Subject: Nineteenth session of the Human Rights Council (Geneva, 27 February – 23 March 2012)

The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and national human rights institutions, and has the honour to inform the latter that the Organizational Meeting in relation to the nineteenth session of the Council, convened by the President, will be held on Monday, 13 February 2012 at 11 a.m. in Room XX, at the Palais des Nations. According to the established practice, on this occasion, delegations are invited to share information on any initiatives planned during the nineteenth session, including draft resolutions, panels or side events, if they wish to do so.

The Secretariat also has the honour to inform the latter that the opening meeting of the nineteenth session of the Council will be convened on Monday 27 February 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in Room XX, at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are invited to be present in Room XX 30 minutes before the opening meeting so that it will start without delay in view of the High-level Segment that will follow.

Information on the nineteenth session is available on the website of the Council (http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/19session), including on the procedure regarding the accreditation and the issuance of badges for delegates designated to attend the nineteenth session (see key elements below).

(a) Requests for accreditation should be sent as soon as possible to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Council, to the attention of Ms. Julia Begey (Fax: +41 (0)22 917 90 11; e-mail address: hrcaccreditation@ohchr.org);

(b) Representatives in possession of an identification badge issued by the Security and Safety Section of the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) or United Nations Headquarters in New York (UNHQ) will have unrestricted access to conference rooms. However, they should announce themselves to the Secretariat through a correspondence addressed to Ms. Begey (see above);

(c) Representatives without a UNOG or UNHQ identification badge should apply in person at the “Pregny Gate” security entrance (Palais des Nations, Avenue de la Paix 8-14); upon presentation of identification and a copy of the request for accreditation, a photo-badge valid for the session will be issued;

(d) The accreditation office at the “Pregny Gate” for the nineteenth session of the Human Rights Council will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday.

The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and national human rights institutions the assurances of its highest consideration.

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