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1. Organizational and procedural matters

Date and venue of the session

1. In accordance with its annual programme of work, as considered on 10 December 2012 at the organizational meeting for the seventh cycle of the Council, the Council will hold its twenty-second session from 25 February to 22 March 2013 at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

2. In accordance with rule 8 (b) of the rules of procedure of the Council, as contained in section VII of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, the organizational meeting for the twenty-second session will be held on 13 February 2013.

Agenda of the session

3. The agenda of the Council is contained in section V of the annex to Council resolution 5/1. The Council will have before it the present annotations relating to items included in the agenda for the twenty-second session.

Composition of the Human Rights Council

4. The composition of the Council at its twenty-second session is as follows:¹ Angola (2013); Argentina (2015); Austria (2014); Benin (2014); Botswana (2014); Burkina Faso (2014); Brazil (2015); Chile (2014); Congo (2014); Costa Rica (2014); Côte d'Ivoire (2015); Czech Republic (2014); Ecuador (2013); Estonia (2015); Ethiopia (2015); Gabon (2015); Germany (2015); Guatemala (2013); India (2014); Indonesia (2014); Ireland (2015); Italy (2014); Japan (2015); Kazakhstan (2015); Kenya (2015); Kuwait (2014); Libya (2013); Malaysia (2013); Maldives (2013); Mauritania (2013); Montenegro (2015); Pakistan (2015); Peru (2014); Philippines (2014); Poland (2013); Qatar (2013); Republic of Korea (2015); Republic of Moldova (2013); Romania (2014); Sierra Leone (2015); Spain (2013); Switzerland (2013); Thailand (2013); Uganda (2013); United Arab Emirates (2015); United States of America (2015); Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (2015).

Bureau of the Human Rights Council

5. At its organizational meeting on 10 December 2012, the Council elected the following members of the Bureau for its seventh cycle, which will run until 31 December 2013: President of the Council, Remigiusz A. Henczel (Poland); Vice-Presidents, Iruthisham Adam (Maldives), Alexandre Fasel (Switzerland), Cheikh Ahmed Ould Zahaf (Mauritania); Vice-President and Rapporteur, Luis Gallegos Chiriboga (Ecuador).

Review of the work and functioning of the Human Rights Council

6. Pursuant to paragraph 42 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 16/21, the Council will hold a high-level panel discussion to interact with heads of United Nations agencies within their respective mandates on specific human rights themes, with the objective

¹ The term of membership of each State expires in the year indicated in parenthesis.

of promoting the mainstreaming of human rights throughout the United Nations system (see annex).

Selection and appointment of members of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

7. In its resolution 6/36, the Council decided to establish a subsidiary expert mechanism to provide it with thematic expertise on the rights of indigenous peoples in the manner and form requested by the Council. The Council decided that the expert mechanism would consist of five independent experts, the selection of which would be carried out in accordance with the procedure established in paragraphs 39 to 53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, and strongly recommended that, in the selection and appointment process, the Council should give due regard to experts of indigenous origin.

8. In accordance with paragraph 47 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, and the requirements set out in Council decision 6/102, the consultative group will propose to the President of the Council a list of candidates to replace two of the five independent experts of the Expert Mechanism, whose tenure is due to expire in March 2013.

9. In accordance with the procedure stipulated in resolution 6/36 and in paragraphs 52 and 53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, the appointment of the above-mentioned experts will be completed upon the subsequent approval of the Council before the end of the session.

Report of the session

10. At the end of its session, the Council will have before it for adoption a draft report prepared by the Rapporteur. The report will include the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council and the President's statements, as well as a technical summary of the proceedings of the twenty-second session.

2. Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General

11. All reports of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Office of the High Commissioner (OHCHR) and the Secretary-General are submitted under agenda item 2, which remains an open-ended item throughout the session. These reports will be considered at the time of consideration of relevant agenda items, as appropriate. Specific timing of their introduction will be reflected in the programme of work.

Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

12. The Council will have before it the annual report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/22/17), the reports on the activities of her offices in Guatemala and Bolivia (Plurinational State of) and the report on the situation of the human rights in Colombia (A/HRC/22/17/Add.1-3).

Composition of the staff of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

13. In its resolution 19/3, the Council requested the High Commissioner to submit a comprehensive and updated report to the Council at its twenty-second session, in accordance

with its annual programme of work, following the structure and scope of her report and with a special focus on further measures taken to correct the imbalance in the geographical composition of the staff of the Office. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/22/69).

Question of human rights in Cyprus

14. Pursuant to Council decision 2/102, the Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner on the question of human rights in Cyprus (A/HRC/22/18).

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

15. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 67/161, the Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (A/HRC/22/19).

Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

16. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 67/161, the Council will have before it a note by the secretariat on the status of the Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (A/HRC/22/22).

Conclusions and recommendations of the special procedures

17. Pursuant to Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/76 and Council resolution 2/102, the Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General containing references to the conclusions and recommendations in the reports submitted by the special procedures (A/HRC/22/20).

Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

18. In its resolution 67/182, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report on the progress made in the implementation of that resolution, including options and recommendations to improve its implementation, and to submit an interim report to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-second session. The Council will have before it the interim report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/22/48) (see also paragraph 70 below).

Promoting reconciliation and accountability in Sri Lanka

19. In its resolution 19/2, the Council encouraged OHCHR and relevant special procedures mandate holders to provide, in consultation with and with the concurrence of the Government of Sri Lanka, advice and technical assistance on implementing the steps mentioned in that resolution, and requested OHCHR to present a report on the provision of such assistance to the Council at its twenty-second session. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/22/38).

The effective implementation of international human rights instruments

20. In its resolution 9/8 on the effective implementation of international human rights instruments, the Council requested the Secretary-General to report annually on measures taken to implement the resolution and on obstacles to its implementation. The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/22/21).

Realization in all countries of economic, social and cultural rights

21. In its resolution 19/5, the Council encouraged OHCHR to continue to provide or facilitate practical support aimed at building capacities for the full realization of economic, social and cultural rights, to strengthen its research and analytical capacities in the field of economic, social and cultural rights, and to share its expertise, including by supporting regional initiatives relating to the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. In the same resolution, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Council, at its twenty-second session, a report on the implementation of that resolution, with a special focus on economic, social and cultural rights of women and the empowerment of women in this regard, including in the context of the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/22/24) (see also paragraph 39 below).

Promotion and protection of human rights in the context of peaceful protests

22. In its resolution 19/35, the Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare and submit a thematic report to the Council on effective measures and best practices to ensure the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of peaceful protests. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/22/28) (see also paragraph 44 below).

Human rights of persons with disabilities

23. In its resolution 19/11, the Council requested OHCHR to prepare a study on the work and employment of persons with disabilities, in consultation with States and other relevant stakeholders, including the International Labour Organization, regional organizations, the Special Rapporteur on Disabilities of the Commission for Social Development, civil society organizations, including organizations of persons with disabilities, and national human rights institutions. As requested by the Council in its resolution, the study will be available on the website of OHCHR in an accessible format. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/22/25) (see also paragraphs 50 and 51 below).

Rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities

24. In its resolution 13/12, the Council requested the High Commissioner to present an annual report containing information on relevant developments of United Nations human rights bodies and mechanisms, as well as on the activities undertaken by OHCHR at Headquarters and in the field that contribute to the promotion of and respect for the provisions of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/22/27) (see also paragraphs 52, 53 and 79 below).

Rights of the child

25. In its resolution 19/37, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Council, at its twenty-second session, a report on the rights of the child, including information on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/22/30).

26. Also in its resolution 19/37, the Council decided to focus its next full-day meeting on the right of the child to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health, and invited OHCHR to prepare a report on that issue, in close collaboration with relevant stakeholders, including States, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Health Organization and other relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, relevant special procedures mandate holders, regional organizations and human rights bodies, civil society, national human rights

institutions and children themselves, and to present it to the Council at its twenty-second session, to inform the annual day of discussion on children's rights. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/22/31) (see also paragraphs 56 to 59 below).

Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism

27. In its resolution 19/19, the Council took note with appreciation of the report of the High Commissioner on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, and requested the High Commissioner to continue her efforts in this regard. In the same resolution, the Council also requested the High Commissioner to present her report, bearing in mind the content of that resolution, to the Council in conformity with its annual programme of work. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/22/26) (see also paragraphs 63 and 64 below).

Human rights, democracy and the rule of law

28. In its resolution 19/36, the Council requested OHCHR, in consultation with States, national human rights institutions, civil society, relevant intergovernmental bodies and international organizations, to draft a study on common challenges facing States in their efforts to secure democracy and the rule of law from a human rights perspective, as well as on lessons learned and best practices in the engagement of the State with the international community to support such processes, and to present the study to the Council at its twenty-second session. The Council will consider the study of OHCHR (A/HRC/22/29) (see also paragraph 60 below).

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

29. In its resolution 19/33, the Council requested OHCHR to organize, before the twenty-second session of the Council, a seminar on the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights, with the participation of States, relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, and other stakeholders, including academic experts and civil society, in addition to a member of the Advisory Committee. In resolution 19/33, the Council also requested OHCHR to prepare a report on the deliberations held during the seminar and to submit it to the Council at its twenty-second session. The seminar on international cooperation is scheduled to be held on 15 February 2013. The Council will have before it a note by the secretariat on the seminar (A/HRC/22/23) (see also paragraph 61 below).

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights

30. In its resolution 18/14, the Council requested 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, including a thematic discussion based on the concrete and practical experience of regional mechanisms. In resolution 18/14, the Council also requested the High Commissioner to present to the Council, at its twenty-second session, a report containing a summary of the discussions held at the above-mentioned workshop and of the progress towards the implementation of the resolution. The regional workshop will be held from 12 to 14 December 2012. The Council will have before it a note by the secretariat on the workshop (A/HRC/22/68) (see also paragraph 62 below).

Situation of human rights in the north of Mali

31. In its resolution 20/17, the Council invited the High Commissioner to monitor the human rights situation in the north of Mali and to report thereon to the Council at its twenty-first session. At its twenty-first session, the High Commissioner presented an oral report on the situation. In its resolution 21/25, the Council renewed its urgent invitation to the High Commissioner to submit to the Council, at its twenty-second session, a written report on the

situation of human rights in Mali, particularly the northern part of the country. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/22/33) (see also paragraph 68 below).

Cooperation with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights

32. In its decision 18/118, the Council decided to convene, at its twenty-first session, a panel discussion on the issue of intimidation or reprisal against individuals and groups who cooperate or have cooperated with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights, and requested OHCHR to prepare a report on the outcome of the panel discussion in the form of a summary. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/22/34) (see also paragraph 73 below).

Situation of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem

33. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem (A/HRC/22/35) (see paragraph 86 below).

Human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan

34. Reference is made to the report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan (A/HRC/22/36) (see paragraph 87 below).

Strengthening of technical cooperation and consultative services in Guinea

35. In its resolution 19/30, the Council invited the High Commissioner to report to the Council at its twenty-second session on the situation of human rights and the work of her Office in Guinea. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/22/39) (see also paragraph 91 below).

Technical cooperation in the field of human rights in Afghanistan

36. In its decision 2/113 and its resolution 14/15, the Council requested the High Commissioner to continue, in cooperation with the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, to monitor the human rights situation in Afghanistan, to provide and expand advisory services and technical cooperation in the field of human rights and the rule of law, and to report regularly to the Council on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan, paying special attention to the rights of women, on the achievements of technical assistance in the field of human rights and to increase the focus on the situation of girl school children. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/22/37) (see also paragraph 92 below).

Assistance for Libya in the field of human rights

37. In its resolution 19/39, the Council requested OHCHR, in collaboration with the transitional Government of Libya and upon its request, to explore ways of cooperation in the field of human rights, including technical assistance and capacity-building, and invited OHCHR to inform the Council, at its twenty-second session, on its technical assistance, capacity-building and cooperation with the transitional Government of Libya. The Council will have before it a note by the secretariat on this issue (A/HRC/22/40) (see also paragraph 93 below).

Enhancement of technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights

38. In its resolution 21/21, the Council requested OHCHR to prepare a report on the activities undertaken by the Office, other relevant United Nations agencies, in particular the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and, where applicable, regional organizations to support efforts by States to strengthen their judiciary system and administration of justice, for submission to the Council at its twenty-second session, to serve as a basis for the thematic panel discussion. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/22/32) (see also paragraphs 96 and 97 below).

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

A. Economic, social and cultural rights

Realization in all countries of economic, social and cultural rights

39. Reference is made to the report of the Secretary-General on the realization in all countries of economic, social and cultural rights (A/HRC/22/24) (see paragraph 21 above).

Adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living

40. In its resolution 15/8, the Council requested the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living to submit a report to the Council in accordance with its annual programme of work. In its resolution 19/4, the Council decided to continue the consideration of the issue in accordance with its programme of work. The Council will consider the reports of the Special Rapporteur, Raquel Rolnik (A/HRC/22/46 and Add.1-9).

Right to food

41. In its resolution 19/7, the Council requested the Special Rapporteur on the right to food, as part of his mandate, to continue to monitor the evolution of the world food crisis and, in the context of his mandate and regular reports, to keep the Council informed of the impact of the crisis on the enjoyment of the right to food, and to alert it to possible further actions in this regard. The Council also requested the Special Rapporteur to submit a report on the implementation of resolution 19/7 at its twenty-second session. The Council will consider the reports of the Special Rapporteur, Olivier De Schutter (A/HRC/22/50 and Add.1-6).

42. Reference is also made to the studies of the Advisory Committee on the right to food (A/HRC/22/61 and 72) (see paragraphs 74 and 75 below).

Effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights

43. In its resolution 19/38, the Council requested the Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights to present, at its twenty-second session, an in-depth study on the negative impact of the non-repatriation of funds of illicit origin to the countries of origin on the application by States of the maximum available resources to the full realization of all human rights, in particular economic, social and cultural rights, with special attention paid to developing countries and countries with economies in transition burdened by foreign debt.

The Council will consider the progress report of the Independent Expert, Cephas Lumina (A/HRC/22/42).

B. Civil and political rights

Promotion and protection of human rights in the context of peaceful protests

44. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on effective measures and best practises to ensure the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of peaceful protests (A/HRC/22/28) (see paragraph 22 above).

Arbitrary detention

45. In its resolutions 10/9 and 15/18, the Council stressed the importance of the work of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention and decided to extend its mandate for a further period of three years. The Council also requested the Working Group to present an annual report on its activities, findings, conclusions and recommendations. In its resolution 20/16, the Council decided to continue consideration of the question of arbitrary detention in conformity with its programme of work. The Council will consider the reports of the Working Group (A/HRC/22/44 and Add.1-3).

Enforced or involuntary disappearances

46. In its resolutions 7/12 and 16/16, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances for a further period of three years, and encouraged the Working Group to submit a regular report on the implementation of its mandate to the Council, in accordance with its annual programme of work. In its resolution 21/4, the Council encouraged the Working Group to continue to provide concerned States with relevant and detailed information concerning allegations of enforced disappearances in order to facilitate a prompt and substantive response to these communications. The Council will consider the reports of the Working Group (A/HRC/22/45 and Add.1-5).

Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

47. In its resolution 16/23, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment for a further period of three years, requesting him to report on all his activities, observations, conclusions and recommendations to the Council in accordance with its annual programme of work. The Council will consider the reports of the Special Rapporteur, Juan Ernesto Méndez (A/HRC/22/53 and Add.1-6).

48. Reference is also made to the report of the Secretary-General on the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (A/HRC/22/19) and to the note by the secretariat on the status of the Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (A/HRC/22/22) (see paragraphs 15 and 16 above).

Freedom of religion or belief

49. In its resolutions 16/13 and 19/8, the Council requested the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief to submit a report annually in accordance with its annual programme of work, and decided to continue consideration of measures to implement the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief. The Council will consider the reports of the Special Rapporteur, Heiner Bielefeldt (A/HRC/22/51 and Add.1-3).

C. Rights of peoples, and specific groups and individuals

Human rights of persons with disabilities

50. In its resolution 7/9, the Council decided to hold an annual interactive debate at one of its regular sessions on the rights of persons with disabilities. In its resolution 19/11, the Council decided that its next annual interactive debate on the rights of persons with disabilities would be held at its twenty-second session, and that it would focus on the work and employment of persons with disabilities (see annex).

51. Reference is also made to the report of OHCHR on the work and employment of persons with disabilities (A/HRC/22/25) (see paragraph 23 above).

The rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities

52. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on relevant developments of United Nations human rights bodies and mechanisms, as well as on the activities undertaken by OHCHR that contribute to the promotion of and respect for the provisions of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (A/HRC/22/27) (see paragraph 24 above).

Minority issues

53. In its resolutions 6/15, 7/6 and 16/6, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Independent Expert on minority issues for three years, and requested the Independent Expert to submit annual reports on her activities to the Council, including recommendations for effective strategies for the better implementation of the rights of persons belonging to minorities. In its resolution 19/23, the Council decided that the Independent Expert should continue to guide the work of the Forum on Minority Issues and to prepare its annual meetings, and invited her to report on the thematic recommendations of the Forum and make recommendations for future thematic subjects. The Council will consider the reports of the Independent Expert, Rita Izsák (A/HRC/22/49 and Add.1-2).

54. Reference is also made to the report of the Forum on Minority Issues on its fifth session (A/HRC/22/60) (see paragraph 79 below).

Human rights defenders

55. In its resolution 16/5, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders for a period of three years and requested her to report regularly to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the Special Rapporteur, Margaret Sekaggya (A/HRC/22/47 and Add.1-8).

Rights of the child

56. In its resolution 16/12, the Council decided to extend for a period of three years the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. In its resolution 19/37, the Council took note with appreciation of the reports of the Special Rapporteur and decided to remain seized of the matter. In its resolution 67/152, the General Assembly requested the Special Rapporteur to continue to submit reports to the General Assembly and the Human Rights Council on the activities undertaken in the fulfilment of her mandate. The Council will consider the reports of the Special Rapporteur, Najat Maalla M'jid (A/HRC/22/54 and Add.1-4).

57. In its resolution 19/37, the Council took note with appreciation of the report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on violence against children and decided to remain seized of the matter. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 67/152, the

Council will consider the annual report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Marta Santos Pais (A/HRC/22/55).

58. Reference is also made to the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (A/HRC/22/30), and to the report of OHCHR on the right of the child to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health (A/HRC/22/31) (see paragraphs 25 and 26 above).

59. In its resolution 7/29, the Council decided to incorporate into its programme of work sufficient time, at a minimum an annual full-day meeting, to discuss different specific themes on the rights of the child, including the identification of challenges in the realization of the rights of the child, as well as measures and best practices that could be adopted by States and other stakeholders. At its twenty-second session, the Council will hold its full-day panel discussion, which, pursuant to Council resolution 19/37, will focus on the right of the child to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health, and will be informed by the report of OHCHR (see paragraph 26 above and annex).

D. Interrelation of human rights and human rights thematic issues

Human rights, democracy and the rule of law

60. Reference is made to the study of OHCHR on common challenges facing States in their efforts to secure democracy and the rule of law from a human rights perspective (A/HRC/22/29) (see paragraph 28 above).

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

61. Reference is made to the note by the secretariat on the seminar on the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights (A/HRC/22/23) (see paragraph 29 above).

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights

62. Reference is made to the note by the secretariat on the above-mentioned workshop (A/HRC/22/68) (see paragraph 30 above).

Promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism

63. In its resolution 15/15, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism for a period of three years. In its resolution 19/19, the Council requested the Special Rapporteur to present his report, bearing in mind the content of that resolution, to the Council in conformity with its annual programme of work. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, Ben Emmerson (A/HRC/22/52).

64. Reference is also made to the report of the High Commissioner on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (A/HRC/22/26) (see paragraph 27 above).

Negative impact of corruption on the enjoyment of human rights

65. In its resolution 21/13, the Council decided to convene, at its twenty-second session, a panel discussion on the issue of the negative impact of corruption on the enjoyment of human rights, and requested OHCHR to liaise with States, relevant United Nations bodies, agencies, treaty bodies and special procedures, in particular the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the United Nations Development Programme, international organizations, in

particular the International Anti-Corruption Academy, relevant regional human rights mechanisms, as well as with civil society, non-governmental organizations and national human rights institutions, with a view to ensuring their participation in the panel discussion. The Council will hold the said panel discussion during its twenty-second session (see annex).

Activities of private military and security companies

66. In its resolution 15/26, the Council decided to establish an open-ended intergovernmental working group with a mandate to consider the possibility of elaborating an international regulatory framework, including, inter alia, the option of elaborating a legally binding instrument on the regulation, monitoring and oversight of the activities of private military and security companies, including their accountability. In its resolution 21/29, the Council requested the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the open-ended intergovernmental working group to consider the possibility of elaborating an international regulatory framework on the regulation, monitoring and oversight of the activities of private military and security companies to present to the Council, at its twenty-second session, the report of the working group. The working group held its first session from 23 to 27 May 2011 and its second session from 13 to 17 August 2012. The Council will have before it the report of the working group (A/HRC/22/41).

Human rights and the environment

67. In its resolution 19/10, the Council decided to appoint, for a period of three years, an Independent Expert on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment, and requested the mandate holder to submit a first report, including conclusions and recommendations, to the Council at its twenty-second session, and annually thereafter. The Council will consider the report of the Independent Expert, John Knox (A/HRC/22/43).

4. Human rights situations that require the Council's attention

Situation of human rights in the north of Mali

68. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in the north of Mali (A/HRC/22/33) (see paragraph 31 above).

Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

69. In its resolution 19/13, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in accordance with its resolution 16/8 for a period of one year, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit regular reports on the implementation of his mandate to the Council and to the General Assembly. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, Marzuki Darusman (A/HRC/22/57).

Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

70. In its resolution 19/12, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran for a further period of one year, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit a report on the implementation of his mandate to the Council at its twenty-second session and to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, Ahmed Shaheed (A/HRC/22/56) (see also paragraph 18 above).

Situation of human rights in Myanmar

71. In its resolution 19/21, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar for one year, and invited the Special Rapporteur to include in his next report, inter alia, further recommendations on the needs of Myanmar, including with regard to technical assistance and capacity-building. The Council further requested the Special Rapporteur to submit a progress report to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session, and to the Council in accordance with its annual programme of work. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, Tomás Ojea Quintana (A/HRC/22/58).

Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic

72. In its resolution S-17/1, the Council decided to dispatch an independent international commission of inquiry to investigate all alleged violations of international human rights law since March 2011 in the Syrian Arab Republic. In its resolution 21/26, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the commission of inquiry, and requested the commission to continue its work and to present a written report on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic at an interactive dialogue during the twenty-second session. The Council will consider the report of the commission of inquiry (A/HRC/22/59).

5. Human rights bodies and mechanisms

73. Reference is made to the summary report of OHCHR on the discussions held during the panel discussion on the issue of intimidation or reprisal against individuals and groups who cooperate or have cooperated with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights (A/HRC/22/34) (see paragraph 32 above).

A. Human Rights Council Advisory Committee

Right to food

74. In its resolution 19/7, the Council took note of the preliminary study of the Advisory Committee on the promotion of human rights of the urban poor: strategies and best practices, and requested that the final study thereon be presented to the Council at its twenty-second session. The Council will have before it the final study of the Committee (A/HRC/22/61).

75. In resolution 19/7, the Council also took note of the concept note of the Advisory Committee for the preliminary study on rural women and the right to food, and requested the Committee to continue to undertake a comprehensive study in that regard. At its ninth session, the Committee requested the drafting group to finalize the report in the light of the discussions held by the Committee at that session, with a view to submitting it to the Council at its twenty-second session. The Council will have before it the final study of the Committee (A/HRC/22/72).

Human rights and terrorist hostage-taking

76. In its resolution 18/10, the Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a study on the issue of hostage-taking by terrorist groups for the purposes of promoting awareness and understanding, paying particular attention to its impact on human rights and the role of regional and international cooperation in this field. At its ninth session, the Committee agreed to invite all interested stakeholders, including Member States, international organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations, to contribute to the study, and requested the drafting group to finalize the study

with a view to submitting it to the Council at its twenty-fourth session. In its resolution 21/18, the Council decided to grant the Advisory Committee further time to allow it to submit an interim report on the subject at its twenty-second session and the final study at its twenty-fourth session. The Council will have before it an interim report of the Committee (A/HRC/22/70).

Promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms through better understanding of traditional values of humankind

77. In its resolution 16/3, the Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a study on how a better understanding and appreciation of traditional values of dignity, freedom and responsibility can contribute to the promotion and protection of human rights. At its ninth session, the Committee requested the drafting group to finalize the study in the light of its discussions at that session and also requested the Council to defer its consideration of the final study until its twenty-second session. In its resolution 21/3, the Council took note of the Committee's recommendation and decided to accord it additional time to finalize the study. The Council will have before it the final study of the Committee (A/HRC/21/71).

B. Complaint procedure

78. In its resolution 5/1, the Council established the complaint procedure as contained in section IV of the annex to that resolution. In paragraph 98 of the same annex, the Working Group on Situations was requested, on the basis of the information and recommendations provided by the Working Group on Communications, to present the Council with a report on consistent patterns of gross and reliably attested violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and to make recommendations to the Council on the course of action to be taken. At its twenty-second session, the Council will consider the report of the Working Group on Situations on its eleventh session (28 January to 1 February 2013) and other pending issues relating to the complaint procedure in two closed meetings.

C. Forum on Minority Issues

79. In its resolution 6/15, the Council decided to establish a Forum on Minority Issues to provide a platform for promoting dialogue and cooperation on issues pertaining to persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities, and which should provide thematic contributions and expertise to the work of the Independent Expert on minority issues. In its resolution 19/23, the Council renewed the mandate of the Forum and decided that the Forum should continue to meet annually for two working days allocated to thematic discussions. The Council will consider the recommendations of the Forum made at its fifth session (A/HRC/22/60), convened on 27 and 28 November 2012 (see also paragraphs 24, 52, 53 and 54 above).

D. Other human rights bodies and mechanisms

Communications of special procedures

80. The Council will have before it the communications report of special procedures (A/HRC/22/67). The full report will be available online.

6. Universal periodic review

81. In its resolution 5/1, the Council established the universal periodic review mechanism as contained in section I of the annex to that resolution. The Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review held its fourteenth session from 22 October to 5 November 2012. At its twenty-second session, the Council will consider and adopt the final outcome of the review of Argentina (A/HRC/22/4), Benin (A/HRC/22/9), the Czech Republic (A/HRC/22/3), Gabon (A/HRC/22/5), Ghana (A/HRC/22/6), Guatemala (A/HRC/22/8), Japan (A/HRC/22/14), Pakistan (A/HRC/22/12), Peru (A/HRC/22/15), the Republic of Korea (A/HRC/22/10), Sri Lanka (A/HRC/22/16), Switzerland (A/HRC/22/11), Ukraine (A/HRC/22/7) and Zambia (A/HRC/22/13).

82. Pursuant to President's statement 9/2 on modalities and practices for the universal periodic review process, the report of the Working Group, together with the views of the State under review concerning the recommendations and/or conclusions, as well as voluntary commitments made by the State under review and replies presented by the State under review, before the adoption of the outcome by the plenary, to questions or issues that were not sufficiently addressed during the interactive dialogue in the Working Group, will constitute the outcome of the review, to be adopted by the Council at its plenary session through a standardized decision. It was also agreed that a summary of the views expressed on the outcome of the review by the State under review, and of Member and observer States of the Council, as well as general comments made by other relevant stakeholders, before the adoption of the outcome by the plenary, would be included in the report of the session of the Council.

83. Furthermore, in its decision 17/119, the Council decided that the order of the review established for the first cycle of the review should be maintained for the second and subsequent cycles, and that the second and subsequent cycles of the review should focus on, inter alia, the implementation of the accepted recommendations and the development of human rights situations in the State under review.

7. Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories

A. Human rights violations and implications of the Israeli occupation of Palestine and other occupied Arab territories

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967

84. Reference is made to the note by the secretariat on the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, Richard Falk (A/HRC/22/62).

Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem and in the occupied Syrian Golan

85. In its resolution 19/17, the Council decided to dispatch an independent international fact-finding mission to investigate the implications of the Israeli settlements on the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of the Palestinian people throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, with a mandate ending on submission of a report to the Council. The Council will consider the report of the independent international fact-finding mission (A/HRC/22/63).

Situation of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem

86. In its resolutions S-9/1 and S-12/1, the Council requested the High Commissioner to submit periodical reports concerning the situations of human rights in Occupied Palestinian Territory especially in relation to East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip. In its resolution 19/16, the Council decided to remain seized of the matter. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/22/35) (see also paragraph 33 above).

Human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan

87. In its resolution 19/14, the Council requested the Secretary-General to bring that resolution to the attention of all Governments, the competent United Nations organs, specialized agencies, international and regional intergovernmental organizations and international humanitarian organizations, to disseminate it as widely as possible and to report on the matter of human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan to the Council at its twenty-second session. The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/22/36) (see also paragraph 34 above).

B. Right to self-determination of the Palestinian people

88. In its resolution 19/15, the Council decided to continue the consideration of this question at its twenty-second session.

8. Follow-up to and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

89. In its resolution 21/20, the Council decided to convene, at the first day of the high-level segment of its twenty-second session, a high-level panel discussion to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, with a particular focus on its implementation, as well as on achievements, best practices and challenges in that regard. It also requested OHCHR to organize the panel discussion and to liaise with States, relevant United Nations bodies, agencies, treaty bodies, special procedures and regional human rights mechanisms, as well as with civil society, including non-governmental organizations, and national human rights institutions, with a view to ensuring their participation in the panel discussion. The Council will hold the said high-level panel discussion on 25 February 2013 (see annex).

9. Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance, follow-up to and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action*Follow-up to and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action*

90. In its resolution 11/12, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action. In its resolution 21/33, the Council took note of the report of the Working Group on its ninth session, and in its resolution 18/27, it decided that the Working Group should convene its tenth session from 8 to 19 October 2012. The Council will have before it a note by the secretariat relating to that session (A/HRC/22/64).

10. Technical assistance and capacity-building

Strengthening of technical cooperation and consultative services in Guinea

91. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights and the work of OHCHR in Guinea (A/HRC/22/39) (see paragraph 35 above).

Technical cooperation in the field of human rights in Afghanistan

92. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan (A/HRC/22/37) (see paragraph 36 above).

Assistance for Libya in the field of human rights

93. Reference is made to the note by the secretariat concerning OHCHR assistance for Libya in the field of human rights (A/HRC/22/40) (see paragraph 37 above).

Assistance to Côte d'Ivoire in the field of human rights

94. In its resolution 17/21, the Council decided to establish the mandate of Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire for a period of one year, who would be responsible for assisting the Government of Côte d'Ivoire and relevant actors in the follow-up to the implementation of the recommendations of the commission of inquiry and of its resolution, including the recommendations addressed to the international community, especially OHCHR and relevant United Nations agencies. In its resolution 20/19, the Council decided to renew the mandate of the Independent Expert for a period of one year, and requested the mandate holder to submit his report to the Council at its twenty-second session and his recommendations at its twenty-third session. The Council will consider the report of the Independent Expert, Doudou Diène (A/HRC/22/66).

Situation of human rights in Haiti

95. In President's statement 19/2, the Council approved the request of the authorities of Haiti to have the mission of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti extended for one year. It also requested the Independent Expert to pursue his mission in Haiti in the near future and to report to the Council thereon at its twenty-second session. The Council will consider the report of the Independent Expert, Michel Forst (A/HRC/22/65).

Enhancement of technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights

96. In its resolution 18/18, the Council decided to hold an annual thematic discussion to promote the sharing of experiences and best practices and technical cooperation in the promotion and protection of human rights. In its resolution 21/21, the Council decided that the theme for an annual thematic panel discussion, to be held during the twenty-second session of the Council, would be "Promoting technical cooperation for the strengthening of the judiciary system and administration of justice in order to ensure human rights and rule of law" (see annex).

97. Reference is also made to the report of OHCHR on activities undertaken to support efforts by States to strengthen their judiciary system and administration of justice (A/HRC/22/32) (see paragraph 38 above).

Annex

Panels and discussions to be held at the twenty-second session of the Human Rights Council

Mandate	Panel/discussion
16/21 Review of the work and functioning of the Human Rights Council	Half-day high-level panel on human rights mainstreaming under the theme of human rights and the post-2015 development agenda, with a focus on areas related to the right to education
7/9 and 19/11 Rights of persons with disabilities	Annual interactive debate on the rights of persons with disabilities with a focus on the work and employment of persons with disabilities
7/29 and 19/37 Rights of the child	Annual full-day discussion with a focus on the right of the child to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health
21/13 Panel discussion on the negative impact of corruption on the enjoyment of human rights	Panel discussion on the negative impact of corruption on the enjoyment of human rights
21/20 High-level Panel to Commemorate the 20 th anniversary of the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action	Panel discussion to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action
18/18 and 21/21 Enhancement of technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights	Annual thematic discussion to promote the sharing of experiences and best practices and technical cooperation: “Promoting technical cooperation for the strengthening of the judiciary system and administration of justice in order to ensure human rights and rule of law”