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**Human Rights Council resolution 16/27
“The right to food” of 21 March 2011**

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 16/27 of 21 March 2011 entitled “The right to food” (A/HRC/RES/16/27).

In the aforementioned resolution the Council took note of the preliminary study prepared by the Advisory Committee, pursuant to Council resolution 13/4, on ways and means to further advance the rights of people working in rural areas, including women, in particular smallholders engaged in the production of food and /or other agricultural products, including from directly working the land, traditional fishing, hunting and herding activities (A/HRC/16/63), and requested the Office of the High Commissioner to collect the views and comments of all Member States, relevant United Nations special agencies and programmes, in particular the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and all other relevant stakeholders thereon so that the Advisory Committee may take them into account in the preparation of the final study to be presented to the Council at its nineteenth session.

The Secretariat wishes to inform all delegations that the preliminary study of the Advisory Committee is accessible at the following link:
http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/advisorycommittee/right_to_food.htm

In view of the forthcoming session of the Advisory Committee scheduled to take place from 8 to 12 August 2011, the Secretariat wishes to invite Member States, relevant United Nations special agencies and programmes, in particular the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and all other relevant stakeholders to submit views and comments on the preliminary study by **9 May 2011**, 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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