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Summary of proceedings

I. Organizational and procedural matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

- 1. Human Rights Council held its twentieth session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 18 June to 6 July 2012. The President of the Council opened the session.
- 2. In accordance with rule 8 (b) of the rules of procedure of the Council, as contained in part VII of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, the organizational meeting of the seventeenth session was held on 4 June 2012.
- 3. The twentieth session consisted of thirty-four meetings over 15 days (see paragraph 10 below).

B. Attendance

4. The session was attended by representatives of States Members of the Council, observer States of the Council, observers for non-Member States of the United Nations and other observers, as well as observers for United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations, intergovernmental organizations and other entities, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations (see annex I).

C. Agenda and programme of work of the session

5. At the 1st meeting, on 18 June 2012, the Council adopted the programme of work of the twentieth session.

D. Organization of work

- 6. At the 1st meeting, on 18 June 2012, the President outlined the modalities for the general debate on the update by the United Nations High Commissioner of the activities of her Office, which would be 3 minutes for Member States and 2 minutes for observer States and other observers.
- 7. At the 3rd meeting, on 19 June 2012, the President outlined the modalities for clustered interactive dialogue with Special Procedures mandate holders, which would be 5 minutes for Member States and 3 minutes for observer States.
- 8. At the 8th meeting, on 21 June 2012, the President outlined the modalities for individual interactive dialogue with Special Procedures mandate holders, which would be 3 minutes for Member States and 3 minutes for observer States.
- 9. At the 14th meeting, on 25 June 2012, the President outlined the modalities for panel discussion, which would be 5 minutes for panellists, 3 minutes for Member States and 2 minutes for observers.

E. Meetings and documentation

- 10. The Council held thirty-four fully serviced meetings during its twentieth session.
- 11. The text of the resolutions adopted by the Council is contained in Part One of the present report.
- 12. Annex I contains the list of attendance.
- 13. Annex II contains the agenda of the Council, as included in section V of the annex to Council resolution 5/1.
- 14. Annex III contains the list of documents issued for the twentieth session of the Council.
- 15. Annex IV contains the name of a special procedures mandate holder appointed by the Council at its twentieth session.

F. Visits

- 16. At the 1st meeting, on 18 June 2012, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Erkki Tuomioja, delivered a statement to the Council.
- 17. At the same meeting, the Minister of Education and Culture of Uruguay, Ricardo Ehrlich, delivered a statement to the Council.

G. Selection and appointment of mandate holders

18. At its ()th meeting, on 6 July 2012, the Council appointed a special procedures mandate holder in accordance with Council resolutions 5/1 (see annex IV).

H. Adoption of the report of the session

- 19. At the ()th meeting, on 6 July 2012, the draft report of the Council (A/HRC/20/2) was adopted ad referendum and the Council decided to entrust the Rapporteur with the finalization of the report.
- 20. At the same meeting, the President of the Council made a closing statement.

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

A. Update by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on activities of her Office

- 21. At the 1st meeting, on 18 June 2012, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made a statement providing an update of the activities of her Office.
- 22. During the ensuing general debate at the 1st and at the 2nd meetings, on the same day, the following made statements:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Angola, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Burkina Faso, Chile, China, Congo, Cuba, Czech Republic,

Denmark¹ (on behalf of the European Union, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Iceland, Montenegro, Serbia and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), Egypt¹ (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), India, Indonesia, Italy, Jordan (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Norway, Pakistan¹ (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Corporation), Poland, Peru, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal (on behalf of the Group of African States), Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Uganda, United States of America;

- (b) Representatives of observer States: Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Brazil, Canada, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Germany, Honduras, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Japan, Kenya, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Viet Nam, Zimbabwe;
 - (c) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: Council of Europe;
- (d) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: American Civil Liberties Union, Amnesty International, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, France Libertes-Fondation Danielle Mitterrand (also on behalf of Mouvement contre le racism et pour l'amitié entre les peuples), Human Rights Watch, Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru, International Human Rights Association for American Minorities, International Humanist and Ethical Union, Lawyers' Rights Watch Canada, Mouvement contre le racism et pour l'amitié entre les peuples, North South XXI, Reporters Without Borders International, United Nations Watch, Verein Sudwind Entwicklungspolitik, World Muslim Congress.
- 23. At the 2nd meeting, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Sri Lanka and the Syrian Arab Republic.

B. Reports of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Secretary-General

- 24. At the 16th meeting, on 26 June 2012, the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights presented thematic reports prepared by the Office of the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General (see para. XX in Chapter III below).
- 25. At the 25th meeting, on 2 July 2012, the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights presented reports prepared by the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General under agenda items 2 and 7 (see para. XX in Chapter VII below).
- 26. At the 29th meeting, on 4 July 2012, the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights presented reported prepared by the High Commissioner under agenda items 2 and 10 (see para. XX in Chapter X below).

Observer States speaking on behalf of both Member States and Observer States.

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

A. Interactive dialogue with special procedures

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health

- 27. At the 3rd meeting, on 19 June 2012, the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, Anand Grover, presented his reports (A/HRC/20/15 and Add.1-3).
- 28. At the same meeting, the representatives of Ghana and Viet Nam made statements as concerned countries.
- 29. During the ensuing interactive dialogue at the 3rd and 4th meetings, on the same day, the following made statements and asked the Special Rapporteur questions:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Bangladesh, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Jordan (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), Kuwait, Norway, Pakistan¹ (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation), Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Untied States of America, Uruguay;
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Algeria, Australia, Bahrain, Brazil, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Luxembourg, Morocco, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of);
 - (c) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: European Union;
- (d) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Association of World Citizen, Rencontre Africaine pour le Défense des Droits de l'Homme (RADDHO).
- 30. At the 4th meeting, the Special Rapporteur answered questions and made his concluding remarks.

Special Rapporteur on the right to education

- 31. At the 3rd meeting, on 19 June 2012, the Special Rapporteur on the right to education, Kishore Singh, presented his reports (A/HRC/20/21 and Add.1-3).
- 32. During the ensuing interactive dialogue at the 3rd and 4th meetings, on the same day, the following made statements and asked the Special Rapporteur questions:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil¹ (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Italy, Jordan (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), Kuwait, Norway, Pakistan¹ (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Corporation), Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal (on behalf of the Group of African States), Thailand, United States of America, Uruguay;
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Algeria, Australia, Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Georgia, Greece, Honduras, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Morocco, Paraguay, Portugal, Romania, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of);
- (c) Representative from the United Nations agencies: the United Nations Children's Fund;

- (d) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: European Union;
- (e) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Asian Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Network, Baha'i International Community, Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru, International Organization for the Right to Education and Freedom of Education (also on behalf of Association Comunita Papa Giovanni XXIII, Association Points-Coeur, Dominicans for Justice and Peace-Order of Preachers, International Federation of University Women, Istituto Internazionale Maria Ausiliatrice delle Salesiane di Don Bosco, New Humanity and Teresian Association), Save the Children International, Union of Arab Jurists (also on behalf of General Arab Women Federation, International Educational Development, Inc. and International Organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination).
- 33. At the 4th meeting, the Special Rapporteur answered questions and made his concluding remarks.
- 34. At the same meeting, the representatives of China, Georgia and the Russian Federation made statements in exercise of the right of reply.

Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression

- 35. At the 4th meeting, on 19 June 2012, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, Frank La Rue, presented his reports (A/HRC/20/17 and Add.1-3).
- 36. At the same meeting, the representative of Algeria made a statement as a concerned country and the representative of Palestine made a statement as a concerned party.
- 37. During the ensuing interactive dialogue at the same meeting, and at the 5th and 6th meetings, on 20 June 2012, the following made statements and asked the Special Rapporteur questions:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Angola, Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Norway, Pakistan¹ (Organization of Islamic Corporation), Peru, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal (on behalf of the Group of African States), Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, United States of America, Uruguay;
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Algeria, Australia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Brazil, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Honduras, Iraq, Ireland, Lithuania, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;
- (c) Representative from the United Nations agencies: the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;
- (d) Observers for intergovernmental organizations: European Union, Organisation International de la Francophone;
- (e) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Asian Legal Resource Centre, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network (also on behalf of European Region of International Lesbian and Gay Federation and International Commission of Jurists), Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Press Emblem Campaign, Reporters Without Borders International.
- 38. At the 6th meeting, on 20 June 2012, the Special Rapporteur answered questions and made his concluding remarks.

39. At the same meeting, the representatives of China and Thailand made statements in exercise of the right of reply.

Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

- 40. At the 4th meeting, on 19 June 2012, the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, Christof Heyns, presented his reports (A/HRC/20/22 and Add.1-4).
- 41. During the ensuing interactive dialogue at the same meeting, and at the 5th and 6th meetings, on 20 May 2012, the following made statements and asked the Special Rapporteur questions:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Belgium, Botswana, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico, Norway, Pakistan¹ (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Corporation), Peru, Qatar, Russian Federation, Senegal (on behalf of the Group of African States), Switzerland, United States of America, Uruguay;
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Algeria, Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Honduras, Ireland, Lithuania, Morocco, Tunisia;
- (c) Representative from the United Nations agencies: the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;
 - (d) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: European Union;
- (e) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: American Civil Liberties Union, Asian Legal Resource Centre, Colombia Commission of Jurists, International Federation of Journalists, Press Emblem Campaign, Reporters Without Borders International.
- 42. At the 6th meeting, on 20 June 2012, the Special Rapporteur answered questions and made his concluding remarks.

Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association

- 43. At the 6th meeting, on 20 June 2012, the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, Maina Kiai, presented his reports (A/HRC/20/27 and Add.1-4).
- 44. At the same meeting, the representative of Georgia made a statement as the concerned country.
- 45. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the same meeting and at the 7th meeting, on 21 June 2012, the following made statements and asked the Special Rapporteur questions:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Norway, Pakistan¹ (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Corporation), Poland, Russian Federation, Senegal (on behalf of the Group of African States), Switzerland, Thailand, United States of America, Uruguay;
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Algeria, Australia, Belarus, Colombia, Egypt, France, Germany, Ireland, Lithuania, Morocco, South Africa, Sweden, Togo, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;
 - (c) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: European Union;
- (d) Observer for a national human rights institution: Human Rights Commission of Malaysia;

- (e) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Amnesty International, Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development, Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies, CIVICUS-World Alliance for Citizen Participation, Federatie van Nederlandse Verenigingen tot Integratie Van Homoseksualiteit-COC Nederland, Freedom House, International Service for Human Rights, Regional Centre for Human Rights and Gender Justice, Society for Threatened Peoples, World Organization Against Torture.
- 46. At the 7th meeting, on 21 June 2012, the Special Rapporteur answered questions and made his concluding remarks.
- 47. At the 9th meeting, on the same day, the representatives of Canada, China, Cuba and Ethiopia made statements in exercise of the right of reply.

Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism

- 48. At the 6th meeting, on 20 June 2012, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, Ben Emmerson, presented his reports (A/HRC/20/14 and Add.1 and 2).
- 49. At the same meeting, the representative of Tunisia made a statement as the concerned country.
- 50. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the 6th meeting and at the 7th meeting, on 21 June 2012, the following made statements and asked the Special Rapporteur questions:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Austria, Chile, China (also on behalf of Bangladesh, Belarus, Cuba, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Malaysia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and View Nam), Cuba, India, Indonesia, Jordan (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), Kyrgyzatan, Mexico, Norway, Pakistan¹ (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Corporation), Russian Federation, Senegal (on behalf of the Group of African States), Spain, Thailand, United States of America;
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Brazil, Algeria, Colombia, Egypt, France, Morocco, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, the Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;
- (c) Observers for intergovernmental organizations: Council of Europe, European Union;
- (d) Observer for a non-governmental organization: World Organization Against Torture.
- 51. At the 7th meeting, on 21 June 2012, the Special Rapporteur answered questions and made his concluding remarks.

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights

- 52. At the 8th meeting, on 21 June 2012, the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, Maria Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona, presented her reports (A/HRC/20/25 and Add.1 and 2).
- 53. At the same meeting, the representatives of Paraguay and Timor Leste made statements as concerned countries.
- 54. Also at the same meeting, the Council listened to a video message from Provedoria for Human Rights and Justice of Timor-Leste.

- 55. During the ensuing interactive dialogue at the same meeting the following made statements and asked the Special Rapporteur questions:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Bangladesh, Belgium, Botswana, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Djibouti, Ecuador, Indonesia, Kuwait, Norway, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Corporation), Philippines, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Senegal (on behalf of the Group of African States), Spain, Uruguay (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States);
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Finland, France, Ireland, Luxembourg, Sri Lanka, Togo, Morocco, Zambia;
 - (c) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: European Union;
- (d) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: European Region of the International Lesbian and Gay Federation (ILGA-Europe), Latin American Committee for the Defence of Women's Rights (by video message), Madre, Inc (by video message), Regional Centre for Human Rights and Gender Justice.
- 56. At the same meeting, the Independent Expert answered questions and made her concluding remarks.
- 57. At the 9th meeting, on the same day, the representative of Paraguay made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.

Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises

- 58. At the 8th meeting, on 21 June 2012, the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises presented the report of the Working Group (A/HRC/20/29).
- 59. During the ensuing interactive dialogue at the same meeting, and at the 9th meeting, on the same day, the following made statements and asked the Chairperson-Rapporteur questions:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: China, Cuba, India, Norway, Pakistan¹ (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Corporation), Russian Federation, Senegal (on behalf of the Group of African States), Spain, Switzerland, Untied States of America, Uruguay;
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Colombia, Egypt, Ghana, Morocco, Paraguay, South Africa, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;
- (c) Representative from the United Nations agencies: the United Nations Children's Fund;
- (d) Observers for intergovernmental organizations: European Union, Organisation International de la Francophonie;
- (e) Observer for national human rights institutions: International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions;
- (e) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Foodfirst Information and Action Network, Conectas Direitos Humanos, France Libertes: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand (also on behalf of International Educational Development and Mouvement contre le racism et pour l'amitié entre les peuples), International Commission of Jurists (also on behalf of International Federation of Human Rights Leagues and

International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights), Lawyers' Rights Watch Canada (also on behalf of Asian Legal Resource Centre).

60. At the 9th meeting, the Chairperson-Rapporteur answered question and made her concluding remarks.

Independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights

- 61. At the 8th meeting, on 21 June 2012, the independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights, Cephas Lumina, presented his reports (A/HRC/20/23 and Add.1-3).
- 62. At the same meeting, the representative of Viet Nam made a statement as the concerned country.
- 63. During the ensuing interactive dialogue at the same meeting, and at the 9th meeting, on the same day, the following made statements and asked the Special Rapporteur questions:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: China, Cuba, Ecuador, Kyrgyzstan, Norway, Pakistan1 (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Corporation), Senegal (on behalf of the Group of African States), Uruguay;
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Algeria, Egypt, Latvia, Morocco and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of);
- (c) Representative from the United Nations agencies: the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;
 - (d) Observer for the Holy See;
- (e) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Asia Pacific Forum of Women, Law and Development.
- 64. At the 9th meeting, on the same day, the Independent Expert answered questions and made his concluding remarks.

Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice

- 65. At the 9th meeting, on 21 June 2012, the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, Kamala Chandrakirana, presented the reports of the Working Group (A/HRC/20/28 and Add.1).
- 66. At the same meeting, the representative of Morocco made a statement as the concerned country.
- 67. Also at the same meeting, the National Human Rights Council of Morocco made a statement.
- 68. During the ensuing interactive dialogue at the 10th and 11th meetings, on 22 June 2012, the following made statements and asked the Chairperson-Rapporteur questions:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Austria, Belgium, China, Cuba, Czech Republic, Djibouti, Ecuador, Indonesia, Jordan (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Norway, Pakistan¹ (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Corporation), Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Senegal (on behalf of the Group of African States), Spain, Switzerland, United States of America, Uruguay;

- (b) Representatives of observer States: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Colombia, Cyprus, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Iraq, Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of);
 - (c) Observer for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta;
 - (c) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: European Union;
- (d) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Centre for Human Rights and Peace Advocacy (also on behalf of International Buddhist Relief Organization), Federation of Cuban Women, International Federation of University Women, Penal Reform International (also on behalf of Friends World Committee for Consultation), Verein Subwind Entwicklungspolitick.
- 69. At the 10th meeting, the Chairperson-Rapporteur answered questions and made her concluding remarks.

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

- 70. At the 9th meeting, on 21 June 2012, the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, Francois Crépeau, presented his reports (A/HRC/20/24 and Add.1).
- 71. At the same meeting, the representative of Albania made a statement as the concerned country.
- 72. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the 10th and 11th meetings, on 22 June 2012, the following made statements and asked the Special Rapporteur questions:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Austria, China, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Indonesia, Italy, Mexico (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Corporation), Peru, Philippines, Russian Federation, Senegal (on behalf of the Group of African States), United States of America, Uruguay;
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Algeria, Egypt, France, Greece, Honduras, Ireland, Panama, Paraguay, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates;
 - (c) Observer for the Holy See;
 - (d) Observer for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta;
- (e) Representative from the United Nations agencies: the United Nations Children's Fund;
 - (f) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: European Union;
- (g) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: American Civil Liberties Union, International Commission of Jurists, Migrants Rights International.
- 73. At the 11th meeting, the Special Rapporteur answered questions and made his concluding remarks.

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights

- 74. At the 11th meeting, on 22 June 2012, the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights, Farida Shaheed, presented her reports (A/HRC/20/26 and Add.1 and 2).
- 75. At the same meeting, the representatives of Austria and Morocco made statements as concerned countries.

- 76. Also at the same meeting, the National Human Rights Council of Morocco made a statement.
- 77. During the ensuing interactive dialogue at the same meeting, and at the 12th meeting, on 25 June 2012, the following made statements and asked the Special Rapporteur questions:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Austria, Bangladesh, Botswana, China, Cuba, Ecuador, Indonesia, Jordan (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), Norway, Pakistan¹ (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Corporation), Russian Federation, Senegal (on behalf of the Group of African States), United States of America, Uruguay;
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Algeria, Brazil, Egypt, Greece, South Africa, Sri Lanka, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of);
 - (c) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: European Union;
- (d) Observer for a non-governmental organization: Action international pour la paix et le développement dans la region des Grands Lacs (also on behalf of Comité International pour le Respect et l'Application de la Charte Africaine des Droits de l'Homme et des Peuples).
- 78. At the 12th meeting, the Special Rapporteur answered questions and made her concluding remarks.

Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children

- 79. At the 11th meeting, on 22 June 2012, the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, presented her reports (A/HRC/20/18 and Add.1-6).
- 80. At the same meeting, the representatives of Australia and Thailand made statements as concerned countries.
- 81. Also at the same meeting, the Australian Human Rights Commission made a statement.
- 82. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the same meeting, and at the 12th meeting, on 25 June 2012, the following made statements and asked the Special Rapporteur questions:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus¹ (also on behalf of Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, China, Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Singapore, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)), Cuba, Ecuador, Indonesia, Jordan (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Norway, Pakistan¹ (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Corporation), Philippines, Republic of Moldova, Saudi Arabia, Senegal (on behalf of the Group of African States), Switzerland, United States of America, Uruguay;
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Estonia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Iraq, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam;
 - (c) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: European Union;
- (d) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Action Canada for Population and Development, Franciscans International (also on behalf of Marist

International Solidarity Foundation), International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, Liberation.

- 83. At the 12th meeting, the Special Rapporteur answered questions and made her concluding remarks.
- 84. At the 13th meeting, on 25 June 2012, the representative of Cameroon made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.

Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers

- 85. At the 13th meeting, on 25 June 2012, the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, Gabriela Knaul, presented her reports (A/HRC/20/19 and Add.1-3, and A/HRC/20/20).
- 86. At the same meeting, the representatives of Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey made statements as concerned countries.
- 87. During the ensuing interactive dialogue at the same meeting, and at the 16th meeting, on 26 June 2012, the following made statements and asked the Special Rapporteur questions:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Chile, China, Cuba, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, India, Maldives, Mauritania, Pakistan¹ (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Corporation), Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Senegal (on behalf of the Group of African States), United States of America;
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Algeria, Australia, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Greece, Morocco, New Zealand, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Tunisia;
 - (c) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: European Union.
- (d) Observer for a non-governmental organization: Penal Reform International (also on behalf of Friends World Committee for Consultation).
- 88. At the 16th meeting, the Special Rapporteur answered questions and made her concluding remarks.

Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences

- 89. At the 13th meeting, on 25 June 2012, the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, Rashida Manjoo, presented her reports (A/HRC/20/16 and Add.1-6).
- 90. At the same meeting, the representatives of Italy and Jordan made statements as concerned countries.
- 91. Also at the same meeting, the International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions (on behalf of National Centre for Human Rights of Jordan) made a statement.
- 92. During the ensuing interactive dialogue at the same meeting, and at the 16th meeting, on 26 June 2012, the following made statements and asked the Special Rapporteur questions:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Botswana, Cambodia¹ (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Chile, China, Congo, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Jordan (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Maldives, Pakistan¹ (on behalf

of the Organization of Islamic Corporation), Republic of Moldova, Senegal (on behalf of the Group of African States), Spain, Switzerland, United States of America, Uruguay;

- (b) Representatives of observer States: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Colombia, Croatia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Finland, France, Gabon, Greece, Honduras, Morocco, Netherlands, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;
 - (c) Observer for the Holy See;
 - (d) Observer for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta;
 - (e) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: European Union;
- (f) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Antiviolence Center, European Region of the International Lesbian and Gay Federation (also on behalf of Action Canada for Population and Development), Federation of Cuban Women, HelpAge International (also on behalf of International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse), International Association of Democratic Lawyers and Minority Rights Group, Regional Centre for Human Rights and Gender Justice.
- 93. At the 13th meeting, the Special Rapporteur answered questions and made her concluding remarks.

B. Panels

Annual discussion on women's human rights

- 94. At the 14th meeting, on 25 June 2012, and at the 15th meeting, on 26 June 2012, the Council held an annual discussion on women's human rights.
- 95. At the same meeting, the High Commission for Human Rights made an opening statement for the final panel discussion on the topic of remedies and reparations for victims of violence. Rashida Manjoo, Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, moderated the discussion and made a statement.
- 96. Also at the same meeting, the panellists Farida Shaheed, Patricia Guerrero, Carla Ferstman and Chris Dolan made statements.
- 97. During the ensuing panel discussion at the same meeting, the following made statements for the first speaking slot:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Chile (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), China, India, Senegal (on behalf of the Group of African States), United States of America, Uruguay;
 - (b) Representatives of observer States: Canada, Egypt, Estonia, Georgia, Turkey;
 - (c) Representative form United Nations agencies: UN Women;
- (d) Observers for intergovernmental organizations: European Union, Organization of Islamic Corporation;
- (e) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Federatie van Nederlandse Verenigingen tot Integratie Van Homoseksualiteit-COC Nederland (also on behalf of Action Canada for Population and Development), International Commission of Jurists, Regional Centre for Human Rights and Gender Justice.
- 98. At the same meeting, the panellists answer questions and made comments at the end of the first speaking slot.

- 99. At the second speaking slot, the following made statements:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Angola, Congo, Cuba, Malaysia, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden¹ (also on behalf of Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway), Switzerland, Thailand;
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Germany, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Morocco, Nepal, New Zealand, Republic of Korea;
- (c) Representative from United Nations agencies: Office of the United Nations
 High Commissioner for Refugees;
 - (d) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: Council of Europe;
- (e) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Mouvement Mondial des Mères International, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (also on behalf of Femmes Africa Solidarité and World Young Women's Christian Association), World Young Women's Christian Association.
- 100. At the same meeting, the moderator and panellists answered questions and made their concluding remarks.
- 101. At the 15th meeting, on 26 June 2012, Mona Rishmawi, Chief of the Branch of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights made an opening statement on behalf of the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights for the second panel discussion on the topic of women human rights defenders.
- 102. At the same meeting, the panellists Margaret Sekaggya, José de Jesus Orozco, Nazar Abdelgadir and Sunila Abeysekera made statements.
- 103. During the ensuing panel discussion at the same meeting, the following made statements for the first speaking slot:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Austria, Chile (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Cuba, Czech Republic, Kyrgyzstan, Norway (also on behalf of Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Sweden), Senegal (on behalf of the Group of African States), Spain;
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Lithuania, Slovenia, Syrian Arab Republic;
- (c) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Association for Women's Rights in Development (by video message), Human Rights Watch, Verein Sudwind Entwicklungspolitik.
- 104. At the same meeting, the panellist answered questions and made comments at the end of the first speaking slot.
- 105. At the second speaking slot, the following made statements:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Poland, Switzerland, United States of America, Uruguay;
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;
 - (c) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: European Union;
- (d) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: European Region of the International Lesbian and Gay Federation (also on behalf of Action Canada

for Population and Development and International Lesbian and Gay Association), International Service for Human Rights.

106. At the same meeting, the panellists answered questions and made their concluding remarks.

Panel on promotion and protection of human rights in a multicultural context

- 107. At the 23rd meeting, on 29 June 2012, the Council held a panel discussion on promotion and protection of human rights in a multicultural context, including through combatting xenophobia, discrimination and intolerance. Yuri Boychenko, Chief of Branch of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights made an opening statement for the panel on behalf of the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights. Hisham Badr, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations Office at Geneva, moderated the discussion and made a statement.
- 108. At the same meeting, the panellists Gurharpal Singh, Alain Godonou, Mona Zulficar, Doudou Diene and Mario Marazziti made statements.
- 109. During the ensuring panel discussion at the same meeting, the following made statements during the first speaking slot:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Austria, Chile, Cuba, Jordan (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), Russian Federation, Senegal (on behalf of the Group of African States), Thailand, Uruguay;
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Azerbaijan, Croatia, Egypt;
 - (c) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: European Union;
- (d) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Tchad agir pour l'environnement, United Nations Watch.
- 110. At the end of the first speaking slot the moderator and panellists answered questions and made comments.
- 111. The following made statements during the second speaking slot:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: China, Indonesia, Italy, Norway, United States of America;
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Brazil, Germany, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Morocco, Pakistan, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of);
- (c) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: Organization of Islamic Corporation;
 - (d) Observer for a non-governmental organization: North-South XXI.
- 112. At the same meeting, the panellists answered questions and made concluding remarks.

C. General debate on agenda item 3

113. At the 16th meeting, on 26 June 2012, the Deputy High Commissioner of Human Rights presented the thematic reports prepared by the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Secretary General.

- 114. At the 16th and 17th meetings, on the same day, and at the 18th meeting, on 27 June 2012, the Council held a general debate on agenda item 3, during which the following made statements:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Angola, Bangladesh, Croatia¹ (also on behalf of Costa Rica and Poland), Cuba, Denmark¹ (on behalf of the European Union, Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Iceland, Montenegro, Serbia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Ukraine), Ecuador (also on behalf of Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cuba, Dominican Republic, Morocco, Nicaragua and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)), India, Italy, Kuwait, Maldives, Morocco¹ (on behalf of 128 States), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of African States), Qatar, Russian Federation, United States of America;
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Iraq, Japan, Pakistan, Sudan;
 - (c) Observer for the Holy See;
 - (d) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: Council of Europe;
- Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Action Canada (e) for Population and Development, Action international pour la paix et le développement dans la région des Grands Lacs, African Association for Education and Development, Agence internationale pour le developpement, American Association of Jurists, Amnesty International, Asian Legal Resource Centre, Association of World Citizens, Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies, Caritas Internationalis (also on behalf of Association Points-Coeur, Associazione Comunita Papa Giovanni XXIII, Company of the Daughters of Charity of Vincent of Paul, Dominicans for Justice and Peace, Fondazione Marista per la Solidarieta Internazionale, Instituto Internazionale Maria Ausiliatrice delle Salesiane di Don Bosco, International Association of Charities, International Council of Catholic Men, International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations, International Volunteerism Organization for Women, Education and Development, Mouvement International d'Apostolate des Milieux Sociaux Independants, New Humanity, World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations and World Youth Alliance), Center for Inquiry (also on behalf of International Humanist and Ethical Union), Centre for Human Rights and Peace Advocacy, Centre independent de recherches et d'iniatives pour le dialogue, Federation of Cuban Women, CIVICUS-World Alliance for Citizen Participation, Femmes Solidaires, France Libertes: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand (also on behalf of International Educational Development and International Youth and Student Movement for the United Nations), Franciscans International, Human Rights Watch, Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru, International Association of Schools of Social Work (also on behalf of Indian Council of South America and International Committee for the Indians of the Americas), International Buddhist Relief Organisation, International Educational Development, Inc. (also on behalf of France Libertés: Foundation Danielle Mitterand and Mouvement contre le racisme et pour l'amitié entre les peuples), International Fellowship of Reconciliation, International Harm Reduction Association, International Human Rights Association of American Minorities, International Humanist and Ethical Union, Liberation, Minority Rights Group, Open Society Institute, Organisation pour la communication en Afrique et de promotion de la cooperation economique international-OCAPROCE Internationale, Permanent Assembly for Human Rights, Rencontre Africaine pour la defense des droits de l'homme, Society for Threatened Peoples, Society Studies Center, Union of Arab Jurists, United Nations Watch, United Towns Agency for North-South Cooperation, Verein Sudwind Entwicklungspolitik, World Muslim Congress, Worldwide Organization for Women.
- 115. At the 17th meeting, the representatives of China and Ethiopia made statements in exercise of the right of reply.

D. Consideration of and action on draft proposals

Trafficking in persons, especially women and children: access to effective remedies for trafficked persons and their right to an effective remedy for human rights violations

- 116. At the 31st meeting, on 5 July 2012, the representatives of Germany and the Philippines introduced draft resolution A/HRC/20/L.1, sponsored by Germany and the Philippines and co-sponsored by Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Thailand, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uruguay. Subsequently, ...joined the co-sponsors.
- 117. At the same meeting, the representative of the United States of America made general comments in relation to the draft resolution.
- 118. Also at the same meeting, in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the attention of the Council was drawn to the estimated administrative and programme budget implications of the draft resolution.
- 119. At the same meeting, the draft resolution was adopted without a vote (for the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 20/1).

Conscientious objection to military service

- 120. At the 31st meeting, on 5 July 2012, the representative of Croatia introduced draft resolution A/HRC/20/L.4, sponsored by Costa Rica, Croatia and Poland and co-sponsored by Albania, Australia, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Montenegro, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Subsequently, ... joined the cosponsors.
- 121. At the same meeting, the representative of the United States of America made general comments in relation to the draft resolution.
- 122. Also at the same meeting, the draft resolution was adopted without a vote (for the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 20/2).

Human rights of migrants

- 123. At the 31st meeting, on 5 July 2012, the representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution A/HRC/20/L.6, sponsored by Mexico and co-sponsored by Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Honduras, Morocco, Nigeria, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Serbia, Turkey and the United States of America. Subsequently, ... joined the co-sponsors.
- 124. At the same meeting, the draft resolution was adopted without a vote (for the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 20/3).

The right to a nationality: women and children

- 125. At the 31st meeting, on 5 July 2012, the representative of the United States of America (also on behalf of Botswana, Colombia, Iraq, Mexico, Slovakia and Turkey) introduced draft resolution A/HRC/20/L.8, sponsored by the United States of America and co-sponsored by Australia, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Iceland, Iraq, Ireland, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Uruguay. Subsequently, ... joined the co-sponsors.
- 126. At the same meeting, in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the attention of the Council was drawn to the estimated administrative and programme budget implications of the draft resolution.
- 127. Also at the same meeting, the draft resolution was adopted without a vote (for the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 20/4).

Human rights and arbitrary deprivation of nationality

- 128. At the 31st meeting, on 5 July 2012, the representative of the Russian Federation introduced draft resolution A/HRC/20/L.9, sponsored by the Russian Federation and cosponsored by Argentina, Belarus, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Serbia, the Syrian Arab Republic and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of). Subsequently, ... joined the co-sponsors.
- 129. At the same meeting, the draft resolution was adopted without a vote (for the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 20/5).

Elimination of discrimination against women

- 130. At the 31st meeting, on 5 July 2012, the representative of Colombia (also on behalf of Mexico) introduced draft resolution A/HRC/20/L.11, sponsored by Colombia and Mexico and co-sponsored by Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Honduras, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Maldives, Mauritania, Monaco, Montenegro, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Uruguay. Subsequently, ... joined the co-sponsors.
- 131. At the same meeting, the draft resolution was adopted without a vote (for the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 20/6).

The right to education: follow-up to Human Rights Council resolution 8/4

132. At the 31st meeting, on 5 July 2012, the representative of Portugal introduced draft resolution A/HRC/20/L.12, sponsored by Portugal and co-sponsored by Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Korea, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, South Africa, Switzerland, Thailand, the former

Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Tunisia, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of). Subsequently, ... joined the co-sponsors.

- 133. At the same meeting, the representatives of Thailand and the United States of America made general comments in relation to the draft resolution.
- 134. Also at the same meeting, the draft resolution was adopted without a vote (for the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 20/7).

The promotion, protection and enjoyment of human rights on the Internet

- 135. At the 31st meeting, on 5 July 2012, the representatives of Brazil, Sweden and Tunisia introduced draft resolution A/HRC/20/L.13, sponsored by Brazil, Nigeria, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey and the United States and America and co-sponsored by Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Maldives, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, the Netherlands, Norway, Palestine, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Republic of Korea, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, Spain, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uruguay. Subsequently, ... joined the co-sponsors.
- 136. At the same meeting, the representatives of China and Cuba made general comments in relation to the draft resolution.
- 137. Also at the same meeting, the draft resolution was adopted without a vote (for the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 20/8).

Human rights of internally displaced persons

- 138. At the 31st meeting, on 5 July 2012, the representative of Austria introduced draft resolution A/HRC/20/L.14, sponsored by Austria and co-sponsored by Australia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Morocco, Norway, Peru, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States of America. Subsequently, ... joined the co-sponsors.
- 139. At the same meeting, the representative of Austria orally revised the draft resolution by splitting the 11th preambular paragraph, modifying the new 12th preambular paragraph and operative paragraph 27.
- 140. Also at the same meeting, the representative of India made general comments in relation to the draft resolution.
- 141. At the same meeting, the draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote (for the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 20/9).

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

142. At the 31st meeting, on 5 July 2012, the representative of Cuba introduced draft resolution A/HRC/20/L.17, sponsored by Cuba and co-sponsored by Algeria, Belarus,

Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Congo, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Lebanon, Morocco, Nicaragua, Palestine, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Viet Nam. Subsequently, ... joined the co-sponsors.

- 143. At the same meeting, the representative of Cuba orally revised the draft resolution by adding a new 9th preambular paragraph and modifying operative paragraphs 4 and 5.
- 144. Also at the same meeting, in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the attention of the Council was drawn to the estimated administrative and programme budget implications of the draft resolution.
- 145. At the same meeting, the representatives of Austria (on behalf of Members of the European Union that are Members of the Council) and the United States of America made statements in explanation of vote before the vote.
- 146. Also at the same meeting, at the request of the representative of Austria (on behalf of Members of the European Union that are Members of the Council), a recorded vote was taken on the draft resolution. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted by 31 in favour, 11 against, with 5 abstentions. The voting was as follows:
 - In favour: Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, China, Congo, Cuba, Djibouti, Ecuador, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Mauritius, Nigeria, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Thailand, Uganda, Uruguay;
 - Against: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Spain, Switzerland, United States of America;

Abstention: Chile, Costa Rica, Mexico, Norway, Peru.

147. For the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 20/10.

Promotion of the enjoyment of the cultural rights of everyone and respect for cultural diversity

- 148. At the 31st meeting, on 5 July 2012, the representative of Cuba introduced draft resolution A/HRC/20/L.18, sponsored by Cuba and co-sponsored by Angola, Belarus, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), China, Congo, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Palestine, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Viet Nam. Subsequently, ... joined the co-sponsors.
- 149. At the same meeting, the representative of Cuba orally revised the draft resolution by modifying operative paragraphs 11 and 12.
- 150. Also at the same meeting, the representatives of Austria (on behalf of Members of the European Union that are Members of the Council) and the United States of America made general comments in relation to the draft resolution.
- 151. At the same meeting, in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the attention of the Council was drawn to the estimated administrative and programme budget implications of the draft resolution.
- 152. Also at the same meeting, the draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote (for the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 20/11).

Accelerating efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women: remedies for women who have been subjected to violence

- 153. At the 31st meeting, on 5 July 2012, the representative of Canada introduced draft resolution A/HRC/20/L.10, sponsored by Canada and co-sponsored by Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Bulgaria, Chile, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Maldives, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Palestine, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Timor-Leste, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America. Subsequently, ... joined the co-sponsors.
- 154. At the same meeting, the representative of Canada orally revised the draft resolution by modifying the 7th, 13th and 14th preambular paragraphs and operative paragraphs 8 and 12.
- 155. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Saudi Arabia (also on behalf of...) made general comments in relation to the draft resolution.
- 156. At the same meeting, the draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote (for the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 20/12).

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

A. Interactive dialogue with the Commission of Inquiry on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic

- 157. At the 18th meeting, on 27 June 2012, the High Commissioner for Human Rights presented the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 19/22 on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic (A/HRC/20/37).
- 158. At the same meeting, the Deputy Joint Special Envoy of the United Nations and the League of Arab States for Syria, Jean-Marie Guéhenno, briefed the Council pursuant to its resolution S-19/1.
- 159. Also at the same meeting, the Chairperson of the Commission of Inquiry for the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic, Paulo Pinheiro, addressed the Council.
- 160. At the same meeting, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement as the concerned country.
- 161. During the ensuing interactive dialogue at the same meeting, and at the 19th meeting, on the same day, the following made statements:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Chile, Cuba, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Indonesia, Italy, Maldives (also on behalf of Austria, Botswana, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Honduras, Ireland, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Peru, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Slovakia, Slovenia and Switzerland), Mexico, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden¹ (also on behalf of Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway), Switzerland, Thailand, United States of America, Uruguay;

- (b) Representatives of observer States: Algeria, Australia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, France, Germany, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Japan, Latvia, Libya, Morocco, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zimbabwe;
 - (c) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: European Union;
- (d) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies, Human Rights Watch, Organization for Defending Victims of Violence, Union of Arab Jurists, United Nations Watch.
- 162. At the 19th meeting, Paulo Pinheiro answered questions and made his concluding remarks.

B. Interactive Dialogue with the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in Belarus

- 163. At the 20th meeting, on 27 June 2012, the High Commissioner for Human Rights presented her report on the situation of human rights in Belarus (A/HRC/20/8).
- 164. At the same meeting, the representative of Belarus made a statement as the concerned country.
- 165. During the ensuing interactive dialogue at the same meeting, and at the 21st meeting, on 28 June 2012, the following made statements:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Austria, Belgium, Botswana, China, Cuba, Czech Republic, Hungary, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Russian Federation, Spain, Switzerland, United States of America, Uruguay;
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Canada, Croatia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Estonia, France, Germany, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lithuania, Netherlands, Myanmar, Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Zimbabwe;
 - (c) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: European Union;
- (d) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Amnesty International, CIVICUS-World Alliance for Citizen Participation, Human Rights House Foundation, Human Rights Watch, International Federation of Human Rights Leagues.
- 166. At the 20th meeting, the High Commissioner for Human Rights answered questions and made comments.
- 167. At the 21st meeting the representative of Belarus made concluding remarks as the concerned country.
- 168. At the same meeting, the High Commissioner for Human Rights answered questions and made her concluding remarks.

C. General debate on agenda item 4

169. At the 21st and 22nd meetings, on 28 June 2012, the Council held a general debate on agenda item 4, during which the following made statements:

- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Austria, Belgium, China, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark¹ (on behalf of the European Union, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Montenegro and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), Ecuador, Hungary, Indonesia, Kuwait, Libya, Norway, Spain, Switzerland (also on behalf of Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mexico, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain), United States of America;
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Australia, Bahrain, Belarus, Brazil, Canada, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, France, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Japan, Netherlands, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;
- Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Action (c) international pour la paix et le développement dans la region des Grands Lacs, African Association on Education for Development, Agence internationale pour le Developpement, Al Zubair Charitable Foundation, American Association of Jurists (also on behalf of Federation of Cuban Women, International Association of Democratic Lawyers and Mouvement contre le racism et pour l'amitié entre les peuples), Amnesty International, Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development, Asian Legal Resource Centre, Baha'I International Community, Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies, Centre for Human Rights and Peace Advocacy, Centre for Inquiry (also on behalf of International Humanist and Ethical Union), Centrist Democratic International, Comité International pour le respect et l'application de la Charte Africaine des Droits de l'Homme et des Peuples, Democracy Coalition Project, Development Innovations and Networks (also on behalf of France Libertes: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand and Mouvement contre le racism et pour l'amitié entre les peuples), Eastern Sudan Women Development Organization, Federation of Cuban Women, Femmes Solidaires, France Libertes: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand (also on behalf of International Education Development and Mouvement contre le racism et pour l'amitié entre les peuples), Franciscans International, Freedom House, General Arab Women Federation, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (also on behalf of Asian Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Network, Society for Threatened Peoples and Mouvement contre le racism et pour l'amitié entre les peuples), Human Rights House Foundation, Human Rights Watch, Indian Council of South America, Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru, International Association of Democratic Lawyers, International Association of Schools of Social Work (also on behalf of Indian Council of South America and International Committee for the Indians of the Americas), International Buddhist Relief Organisation, International Committee for the Indians of the Americas, International Educational Development, Inc, International Federation of Human Rights Leagues, International Fellowship of Reconciliation, International Human Rights Association of American Minorities, International Humanist and Ethical Union, International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism, International Organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (also on behalf of Union of Arab Jurists), Liberation, Ligue international contre le racism et l'antisémitisme, Maarij Foundation for Peace and Development, Nonviolent Radical Party, Transnational and Transparty, Organization for Defending Victims of Violence, Organisation pour la communication en Afrique et de promotion de la cooperation economique international, Press Emblem Campaign, Regional Centre for Human Rights and Gender Justice, Rencontre Aficaine pour la defense des droits de l'homme, Society for Threatened Peoples, Society Studies Centre, United Nations Watch, United Towns Agency for North-South Cooperation, Verein Sudwind Entwicklungspolitik, World Muslim Congress.

- 170. At the 22nd meeting, the representatives of Bahrain, Cameroon, China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Gabon, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Nepal, Paraguay, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkmenistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Zimbabwe made statements in exercise of the right of reply.
- 171. At the same meeting, the representatives of Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Japan made statements in exercise of a second right of reply.

D. Consideration and action on draft proposals

Situation of human rights in Belarus

- 172. At the 31st meeting, on 5 July 2012, the representative of Cyprus (on behalf of the European Union) introduced draft resolution A/HRC/20/L.7, sponsored by Denmark (on behalf of the European Union) and co-sponsored by Albania, Canada, Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Montenegro, Norway, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and United States of America. Subsequently, Botswana, Japan and New Zealand joined the co-sponsors.
- 173. At the same meeting, the representative of Belarus made a statement as the concerned country.
- 174. Also at the same meeting, in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the attention of the Council was drawn to the estimated administrative and programme budget implications of the draft resolution.
- 175. At the same meeting, the representatives of Bangladesh, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Russian Federation and Uruguay made statements in explanation of vote before the vote.
- 176. Also at the same meeting, at the request of the Russian Federation, a recorded vote was taken on the draft resolution. The draft resolution was adopted by 22 in favour, 5 against, with 20 abstentions. The voting was as follows:
 - In favour: Austria, Belgium, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Chile, Congo, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Jordan, Maldives, Mauritius, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Spain, Switzerland, United States of America;
 - Against: China, Cuba, Ecuador, India, Russian Federation;
 - Abstention: Angola, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Djibouti, Guatemala, Indonesia, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Malaysia, Mauritania, Mexico, Nigeria, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Thailand, Uganda, Uruguay.
- 177. For the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 20/13.

V. Human rights bodies and mechanisms

A. Complaint Procedure

178. At the 17th meeting, on 26 June 2012, at the 20th meeting, on 27 June 2012, and at the 30th meeting, on 4 July 2012, the Council held three closed meetings on the Complaint Procedure.

179. At the 31th meeting, on 5 July 2012, the President made a statement on the outcome of the meetings, stating that:

"the Human Rights Council, in closed meetings, has examined the situations of religious minorities in the Republic of Iraq and the human rights situation in Eritrea under the complaint procedure established pursuant to Human Rights council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007.

The council has decided to discontinue the consideration of the situation of religious minorities in the Republic of Iraq and recommended that the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights provides Iraq with technical cooperation, capacity –building, assistance and advisory services. Furthermore, the council decided to keep under review the consideration of situation of human rights in Eritrea until its 21st session."

B. General debate on agenda item 5

- 180. At the 24th meeting, on 29 June 2012, the Council held a general debate on agenda item 5, during which the following made statements:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark¹ (on behalf of the European Union, Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Iceland, Montenegro, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine), Ecuador, Hungary, India, Russian Federation (also on behalf of Algeria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Brazil, China, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Malaysia, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Uganda and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Viet Nam), Senegal (on behalf of the Group of African States), Spain;
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Algeria, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Luxembourg, Sudan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam;
- (c) Observers for intergovernmental organizations: Council of Europe, Organization of Islamic Corporation;
- (d) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII, Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies, Human Rights and Peace Advocacy, Commission africaine des promoteurs de la santé et des droits de l'homme, Comité International pour le respect et l'application de la Charte Africaine des Droits de l'Homme et des Peuples (also on behalf of Action International pour la paix et le développement dans la region des Grands Lacs), Foodfirst Information and Action Network, Indian Council of South America, Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru, International Association of Democratic Lawyers (also on behalf of American Association of Jurists), International Association of Peace Messenger Cities (also on behalf of Arab Lawyers Union, General Arab Women Federation, International Organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and Union of Arab Jurists), International Buddhist Relief Organisation, International Commission of Jurists (also on behalf of Amnesty International, Canada HIV/AIDS Legal Network, Foodfirst Information and Action Network, Human Rights Watch and International Service for Human Rights), International Committee for the Indians of the Americas, Liberation, North South XXI, Organisation for Defending Victims of Violence, Rencontre Africaine de defense des droits de l'homme, Verein Sudwind Entwicklungspolitik, Worldwide Organization for Women.

C. Consideration of and action on draft proposals

Promotion of the right to peace

- 181. At the 32nd meeting, on 5 July 2012, the representative of Cuba introduced draft resolution A/HRC/20/L.16, sponsored by Cuba and co-sponsored by Algeria, Angola, Belarus, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), China, Congo, Costa Rica, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Lebanon, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Palestine, Sri Lanka, Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Viet Nam. Subsequently, ... joined the cosponsors.
- 182. At the same meeting, the representative of Cuba orally revised the draft resolution.
- 183. Also at the same meeting, the representative of China made general comments in relation to the draft resolution.
- 184. At the same meeting, in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the attention of the Council was drawn to the estimated administrative and programme budget implications of the draft resolution.
- 185. Also at the same meeting, the representatives of Austria (also on behalf of Belgium, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania and Spain) and the United States of America made statements in explanation of vote before the vote.
- 186. At the same meeting, at the request of the United States of America a recorded vote was taken on the draft resolution. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted by 34 in favour, 1 against, with 12 abstentions. The voting was as follows:
 - In favour: Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Djibouti, Ecuador, Guatemala, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Thailand, Uganda, Uruguay;

Against: United States of America;

- Abstention: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Hungary, India, Italy, Norway, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Spain, Switzerland.
- 187. At the same meeting, the representative of Italy made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.
- 188. For the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 20/15.

VI. Universal periodic review

A. General debate on agenda item 6

- 189. At the 24th meeting, on 29 June 2012, the Council held a general debate on agenda item 6, during which the following made statements:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Austria, Bangladesh, China, Cuba, Denmark¹ (on behalf of the European Union, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine), India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Norway, Russian Federation, United States of America;

- (b) Representatives of observer States: Algeria, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Morocco, Republic of Korea, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:
- (c) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Action Canada for Population and Development, Geneva for Human Rights, Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru, International Commission of Jurists, Organization for Defending Victims of Violence.
- 190. At the same meeting, the Secretariat of the Council made a statement in relation to comments raised during the general debate on agenda item 6.

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

A. Interactive dialogue with special procedures

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

- 191. At the 25th meeting, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, Richard Falk, presented his report (A/HRC/20/32).
- 192. At the same meeting, the representative of Palestine made a statement as the concerned party.
- 193. During the ensuing interactive dialogue at the same meeting, the following made statements and asked the Special Rapporteur questions:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Bangladesh, Cuba, Indonesia, Jordan (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), Kuwait, Libya, Malaysia, Pakistan¹ (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Corporation), Saudi Arabia;
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Lebanon, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of);
 - (c) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: European Union;
- (d) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights, Defence for Children International, Israeli Committee against House Demolitions, Mouvement contre le racisme et pour l'amitié entre les peuples, North-South XXI, United Nations Watch.
- 194. At the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur answered questions and made his concluding remarks.

B. General debate on agenda item 7

- 195. At the 25th meeting, on 2 July 2012, the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights presented the reports prepared by the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General under agenda items 2 and 7 (A/HRC/20/3/Rev.1, A/HRC/20/13 and A/HRC/20/36).
- 196. At the same meeting, the representative of Palestine made a statement as a concerned party, and the representative of Turkey made a statement as a concerned country.

- 197. At the 26th meeting, on the same day, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement as a country country.
- 198. At the 25th and 26th meetings, the Council held a general debate on agenda item 7, during which the following made statements:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Bangladesh, China, Cuba, Cyprus¹ (on behalf of the European Union, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), Ecuador, Egypt¹ (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), India (also on behalf of Brazil and South Africa), Indonesia, Jordan (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), Libya, Malaysia, Maldives, Norway, Pakistan¹ (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Corporation), Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal (on behalf of the Group of African States), United States of America;
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yemen;
- (c) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Al-Haq, Association of World Citizens, Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights, Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies, Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches, Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations (also on behalf of B'nai B'rith International), Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru, International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, International Organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, Israeli Committee against House Demolitions, Mouvement contre le racisme et pour l'amitié entre les peuples, North-South XXI, Organization for Defending Victims of Violence, Permanent Assembly for Human Rights Union of Arab Jurists (also on behalf of General Arab Women Federation and International Educational Development), United Nations Watch, Verein Südwind Entwicklungspolitik.

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

A. General debate on agenda item 8

- 199. At the 26th meeting, on 2 July 2012, and at the 27th meeting, on 3 July 2012, the Council held a general debate on agenda item 8, during which the following made statements:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Argentina¹ (on behalf of MERCOSUR, Chile, Ecuador and Peru), Austria (on behalf of 54 States), Chile, Cyprus¹ (on behalf of the European Union, Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Iceland, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine), Maldives (also on behalf of Austria, Botswana, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, France, Honduras, Maldives, Mauritius, Norway, Palestine, Peru, Slovenia, Somalia, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uruguay), Norway, Senegal (on behalf of the Group of African States), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of 67 States), United States of America, Uruguay;
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Algeria, Australia, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Luxembourg, Morocco, South Africa;

- (c) Observer for the Holy See;
- (d) Observers for intergovernmental organizations: Council of Europe, Organization of Islamic Corporation;
- (e) Observer for national human rights institutions: Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions, International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions and Ombudsman of Serbia (by video message);
- Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Action Canada for Population and Development, Amnesty International, Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development, Centre for Human Rights and Peace Advocacy, European Region of the International Lesbian and Gay Federation (also on behalf of Federatie van Nederlandse Verenigingen tot Integratie Van Homoseksualiteit-COC Nederland), France Libertes: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand (also on behalf of International Educational Development and Mouvement contre le racism et pour l'amitié entre les peuples), Indian Council of South America, International Buddhist Relief Organisation, International Commission of Jurists, International Committee for the Indians of the Americas, International Human Rights Association of American Minorities, Liberation, North-South XXI, Organisation pour la Communication en Afrique et de Promotion de la Cooperation Economique Internationale-OCAPROCE Internationale, Press Emblem Campaign, Women's Human Rights International Association (also on behalf of France Libertes: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand and Mouvement contre le racism et pour l'amitié entre les peuples), World Federation of Democratic Youth (also on behalf of France Libertes: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand and International Youth and Student Movement for the United Nations), World Muslim Congress, United Nations Watch.

B. Consideration of and action on draft proposals

National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights

- 200. At the 32nd meeting, on 5 July 2012, the representative of Australia introduced draft resolution A/HRC/20/L.15, sponsored by Australia and co-sponsored by Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Japan, Latvia, Libya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Maldives, Mexico, Montenegro, Morocco, Namibia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Palestine, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of). Subsequently, ... joined the sponsors.
- 201. At the same meeting, the representative of Peru made general comments in relation to the draft resolution.
- 202. Also at the same meeting, the draft resolution was adopted without a vote (for the text as adopted, see part one, chapter I, resolution 20/14).

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

A. Interactive dialogue with special procedures

Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

- 203. At the 27th meeting, on 3 July 2012, the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, Mutuma Ruteere, presented his reports (A/HRC/20/33 and Add.1-3, and A/HRC/20/38).
- 204. At the same meeting, the representative of Hungary made a statement as the concerned country.
- 205. During the ensuing interactive dialogue at the 27th and 28th meetings, on the same day, the following made statements and asked the Special Rapporteur questions:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Italy, Jordan (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), Malaysia, Norway, Pakistan¹ (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Corporation), Russian Federation, Senegal (on behalf of the Group of African States), United States of America;
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Brazil, Egypt, Iraq, Luxembourg, Morocco, Nepal, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Turkey, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of);
 - (c) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: European Union;
- (d) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: International Educational Development, Inc., International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism, Liberation, Open Society Institute, Organization for Defending Victims of Violence.
- 206. At the 28th meeting, the Special Rapporteur answered questions and made his concluding remarks.

B. General debate on agenda item 9

- 207. At the 28th meeting, on 3 July 2012, the Council held a general debate on agenda item 9, during which the following made statements:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: China, Cuba, Cyprus (on behalf of the European Union, Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Iceland, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), Kuwait, Libya, Pakistan¹ (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Corporation), Qatar, Russian Federation (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan), Senegal (on behalf of the Group of African States);
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Algeria, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ukraine;
 - (c) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: Council of Europe;

(d) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: African Commission of Health and Human Rights Promoters, Association of World Citizens, Centre for Human Rights and Peace Advocacy, Comité international pour le respect et l'application de la Charte Africaine des Droits de l'Homme et des Peuples, European Union of Public Relations, Indian Council of South America, Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru, International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, International Buddhist Relief Organization, International Committee for the Indians of the Americas, International Human Rights Association of American Minorities, International Humanist and Ethical Union, International Youth and Student Movement for the United Nations, Liberation, North-South XXI, Organisation pour la Communication en Afrique et de Promotion de la Cooperation Economique Internationale-OCAPROCE Internationale, Society for Threatened Peoples (also on behalf of Mouvement contre le racism et pour l'amitié entre les peuples), United Nations Watch, Verein Sudwind Entwicklungspolitik, World Muslim Congress.

208. At the same meeting, the representatives of China and Mauritania made statements in exercise of the right of reply.

C. Consideration of and action on draft proposals

X. Technical assistance and capacity-building

A. Interactive dialogue with special procedures

Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti

- 209. At the 28th meeting, on 3 July 2012, the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti, Michel Forst, presented his reports (A/HRC/20/35 and Add.1).
- 210. At the same meeting, the representative of Haiti made a statement as the concerned country.
- 211. During the ensuing interactive dialogue at the same meeting, and at the 29th meeting, on 4 July 2012, the following made statements and asked the independent expert questions:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Benin, Chile, Cuba, Ecuador, Honduras¹ (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, Spain, Switzerland, United States of America, Uruguay;
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Brazil, Dominican Republic, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Morocco, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of);
 - (c) Representative of United Nations agencies: United Nations Children's Fund;
 - (d) Observer for an intergovernmental organization: European Union;
- (e) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: American Civil Liberties Union, Human Rights Watch, International Federation for Human Rights Leagues.
- 212. At the 29th meeting, the Independent Expert answered questions and made his concluding remarks.

B. General debate on agenda item 10

- 213. At the 29th meeting, on 4 July 2012, the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights made a statement providing an overview of and successes, best practises and challenges in technical assistance and capacity building efforts provided by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and relevant United Nations agencies in accordance with Council resolution 18/18.
- 214. At the same meeting, the Deputy High Commissioner presented the report of the High Commissioner on technical assistance and corporation on human rights for Kyrgyzstan (A/HRC/20/12).
- 215. Also at the same meeting, the Chairperson the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Corporation in the Field of Human Rights, Deepika Nelum Udagama, presented her report (A/HRC/20/34).
- 216. At the same meeting, the Council held a general debate on agenda item 10, during which the following made statements:
- (a) Representatives of States Members of the Council: Brazil (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), China, Cyprus (on behalf of the European Union, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Iceland, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), Indonesia, Switzerland, Thailand, Untied States of America;
- (b) Representatives of observer States: Algeria, Morocco, Republic of Korea, Sudan, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;
- (c) Observers of the following non-governmental organizations: Amnesty International, Association of World Citizens, International Federation for Human Rights Leagues, United Nations Watch, Verein Sudwind Entwicklungspolitik.
- 217. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Nepal made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.

C. Consideration of and action on draft proposals

Annex I

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