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Concept note for the preliminary study on rural women and the right to food (Human Rights Council resolution 19/7 "The right to food" of 22 March 2012)

The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations, intergovernmental and regional organizations, national human rights institutions, and civil society organizations, including non-governmental organizations, and has the honour to refer to Human Rights Council resolution 19/7 of 22 March 2012 entitled "The right to food" (A/HRC/RES/19/7).

In the aforementioned resolution the Council took note of the concept note for the preliminary study on rural women and the right to food prepared by the Advisory Committee, and requested the Committee to continue undertaking a comprehensive study in that regard. The Council further requested the Office of the High Commissioner to collect the views and comments of all Member States, all relevant United Nations special agencies and programmes and all other relevant stakeholders on the preliminary study, so that the Advisory Committee may take them into account for the conclusion of the study.

The Secretariat wishes to inform all delegations that the concept note of the Advisory Committee for the preliminary study on rural women and the right to food (A/HRC/AC/8/CRP.2) is accessible at the following link:

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/advisorycommittee/session8/documentation.htm>

In view of the forthcoming session of the Advisory Committee scheduled to take place from 6 to 10 August 2012, the Secretariat wishes to invite Member States, relevant United Nations special agencies and programmes and all other relevant stakeholders to submit views and comments on the concept note for the preliminary study by **1 May 2012**, to the following address:

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

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