committee, the following officers, elected by acclamation at the 1st meeting of the fifth session of the Advisory Committee, held on 2 August 2010, also served as officers at the sixth session:

<i>Chairperson:</i>	Purificacion V. Quisumbing
<i>Vice Chairpersons:</i>	Deerujall Seetulsingh Wolfgang Stefan Heinz Vladimir Kartashkin

8. Owing to the absence of Mr. d'Escoto Brockmann, Mr. Bengoa was elected Rapporteur of the sixth session by acclamation.

<sup>12</sup> The year in parenthesis indicates when the term of office of the member expires.



## **F. Adoption of the agenda**

9. At its 1st meeting, on 17 January, before the adoption of the agenda, the Advisory Committee observed a minute of silence for the victims of human rights violations around the world.

10. Also at its 1st meeting, the Advisory Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General containing the provisional agenda for the sixth session (A/HRC/AC/6/1). The annotations to the provisional agenda are contained in document A/HRC/AC/6/1/Add.1.

11. At the same meeting, the agenda was adopted by consensus (see annex I).

## **G. Organization of work and conduct of business**

12. The Advisory Committee considered item 1 of the agenda at its 1st meeting, on 17 January.

13. At the 1st meeting, the modalities with respect to the organization of work and conduct of business were recalled by the Chairperson on the basis of the modalities applied at the previous sessions of the Committee.

14. It was agreed that the deadline for submitting draft recommendations would be 20 January 2010.

15. Statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee (see annex II).

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

16. The Advisory Committee considered agenda item 2 at its 1st meeting, on 17 January, at its 2nd meeting, on 18 January, at its 3rd and 4th meetings, on 19 January, and at its 6th meeting, on 20 January.

### **A. Requests currently under consideration by the Committee**

#### **1. Missing persons**

17. At its 1st meeting, on 17 January, and its 2nd meeting, on 18 January, the Advisory Committee, pursuant to Council resolution 7/28 and Council decisions 9/101, 12/117 and 14/118, held a discussion on the issue of missing persons. Mr. Hüseyinov introduced the report on best practices in the matter of missing persons (A/HRC/AC/6/2), further to the submission to the Council of a progress report on the issue (A/HRC/14/42). During the ensuing discussion, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee, Government observers and observers for national human rights institutions (see annex II).

18. At its 7th meeting, on 21 January, Mr. Hüseyinov introduced draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/6/L.1, sponsored by Mr. Heinz, Mr. Karakora, Ms. Quisumbing, Mr. Ziegler and Ms. Zulficar.

19. At the same meeting, Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Decaux and Ms. Warzazi made a statement.

20. Also at the same meeting, the Advisory Committee adopted the draft recommendation as orally revised by consensus (for the text as adopted, see chapter I, recommendation 6/1).

## 2. Promotion of the right of peoples to peace

21. At its 2nd meeting, on 18 January, and its 4th meeting, on 19 January, the Advisory Committee, pursuant to Council resolutions 11/4 and 14/3, held a discussion on the promotion of the right of peoples to peace. Ms. Zulficar reported on the work of the drafting group on the promotion of the right of peoples to peace. Mr. Heinz presented the draft progress report on the right of people to peace (A/HRC/AC/6/CRP.3). During the ensuing discussions, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee, the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, José Luiz Gómez del Prado, observers for Governments and observers for non-governmental organizations. In particular, acknowledging the intervention of the Chairperson of the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights at the opening session, Ms. Warzazi encouraged greater participation of national human rights institutions in the work of the Advisory Committee (see annex II).

22. The drafting group on the promotion of the right of peoples to peace, comprising Ms. Chung, Mr. Sakamoto, Mr. Heinz (Rapporteur) and Ms. Zulficar (Chairperson), held one closed meeting, on 18 January.

### *Promotion of the right of peoples to peace*

23. At the 7th meeting, on 21 January, Mr. Heinz introduced draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/6/L.3, sponsored by Mr. Karakora, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing and Mr. Ziegler.

24. At the same meeting, Mr. Decaux made a statement.

25. Also at the same meeting, the Advisory Committee adopted the draft recommendation by consensus (for the text as adopted, see chapter I, recommendation 6/3).

## 3. Right to food

26. At its 3rd meeting, on 19 January, the Advisory Committee, pursuant to Council resolutions 7/14, 10/12 and 13/4, held a discussion on the finalization of the study on discrimination in the context of the right to food (A/HRC/AC/6/CRP.1), further to the submission to the Council of a preliminary study on the issue (A/HRC/13/32). Mr. Ziegler introduced the study. Ms. Zulficar, as member of the drafting group, also took the floor. During the ensuing discussion, statements were made by members of the Committee, observers for Governments and observers for non-governmental organizations (see annex II).

27. At the same meeting, the Advisory Committee, pursuant to resolution 13/4, held a discussion on the preliminary study on ways and means to advance further the rights of people working in rural areas (A/HRC/AC/6/CRP.2). Mr. Bengoa introduced the preliminary study. Ms. Zulficar, as member of the drafting group, also took the floor. During the ensuing discussion, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee, observers for Governments and observers for non-governmental organizations (see annex II).

28. The drafting group on the right to food, comprising Mr. Bengoa, Ms. Chung, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Ziegler and Ms. Zulficar, held one public meeting, on 18 January.

### *Study on discrimination in the context of the right to food*

29. At the 7th meeting, on 21 January, Ms. Zulficar introduced draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/6/L.2, sponsored by Mr. Chen, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Karakora, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing and Mr. Ziegler.

30. Also at the same meeting, the Advisory Committee adopted the draft recommendation by consensus (for the text as adopted, see chapter I, recommendation 6/2).

*Preliminary study on ways and means to advance further the rights of people working in rural areas*

31. At its 7th meeting, on 21 January, Mr. Bengoa introduced draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/6/L.5, sponsored by Mr. Decaux and Ms. Quisumbing.

32. At the same meeting, Mr. Ziegler made a statement.

33. Also at the same meeting, the Advisory Committee adopted the draft recommendation by consensus (for the text as adopted, see chapter I, recommendation 6/5).

#### **4. Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights**

34. At its 4th meeting, on 19 January, the Advisory Committee, pursuant to Council resolution 13/23, held a discussion on the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights (A/HRC/AC/6/CRP.4). Mr. Decaux presented the working paper on the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights. Mr. Kartashkin, Mr. Seetulsingh and Ms. Warzazi, as members of the drafting group, also took the floor. During the ensuing discussion, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee, observers for Governments and observers for national human rights institutions (see annex II).

35. The drafting group on the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights, comprising Mr. Chen, Mr. Decaux (Rapporteur), Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Kartashkin, Mr. Seetulsingh (Chairperson) and Ms. Warzazi held one closed meeting with the sponsors of resolution 13/23, on 18 January.

*Drafting group on the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights*

36. At its 7th meeting, on 21 January, Mr. Seetulsingh introduced draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/6/L.4, sponsored by Mr. Chen, Ms. Chung, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Karakora, Ms. Quisumbing and Mr. Ziegler.

37. At the same meeting, Mr. Hüseyinov made a statement.

38. Also at the same meeting, the Advisory Committee adopted the draft recommendation by consensus (for the text as adopted, see chapter I, recommendation 6/4).

#### **5. Human rights and international solidarity**

39. At its 4th meeting, on 19 January, pursuant to Council resolutions 9/2, 12/9 and 15/3, Mr. Chen, as member of the drafting group on human rights and international solidarity, provided an outline of the work to be undertaken by the drafting group. Mr. Hüseyinov, as member of the drafting group, also took the floor. During the ensuing discussion, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee (see annex II).

40. The drafting group on human rights and international solidarity, chaired by Mr. Chen, held one closed meeting, on 18 January.

### **B. Follow-up to reports of the Advisory Committee submitted to the Human Rights Council**

41. At its 6th meeting, on 20 January, the Advisory Committee, pursuant to Council resolutions 6/10, 10/28 and 13/15, held a discussion on human rights education and

training. Mr. Decaux provided an update on the recent session of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on a draft declaration on human rights education and training. The representative of the Philippines provided information on behalf of the Platform for Human Rights Education and Training (see annex II).

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

##### **A. Review of methods of work**

42. At two closed meetings, held on 17 and 20 January, and at the 5th meeting, held on 20 January, Advisory Committee members exchanged views on the ongoing review of the work and functioning of the Human Rights Council. In this regard, members of the Committee met with the Council review facilitator on the Advisory Committee and complaints procedure, the Permanent Representative of Romania, on 18 January, and with the President of the Council, on 21 January. During the discussion held at the 5th meeting, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee and Government observers (see annex II).

##### **B. Agenda and annual programme of work, including new priorities**

43. At the 6th meeting, held on 20 January, pursuant to Council resolution 15/22, in which the Council decided to hold a panel discussion at its eighteenth session on the realization of the right to health of older persons, with the participation of members of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the World Health Organization, members of the Advisory Committee and other relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, the Committee identified Ms. Chung and Mr. Sakamoto to attend the panel discussion. During the ensuing discussion, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee (see annex II).

#### **V. Report of the Advisory Committee on its sixth session**

44. At its 7th meeting, on 21 January, the Advisory Committee considered agenda item 4.

45. At the same meeting, the Rapporteur of the Advisory Committee presented the draft report on its sixth session (A/HRC/AC/6/3).

46. Also at the same meeting, statements in relation to the draft report were made by Mr. Chen, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Sakamoto, Mr. Seetulsingh and Ms. Warzazi.

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

48. At the 8th meeting, on 21 January, the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee made concluding remarks.

49. At the same meeting, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee and observers for non-governmental organizations (see annex II).

## Annex I

### Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
2. Requests addressed to the Advisory Committee stemming from Human Rights Council resolutions:
  - (a) Requests currently under consideration by the Committee:
    - (i) Right to food;
    - (ii) Integration of a gender perspective;
    - (iii) Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order;
    - (iv) Missing persons;
    - (v) Integration of the perspective of persons with disabilities;
    - (vi) Human rights and international solidarity;
    - (vii) Promotion of the right of peoples to peace;
    - (viii) Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights;
  - (b) Follow-up to reports of the Committee submitted to the Human Rights Council:
    - (i) Human rights education and training;
    - (ii) Elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members.
3. Implementation of sections III and IV of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007:
  - (a) Review of methods of work;
  - (b) Agenda and annual programme of work, including new priorities;
  - (c) Follow-up to Advisory Committee recommendation 1/11.
4. Report of the Advisory Committee on its sixth session.

## List of speakers

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Meeting and date</i>	<i>Speakers</i>
<b>1</b> <b>Adoption of the agenda and organization of work</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> meeting</b> <b>17 January 2011</b>	<b>Members:</b> Mr. Bengoa, Ms. Chung, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Kartashkin, Mr. Seetulsingh, Ms. Zulficar, Ms. Warzazi  <b>Observer for national human rights institutions:</b> Chairperson of the International Coordination Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights
<b>2</b> <b>Requests addressed to the Advisory Committee stemming from Human Rights Council resolutions</b>  <b>(a) Requests currently under consideration by the Committee</b>	<b>2 (i)</b> <b>Right to food</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> meeting</b> <b>19 January 2011</b>  <b>Members:</b> Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Karakora, Mr. Sakamoto, Mr. Seetulsingh, Mr. Ziegler, Ms. Zulficar  <b>Government observers:</b> Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, China, Ecuador, Sudan  <b>Observer for intergovernmental organizations:</b>  <b>Observers for non-governmental organizations:</b> Mouvement contre le racisme et pour l'amitié entre les peuples, Foodfirst Information and Action Network
	<b>2 (iv)</b> <b>Missing persons</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> meeting</b> <b>17 January 2011</b>  <b>Members:</b> Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Kartashkin, Mr. Sakamoto, Ms. Warzazi, Ms. Zulficar  <b>Government observers:</b> Azerbaijan, Argentina
		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> meeting</b> <b>18 January 2011</b>  <b>Members:</b> Mr. Decaux, Ms. Warzazi,  <b>Government observers:</b> Algeria  <b>National human rights institutions:</b> National Human Rights Commission of the Philippines

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Meeting and date</i>	<i>Speakers</i>
2 (vi) <b>Human rights and international solidarity</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> meeting 19 January 2011</b>	<b>Members:</b> Mr. Chen, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Hüseyinov
2 (vii) <b>Promotion of the right of peoples to peace</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> meeting 18 January 2011</b>	<b>Members:</b> Mr. Chen, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Kartashkin, Mr. Sakamoto, Mr. Seetulsingh, Ms. Warzazi, Ms. Zulficar  <b>Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries:</b> José L. Gómez del Prado  <b>Observers for non-governmental organizations:</b> Conscience and Peace Tax International, International Association of Peace Messenger Cities
	<b>4<sup>th</sup> meeting 19 January 2011</b>	<b>Observers for non-governmental organizations:</b> Institute for Planetary Synthesis, International Society for human rights  <b>Observers for Governments:</b> Germany
	<b>5<sup>th</sup> meeting 20 January 2011</b>	<b>Members:</b> Mr. Heinz, Ms. Zulficar, Ms. Warzazi, Mr. Kartashkin  <b>Observers for Governments:</b> Algeria, Cuba, Morocco, United States of America  <b>Observers for non-governmental organizations:</b> Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru
2 (viii) <b>Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> meeting 19 January 2011</b>	<b>Members:</b> Mr. Chen, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Kartashkin, Mr. Seetulsingh, Ms. Warzazi  <b>Observers for Governments:</b> Algeria, Cuba, Philippines  <b>Observers for national human rights institutions:</b> Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines, National Council for Human Rights of Egypt
(b) <b>Follow-up to reports of the Committee submitted to the Human Rights Council</b>	(i) <b>Human rights education and training</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> meeting 20 January 2011</b>
		<b>Members:</b> Mr. Decaux, Mr. Seetulsingh, Ms. Warzazi  <b>Observers for Governments:</b> Philippines (on behalf of the Platform on Human Rights Education and Training)

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<b>3</b> <b>Implementation of sections III and IV of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007</b>	<b>(i) Review of methods of work</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> meeting</b> <b>20 January 2011</b>  <b>Members:</b> Mr. Chen, Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Kartashkin, Mr. Sakamoto, Mr. Seetulsingh, Ms. Warzazi, Mr. Ziegler, Ms. Zulficar  <b>Observers for Governments:</b> Philippines
	<b>(ii) Agenda and annual programme of work, including new priorities</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> meeting</b> <b>20 January 2011</b>  <b>Members:</b> Ms. Chen, Mr. Seetulsingh, Ms Zulficar
<b>4</b> <b>Report of the Advisory Committee on its sixth session</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> meeting</b> <b>21 January 2011</b>	<b>Members:</b> Mr. Chen, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Sakamoto, Mr. Seetulsingh, Ms. Warzazi
	<b>8<sup>th</sup> meeting</b> <b>21 January 2011</b>	<b>Members:</b> Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Decaux  <b>Observers for non-governmental organizations:</b> World Citizens



## Annex III

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### List of documents issued for the sixth session of the Advisory Committee

#### *Documents issued in the general series*

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
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A/HRC/AC/6/3	4 Report of the Advisory Committee on its sixth session

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A/HRC/AC/6/CRP.2	2 Preliminary study on the advancement of the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas
A/HRC/AC/6/CRP.3	2 Progress report on the right of peoples to peace
A/HRC/AC/6/CRP.4	2 Le renforcement de la coopération internationale dans le domaine des droits de l'homme

#### *Documents issued in the limited series*

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
A/HRC/AC/6/L.1	2 Missing persons
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A/HRC/AC/6/L.3	2 Drafting group on the promotion of the right of peoples to peace
A/HRC/AC/6/L.4	2 Drafting group on enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights
A/HRC/AC/6/L.5	2 Preliminary study on ways and means to further advance the rights of people working in rural areas

*Documents issued in the non-governmental organizations series*

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
A/HRC/AC/6/NGO/1	2 Joint written statement submitted by the International Alliance of Women (IAW), the International Council of Jewish Women (ICJW) non-governmental organizations in general consultative status, the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem (OSMTH), the Inter-African Committee on Traditional Practices Affecting the Health of Women and Children (IAC), the Worldwide Organization for Women (WOW), non-governmental organizations in special consultative status
A/HRC/AC/6/NGO/2	2 Joint written statement submitted by Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches (CCIA/WCC), Women's Federation for World Peace International (WFWPI), International Association of Soldiers for Peace, Zonta International, International Council of Women (ICW CIF), non-governmental organizations in general consultative status, Federación de Asociaciones de Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos (España), International Association of Peace Messenger Cities (IAPMC), Worldwide Organization for Women (WOW), Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms (IALANA), Solar Cookers International (SCI), Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers (CMFSA), Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic, Inc., Pax Christi International, International Catholic Peace Movement, Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights, African Peace Network (APNET), United States Federation for Middle East Peace (USFMEP), Network Women in Development Europe (WIDE), UNESCO Centre of Catalonia (UNESCOCAT), International Women's Year Liaison Group, International Organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (EAFORD), Nord-Sud XXI – North-South XXI, Universal Peace Federation, Inter-African Committee on Traditional Practices Affecting the Health of Women and Children (IAC), International Movement for Fraternal Union among Races and Peoples (UFER), Union of Arab Jurists (UAJ), Lama Gangchen World Peace Foundation (LGWPF), General Arab Women Federation, Indian Movement "Tupaj Amaru",

non-governmental organizations in special consultative status, World Association for the School as an Instrument of Peace, International Society for Human Rights (ISHR), Institute for Planetary Synthesis (IPS), International Peace Bureau (IPB), UNESCO Etxea (UNESCO Centre Basque Country), 3HO Foundation, Inc. (Healthy, Happy, Holy Organization), Arab NGO Network for Development, Fondation Idole, non-governmental organizations on the roster

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