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## Human Rights Council

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Agenda item 3

### Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development

Armenia\*, Belgium, Croatia\*, Greece\*, Guatemala, Ireland\*, Mexico, Netherlands\*, Peru, Poland, Portugal\*, Senegal, Serbia\*, Spain, Thailand: draft resolution

### 18/... Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights

*The Human Rights Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 32/127 of 16 December 1977 and subsequent Assembly resolutions on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights, the latest being resolution 63/170 of 18 December 2008,

*Recalling also* Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/51 of 9 March 1993 and subsequent Commission resolutions in this regard, and Human Rights Council resolutions 6/20 of 28 September 2007 and 12/15 of 1 October 2009,

*Bearing in mind* paragraph 5 (h) of General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006, in which the Assembly decided that the Human Rights Council should work in close cooperation with regional organizations,

*Bearing in mind also* the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993, which reiterates, inter alia, the need to consider the possibility of establishing regional and subregional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights where they do not already exist,

*Reaffirming* the fact that regional arrangements play an important role in promoting and protecting human rights and should reinforce universal human rights standards, as contained in international human rights instruments,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the workshop on enhancing cooperation between international and

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regional mechanisms for the promotion and protection of human rights,<sup>1</sup> held in Geneva on 3 and 4 May 2010, including its conclusions and recommendations;

2. *Also welcomes* the progress made by Governments in the establishment of regional and subregional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights, and their achievements in all regions of the world;

3. *Further welcomes* the interregional efforts made by member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, as manifested by the establishment of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission;

4. *Requests* the High Commissioner to hold, in 2012, a workshop on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights to take stock of developments since the workshop in 2010, and to organize a thematic discussion based on the concrete and practical experience of regional mechanisms, in order to share information on best practices, lessons learned and possible forms of cooperation, with the participation of relevant experts from international, regional, subregional and interregional human rights mechanisms, as well as of Member States, observers, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations;

5. *Also requests* the High Commissioner to present to the Human Rights Council, at its twenty-second session, a report on the discussions held at the above-mentioned workshop and on the progress towards the implementation of the present resolution.

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<sup>1</sup> A/HRC/15/56.