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1. Pursuant to paragraph 37 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 16/21, the first annual session of the Committee is convened immediately prior to the March session of the Council, while the second session is held in August. The Committee will therefore hold its fourteenth session from 23 to 27 February 2015.
2. Furthermore, pursuant to paragraph 38 of the annex to resolution 16/21, the annual report of the Advisory Committee will be submitted to the Council at its September session and be the subject of an interactive dialogue with the Committee Chairperson. Therefore, the reports of the Committee on its fourteenth and fifteenth sessions will be considered by the Council at its thirtieth session.
3. In its decision 18/121, the Human Rights Council decided that the cycle of the Advisory Committee would be adjusted to run from 1 October to 30 September. Terms of membership will therefore end on 30 September of each year.

Item 1

Election of officers

4. In accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Advisory Committee will elect, from among its members, a Chairperson and its Bureau.

Item 2

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Adoption of the agenda

5. The Advisory Committee will have before it the provisional agenda proposed by the Secretary-General (A/HRC/AC/14/1) and the present annotations relating to the items included in the provisional agenda.

Organization of work

6. Rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provides that each committee “shall, at the beginning of the session, adopt a programme of work indicating, if possible, a target date for the conclusion of its work, the approximate dates of consideration of items and the number of meetings to be allocated to each item” (A/520/Rev.17). Accordingly, the Advisory Committee will have before it, for its consideration and approval, a draft timetable prepared by the Secretariat showing the order and distribution of meeting time for each agenda item/segment of its programme of work for the fourteenth session.

Composition of the Advisory Committee

7. The composition of the Advisory Committee and the term of membership of each expert are as follows (see also para. 3 above):¹ Saeed Mohamed Al Faihani (Bahrain, 2015); Mohamed Bennani (Morocco, 2017); Laurence Boisson de Chazournes (France, 2017); Mario Luis Coriolano (Argentina, 2015); Laura-Maria Crăciunean (Romania, 2017); Hoda

¹ The year of expiry of the term of membership is shown in parenthesis.

Elsadda (Egypt, 2016); Karla Hananía de Varela (El Salvador, 2016); Mikhail Lebedev (Russian Federation, 2016); Alfred Ntunduguru Karokora (Uganda, 2016); Kaoru Obata (Japan, 2016); Obiora Chinedu Okafor (Nigeria, 2017); Katharina Pabel (Austria, 2015); Anantonia Reyes Prado (Guatemala, 2017); Changrok Soh (Republic of Korea, 2017); Ahmer Bilal Soofi (Pakistan, 2017); Imeru Tamrat Yigezu (Ethiopia, 2015); Yishan Zhang (China, 2016); and Jean Ziegler (Switzerland, 2016).

Item 3

Requests addressed to the Advisory Committee stemming from Human Rights Council resolutions

(a) Requests currently under consideration by the Committee

(i) Integration of a gender perspective

8. In its resolution 6/30, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to regularly and systematically integrate a gender perspective into the implementation of its mandate, including when examining the intersection of multiple forms of discrimination against women, and to include in its reports information on and qualitative analysis of human rights of women and girls.

9. At its second, fourth, tenth and eleventh sessions, the Advisory Committee held discussions on the issue.

(ii) Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order

10. In its resolutions 8/5 and 18/6, the Human Rights Council requested, inter alia, the Advisory Committee to pay due attention, within its respective mandate, to the resolution and to make contributions towards its implementation. In resolution 18/6, the Council also decided to establish, for a period of three years, a new special procedures mandate of independent expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order. By resolution 27/9, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Independent Expert for another three years.

11. At its first, second, fourth and eleventh sessions, the Advisory Committee held discussions on the issue.

12. At its nineteenth session, the Human Rights Council appointed Alfred de Zayas (United States of America) as Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order. The Independent Expert presented his third report to the Council at its twenty-seventh session (A/HRC/27/51).

(iii) Integration of the perspective of persons with disabilities

13. In its resolution 7/9, the Human Rights Council encouraged the Advisory Committee and other mechanisms of the Council to integrate the perspective of persons with disabilities, as appropriate, in carrying out their work and in their recommendations in order to facilitate the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the work of the Council. In its resolution 26/20, the Council decided to establish, for a period of three years, a new special procedures mandate of Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities.

14. At its first, second, fourth and eleventh sessions, the Advisory Committee held discussions on the issue.

15. At its organizational meeting, on 6 November 2014, the Human Rights Council appointed Catalina Devandas Aguilar (Costa Rica) as Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities. The Special Rapporteur will present her first report to the Council at its twenty-eighth session.

(iv) Promotion and protection of human rights in post-disaster and post-conflict situations

16. In its resolution 22/16, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a research-based report on best practices and main challenges in the promotion and protection of human rights in post-disaster and post-conflict situations, with a focus on human rights mainstreaming in relief, recovery and reconstruction efforts, while respecting the humanitarian principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality and independence and the needs-based approach of humanitarian assistance, in particular to foster the capacity of States in such efforts.

17. In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council also requested the Advisory Committee to seek the views and inputs of Member States, relevant international and regional organizations, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, and relevant human rights special procedures, as well as agencies and organizations that work in post-disaster and post-conflict situations, and civil society representatives when elaborating the above-mentioned report. It also encouraged the Committee to take into account, as appropriate, the work done on the issue by competent United Nations bodies and mechanisms within their respective mandates.

18. Also in the same resolution, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to present a progress report to the Council at its twenty-sixth session, and the final report at its twenty-eighth session.

19. At its eleventh session, the Advisory Committee established a drafting group, which currently comprises Ms. Hananía de Varela, Mr. Obata, Ms. Pabel, Ms. Reyes Prado, Mr. Soofi and Mr. Yigezu.

20. Also at its eleventh session, the drafting group and the full committee held meetings to discuss the topic and the questionnaires to be disseminated to Member States, relevant international and regional organizations, national human rights institutions and civil society representatives. The questionnaires were disseminated by the Committee in September 2013 to Governments, national human rights institutions and representatives of civil society.

21. At its twelfth session, the Committee decided to appoint Ms. Reyes Prado as Rapporteur and Mr. Hüseyinov as Chairperson of the drafting group, and to also seek the views of relevant United Nations agencies, as requested by the Human Rights Council in paragraph 2 of its resolution 22/16.

22. At the same session, the Committee also decided to recommend that the Human Rights Council extend the time schedule envisaged to allow for better informed work by re-circulating the questionnaires to seek the views and inputs of the various stakeholders, and that the Committee be requested to submit its progress report to the Council at its twenty-seventh session and a final report at its twenty-eighth session. At its twenty-sixth session, the Council acceded to the request of the Committee (decision 26/116).

23. At its thirteenth session, the Advisory Committee considered the progress report on the research-based report on best practices and main challenges in the promotion and protection of human rights in post-disaster and post-conflict situations (A/HRC/27/57), which was submitted to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-seventh session. The Committee also designated Mr. Soofi to replace Mr Hüseyinov as the Chairperson of the

drafting group, and requested the drafting group to finalize its report in the light of discussions held by the Committee at its thirteenth session.

24. At its fourteenth session, the Advisory Committee will have before it the final report (A/HRC/28/76), to be submitted to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-eighth session.

(v) The negative impact of corruption on the enjoyment of human rights

25. In its resolution 23/9, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to submit a research-based report to the Council at its twenty-sixth session on the issue of the negative impact of corruption on the enjoyment of human rights, and to make recommendations on how the Council and its subsidiary bodies should consider this issue.

26. In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council also requested the Advisory Committee, when preparing the above-mentioned report, to seek the views and inputs of Member States, relevant international and regional organizations dealing with the issue of corruption, in particular the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the International Anti-Corruption Academy and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), as well as national human rights institutions, civil society and relevant academic institutions, and to take into account the specific mandate of the Council as well as the work done on the issue by competent United Nations bodies and mechanisms within their respective mandates.

27. At its eleventh session, the Advisory Committee established a drafting group, which currently comprises Mr. Al Faihani, Ms. Boisson de Chazournes, Mr. Coriolano, Ms. Elsadda, Mr. Karokora, Mr. Okafor, Ms. Pabel (Rapporteur), Ms. Reyes Prado, Mr. Soofi and Mr. Yigezu (Chairperson).

28. Also at its eleventh session, the drafting group and the full committee held meetings to discuss the topic and the questionnaires to be disseminated to Member States, relevant international and regional organizations, national human rights institutions, civil society representatives and academia. The questionnaires were disseminated by the Committee in September 2013 to the different stakeholders.

29. At its twelfth session, the Advisory Committee considered the draft progress report prepared by the drafting group (A/HRC/AC/12/CRP.3). The Committee also recommended that the Human Rights Council extend the time schedule envisaged to allow for better informed work by, inter alia, analysing the numerous responses received to the questionnaires, and that the Committee be requested to submit an interim report to the Council at its twenty-sixth session and a final report at its twenty-eighth session. The progress report on the issue of the negative impact of corruption on the enjoyment of human rights (A/HRC/26/42) was accordingly submitted to the Council at its twenty-sixth session. At that session, the Council acceded to the request of the Committee (decision 26/115).

30. At its thirteenth session, the Advisory Committee took note of the draft report prepared by the drafting group, and requested it to finalize the report for the Council in the light of the discussions held by the Committee at the session.

31. At its fourteenth session, the Advisory Committee will have before it the final report (A/HRC/28/73), to be submitted to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-eighth session.

(vi) Promoting human rights through sport and the Olympic ideal

32. In its resolution 24/1, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a study on the possibilities of using sport and the Olympic ideal to promote human rights for all and to strengthen universal respect for them, bearing in mind both the value of relevant principles enshrined in the Olympic Charter and the value of good

sporting example, and to present a progress report thereon to the Council before its twenty-seventh session.

33. In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council also requested the Advisory Committee to seek the views and inputs of States Members of the United Nations, international and regional organizations, national human rights institutions, civil society organizations and other relevant stakeholders in this regard.

34. At its twelfth session, the Advisory Committee established a drafting group, which currently comprises Mr. Al Faihani, Ms. Hananía de Varela, Mr. Lebedev (Rapporteur) and Mr. Zhang.

35. Also at the twelfth session, the drafting group and the full committee held meetings to discuss the topic and the questionnaire to be disseminated to Member States, relevant international and regional organizations, national human rights institutions and civil society organizations. The questionnaire was disseminated by the Committee in March 2014 to the different stakeholders.

36. At the same session, the Advisory Committee requested the drafting group to submit a draft progress report to the Committee before its thirteenth session, taking into account the replies to the questionnaire, with a view to submitting the report to the Council at its twenty-seventh session.

37. At its thirteenth session, the Advisory Committee considered the progress report on the study on the possibilities of using sport and the Olympic ideal to promote human rights (A/HRC/27/58), which was submitted to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-seventh session. The Committee also designated Mr. Al Faihani to replace Mr. Seetulsingh as the Chairperson of the drafting group and recommended that the Council request the Committee to submit a final report to the Council at its thirtieth session.

38. In its resolution 27/8, the Human Rights Council took note with appreciation of the progress report of the Advisory Committee, and requested it to finalize the study on the possibilities of using sport and the Olympic ideal to promote human rights for all and to strengthen universal respect for them, and to present it in a report to the Council before its thirtieth session. At its fourteenth session, the Advisory Committee will consider the draft final report to be submitted to the Human Rights Council at its thirtieth session (A/HRC/AC/14/CRP.1).

(vii) Local government and human rights

39. In its resolution 24/2, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a research-based report on the role of local government in the promotion and protection of human rights, including human rights mainstreaming in local administration and public services, with a view to compiling best practices and main challenges, and to present a progress report thereon to the Council at its twenty-seventh session.

40. In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council also requested the Advisory Committee to seek the views and inputs of Member States, relevant international and regional organizations, OHCHR and relevant special procedures, as well as national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations, in order to prepare the above-mentioned report. It also encouraged the Committee, when elaborating the report, to take into account, as appropriate, the recommendations made by the human rights treaty bodies, at the universal periodic review and by the special procedures, as well as the work done on the issue by relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes within their respective mandates.

41. At its twelfth session, the Advisory Committee established a drafting group, which currently comprises Mr. Coriolano, Ms. Elsadda, Ms. Pabel, Ms. Reyes Prado and Mr. Yigezu.

42. Also at the twelfth session, the drafting group and the full committee held meetings to discuss the topic and the questionnaires to be disseminated to Member States, local authorities, relevant international and regional organizations, intergovernmental organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations. The questionnaires were disseminated by the Committee in March 2014 to the different stakeholders.

43. At the same session, the Advisory Committee requested the drafting group to submit a draft progress report to the Committee before its thirteenth session, taking into account the replies to the questionnaires, with a view to submitting the report to the Council at its twenty-seventh session.

44. At its thirteenth session, the Advisory Committee considered the progress report on the role of local government in the promotion and protection of human rights, including human rights mainstreaming in local administration and public services (A/HRC/27/59), submitted to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-seventh session. The Committee designated Ms. Elsadda to replace Mr. Hüseyinov as Rapporteur and Ms. Pabel to replace Mr. Seetulsingh as Chairperson of the drafting group, and recommended that the Council request the Committee to submit a final report to the Council at its thirtieth session.

45. In its resolution 27/4, the Human Rights Council took note with appreciation that the Advisory Committee had presented to the Council at its twenty-seventh session a progress report based on research on the role of local government in the promotion and protection of human rights, including human rights mainstreaming in local administration and public services, and requested the Committee to continue its research, from within existing resources, and to submit a final report on the role of local government in the promotion and protection of human rights to the Council at its thirtieth session.

46. In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council also requested the Advisory Committee, when elaborating the above-mentioned report, to include therein the main challenges faced by local governments in the promotion and protection of human rights, and to make recommendations on tackling those challenges based on best practices in human rights mainstreaming in local administration and public services.

47. Also in the same resolution, the Human Rights Council further requested the Advisory Committee to seek, if necessary, further views and the input of Member States, relevant international and regional organizations, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and relevant special procedures, as well as national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations, in order to finalize the above-mentioned research-based report.

48. At its fourteenth session, the Advisory Committee will consider the draft final report (A/HRC/AC/14/CRP.2), to be submitted to the Human Rights Council at its thirtieth session.

(viii) Human rights and unilateral coercive measures

49. In its resolution 24/14, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a research-based report containing recommendations on a mechanism to assess the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights and to promote accountability, and to present a progress report thereon to the Council at its twenty-eighth session.

50. In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council also requested OHCHR to organize, prior to the twenty-seventh session of the Council, a workshop on the impact of the application of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights by the affected populations, in particular their socioeconomic impact on women and children, in the States targeted, and to submit a report on the proceedings of the workshop to the Council at its twenty-seventh session.

51. At its twelfth session, the Advisory Committee established a drafting group, which currently comprises Mr. Lebedev, Mr. Okafor, Mr. Soofi, Mr. Yigezu (Rapporteur) and Mr. Ziegler (Chairperson).

52. Also at its twelfth session, the drafting group and the full committee held meetings to discuss the topic and the questionnaires to be disseminated to Member States, special procedures of the Human Rights Council, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations. The questionnaires were disseminated by the Committee in March 2014 to the different stakeholders.

53. Also at the same session, the Advisory Committee designated Mr. Okafor and Mr. Ziegler to participate in the workshop convened, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 24/14, by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and which was held in Geneva on 23 May 2014.

54. At its thirteenth session, the Advisory Committee considered the draft report prepared by the drafting group (A/HRC/AC/13/CRP.2), and requested the drafting group to recirculate the questionnaire to seek the views and inputs of the various stakeholders that did not respond to the questionnaires in order to allow for better informed work. The questionnaires were recirculated by the Committee in September 2014 to the stakeholders.

55. Also at its thirteenth session, the Advisory Committee requested the drafting group to finalize its report in the light of the discussions held by the Committee and the replies received after recirculation of the questionnaires.

56. At its fourteenth session, the Advisory Committee will have before it the progress report (A/HRC/28/74), to be submitted to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-eighth session.

(ix) Technical cooperation for the prevention of attacks against persons with albinism

57. In its resolution 24/33, the Human Rights Council underscored the need for effective action to combat and eliminate attacks against persons with albinism and to adopt specific measures to protect and preserve the rights to life and to security of persons with albinism, as well as their right not to be subject to torture and ill-treatment.

58. In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a study on the situation of human rights of persons living with albinism and to submit a report thereon to the Council at its twenty-eighth session.

59. At its twelfth session, the Advisory Committee established a drafting group, which currently comprises Mr. Al Faihani, Ms. Boisson de Chazournes (Rapporteur), Mr. Coriolano, Mr. Obata and Mr. Okafor (Chairperson).

60. Also at the twelfth session, the drafting group and the full committee held meetings to discuss the topic and the questionnaires to be disseminated to Member States, special procedures of the Human Rights Council, OHCHR field presences, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations. The questionnaires were disseminated by the Committee in March 2014 to the different stakeholders.

61. At its thirteenth session, the Advisory Committee considered the draft report prepared by the drafting group (A/HRC/AC/13/CRP.1), and requested it to finalize its report in the light of the discussions held by the Committee.

62. At its fourteenth session, the Advisory Committee will have before it the report on the study on the situation of human rights of persons living with albinism (A/HRC/28/75), to be submitted to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-eighth session.

(x) Activities of vulture funds and impact on human rights

63. In its resolution 27/30, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a research-based report on the activities of vulture funds and the impact on human rights, and to present a progress report thereon to the Council at its thirty-first session.

64. In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council also requested the Advisory Committee to seek the views and inputs of Member States, United Nations agencies, relevant international and regional organizations, OHCHR and relevant special procedures, including 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, particularly economic, social and cultural rights, as well as national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations, in the preparation of the above-mentioned research-based report.

65. At its fourteenth session, the Advisory Committee will hold discussions on the activities of vulture funds and the impact on human rights, and establish a drafting group for the preparation of a progress report, to be submitted to the Human Rights Council at its thirty-first session.

(b) Follow-up to reports of the Committee submitted to the Human Rights Council

(i) Right to food

Rights of peasants

66. In its resolution 13/4, the Human Rights 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.

67. In its resolution 19/7, the Human Rights Council took note of the final study of the Advisory Committee on the advancement of the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas (A/HRC/19/75).

68. In its resolution 21/19, the Human Rights Council took note of the draft declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas prepared by the Advisory Committee (A/HRC/19/75, annex), and decided to establish an open-ended intergovernmental working group with the mandate of negotiating, finalizing and submitting to the Council a draft United Nations declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, on the basis of the draft submitted by the Committee, and without prejudging relevant past, present and future views and proposals. The Council also requested the President of the Council to invite the Rapporteur of the Committee drafting group on the draft declaration to participate in the first session of the working

group, which was held from 15 to 19 July 2013. The second session of the working group is scheduled to be held from 2 to 6 February 2015, pursuant to Council resolution 26/26.

(ii) Promotion of the right of peoples to peace

69. In its resolution 14/3, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee, in consultation with Member States, civil society, academia and all relevant stakeholders, to prepare a draft declaration on the right of peoples to peace.

70. At its fifth session, the Advisory Committee designated Ms. Chung, Mr. d'Escoto Brockmann, Mr. Heinz (Rapporteur), Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Sakamoto and Ms. Zulficar (Chairperson) as members of a drafting group entrusted to work on the issue.

71. In its resolution 20/15, the Human Rights Council took note of the draft declaration prepared by the Advisory Committee (A/HRC/20/31) and established an open-ended intergovernmental working group with the mandate of progressively negotiating a draft United Nations declaration on the right to peace, on the basis of the draft submitted by the Committee. The Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Committee drafting group on the draft declaration participated in the first session of the working group, which was held from 18 to 21 February 2013.

72. In its resolution 23/16, the Human Rights Council requested the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the working group to prepare a new text on the basis of the discussions held during the first session of the working group and on the basis of the intersessional informal consultations, and to present it prior to the second session of the working group for consideration and further discussion thereat.

73. The second session of the working group was held from 30 June to 4 July 2014. The third session is scheduled to be held from 20 to 24 April 2015.

(iii) Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

74. In its resolution 13/23, the Human Rights 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 (A/HRC/13/19), and further views from States and relevant stakeholders, and to submit proposals thereon to the Council at its nineteenth session.

75. At its fifth session, the Advisory Committee designated Mr. Chen, Mr. Decaux (Rapporteur), Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mr. Seetulsingh (Chairperson) and Ms. Warzazi as members of a drafting group to undertake preparatory work on the issue. Subsequently, Ms. Boisson de Chazournes replaced Mr. Decaux as Rapporteur of the drafting group.

76. In its resolution 19/33, the Human Rights Council took note of the study of the Advisory Committee on the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights (A/HRC/19/74), and requested OHCHR to organize a seminar, before its twenty-second session, with the participation of a member of the Committee to build upon the study prepared by the Committee, including the recommendations contained therein.

77. At its ninth session, the Advisory Committee designated Mr. Seetulsingh to participate in the seminar, which was held on 15 February 2013. Ms. Boisson de Chazournes also participated in the seminar. A summary of the seminar was submitted to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-third session (A/HRC/23/20).

78. In its resolution 23/3, the Human Rights Council took note of the report of OHCHR containing the summary of the deliberations held during the seminar, and requested the

Advisory Committee to prepare a more focused and in-depth study on the ways and means to enhance international cooperation in the field of human rights, including, but not limited to, the identification of areas where further progress could be made, taking also into account responses received further to the consultations as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 67/169.

79. In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council also requested the Advisory Committee to submit a progress report to the Council at its twenty-sixth session.

80. At its eleventh session, the Advisory Committee established a drafting group, and designated Mr. Al Faihani, Ms. Boisson de Chazournes, Mr. Coriolano, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Lebedev, Mr. Ntunduguru Karokora, Mr. Okafor (Rapporteur), Ms. Pabel, Mr. Seetulsingh (Chairperson) and Mr. Ziegler as its members.

81. Also at its eleventh session, the drafting group and the full committee held meetings to discuss the topic and the questionnaire, which was disseminated to Member States in September 2013.

82. At its twelfth session, the Advisory Committee considered the draft progress report prepared by the drafting group (A/HRC/AC/12/CRP.2), which took into account the replies received to the questionnaire.

83. Also at its twelfth session, the Advisory Committee requested the drafting group to finalize its progress report to the Human Rights Council in the light of the discussion held by the Committee at its twelfth session, and to submit it to the Council at its twenty-sixth session (A/HRC/26/41).

Item 4

Implementation of sections III and IV of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007, and of section III of the annex to Council resolution 16/21 of 25 March 2011

(a) Review of methods of work

84. According to paragraph 77 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, the Advisory Committee may propose within the scope of the work set out by the Council, for the latter's consideration and approval, suggestions for further enhancing its procedural efficiency.

85. In paragraphs 35 to 39 of section III of the annex to its resolution 16/21, the Human Rights Council made reference to the Advisory Committee. In paragraph 39 of the same resolution, the Council provided that the Committee should endeavour to enhance intersessional work between its members in order to give effect to the provisions of paragraph 81 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1.

86. At its fourteenth session, the Advisory Committee may therefore address issues related to its methods of work.

(b) Agenda and annual programme of work, including new priorities

87. In paragraph 35 of section III of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 16/21, the Council provided that it should, within existing resources, strengthen its interaction with the Advisory Committee and engage more systematically with it through

work formats, such as seminars, panels and working groups, and sending feedback to the inputs of the Committee. Several members of the Committee participated or will participate in seminars or working groups mandated by the Council (see paras. 53, 68, 71 and 77 above).

88. At its thirteenth session, the Advisory Committee presented the following research proposals to the Human Rights Council for its consideration and approval (see A/HRC/AC/13/2, annex IV):

- The impact of settler colonialism on human rights
- Whistle-blowing and human rights
- Activities of vulture funds and human rights
- Preserving international watercourses to protect the rights to life and food
- Unaccompanied child migration and human rights

89. At the same session, the Advisory Committee decided to resubmit the following research proposals, which had been submitted to the Human Rights Council at its previous sessions:

- The possibility of establishing a universal human rights court: strengthening the current human rights protection system²
- Citizens' safety and human rights³
- Youth and human rights⁴

90. At its fourteenth session, the Advisory Committee may continue its discussions under this item, including on new priorities.

Item 5

Report of the Advisory Committee on its fourteenth session

91. The Advisory Committee will have before it for adoption a draft report on its fourteenth session, prepared by the Rapporteur.

² See A/HRC/AC/12/2, annex IV.

³ Ibid.

⁴ See A/HRC/AC/9/6, annex IV.