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Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution [55/105](#) of 4 December 2000 concerning regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights,

Recalling also its resolutions [55/34 B](#) of 20 November 2000 and [55/233](#) of 23 December 2000, section III of its resolution [55/234](#) of 23 December 2000, its resolution [56/253](#) of 24 December 2001 and its resolutions [58/176](#) of 22 December 2003, [59/183](#) of 20 December 2004, [60/151](#) of 16 December 2005, [61/158](#) of 19 December 2006, [62/221](#) of 22 December 2007, [63/177](#) of 18 December 2008, [64/165](#) of 18 December 2009, and [66/162](#) of 19 December 2011 on the Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa,

Recalling further that the World Conference on Human Rights recommended that more resources be made available for the strengthening of regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights under the programme of technical cooperation in the field of human rights of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,¹

Recalling the report of the High Commissioner,²

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,³

¹ See A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 36*, addendum (A/56/36/Add.1).

³ A/68/390.



Taking note also of the holding of the thirty-third, thirty-fourth, thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth ministerial meetings of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa in Bangui from 5 to 9 December 2011, in Bujumbura from 14 to 18 May 2012, in Brazzaville from 3 to 6 December 2012 and in Kigali from 20 to 23 August 2013,

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,⁴ in particular the decision confirmed therein to double the regular budget of the Office of the High Commissioner over the subsequent five years,

1. *Welcomes* the activities of the Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa at Yaoundé;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the support provided for the establishment of the Centre by the host country;

3. *Also notes with satisfaction* the increasing activities of the Centre and the improved cooperation between the Centre and the States members of the Economic Community of Central African States and Rwanda;

4. *Takes note* of the efforts of the Centre to implement its strategic thematic priorities for the period 2012-2013;

5. *Welcomes* the appointment of the new Director of the Centre in June 2013;

6. *Encourages* the Centre to take into account the requested activities, needs and demands of the countries of the subregion in the elaboration and implementation of its strategic thematic priorities for the period 2014-2017;

7. *Also encourages* the Centre to strengthen its cooperation and invest in relations with subregional organizations and bodies, including the African Union, the Economic Community of Central African States, the United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa and the United Nations country teams of the subregion;

8. *Encourages* the Regional Representative and Director of the Centre to continue to hold regular briefings for the ambassadors of Central African States based in Geneva and Yaoundé, as well as in countries of the subregion during visits of the Regional Representative, with the aim of exchanging information on the activities of the Centre and charting its direction;

9. *Notes* the efforts of the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to ensure the full implementation of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly⁵ in order to provide sufficient funds and human resources for the missions of the Centre;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner to continue to provide additional funds and human resources within the existing resources of the Office of the High Commissioner to enable the Centre to respond positively and effectively to the growing needs in the promotion and protection of human rights and in developing a culture of democracy and the rule of law in the Central African subregion;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventieth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

⁴ Resolution 60/1.

⁵ Resolutions 61/158, 62/221, 63/177 and 64/165.