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**Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner
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Report of the Secretary-General on measures taken to implement resolution 9/8 and obstacles to its implementation, including recommendations for further improving the effectiveness, harmonization and reform of the treaty body system

Note by the Secretariat

1. In its resolution 9/8, the Human Rights Council requested the Secretary-General to report annually to the Council on measures taken to implement the resolution and on obstacles to its implementation, including recommendations for further improving the effectiveness of harmonizing and reforming the treaty body system, and to seek the views of States and other stakeholders in this regard.
2. In its resolution 68/268, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to present to the Assembly, on a biennial basis, a comprehensive report on the status of the treaty body system and the progress achieved by the treaty bodies in achieving greater efficiency and effectiveness in their work, including the number of reports submitted and reviewed per Committee, the visits undertaken where applicable, the individual communications received and reviewed per Committee, the state of the backlog, capacity-building efforts and results achieved, as well as the situation in terms of ratifications, increased reporting and the allocation of meeting time and proposals, including on the basis of information and observations from Member States, on measures to enhance the engagement of all State parties in the dialogue with the treaty bodies. The first report of the Secretary-General prepared pursuant to resolution 68/268 will be submitted to the Assembly in 2016.

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3. In the light of the current overlapping reporting obligations, the report of the Secretary-General to be prepared pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 9/8 has been postponed and will be submitted to the Council at its twenty-ninth session. The Secretary-General has requested the Secretariat to bring these circumstances to the attention of the Council.
