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1. Organizational and procedural matters

Date and venue of the session

1. In accordance with its annual programme of work, as considered on 21 June 2010 at the organizational meeting for the fifth cycle of the Council, the Human Rights Council will hold its seventeenth session from 30 May to 17 June 2010 at the United Nations Office at Geneva.
2. In accordance with rule 8 (b) of the rules of procedure of the Council, as contained in section VII of the annex to resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007, the organizational meeting for the seventeenth session will be held on 16 May 2011.

Agenda of the session

3. The agenda of the Council is contained in section V of the annex to Council resolution 5/1. The Council will have before it the present annotations relating to items included in the agenda for the seventeenth session.

Composition of the Human Rights Council

4. The composition of the Human Rights Council at its seventeenth session is as follows:¹ Angola (2013); Argentina (2011); Bahrain (2011); Bangladesh (2012); Belgium (2012); Brazil (2011); Burkina Faso (2011); Cameroon (2012); Chile (2011); China (2012); Cuba (2012); Djibouti (2012); Ecuador (2013); France (2011); Gabon (2011); Ghana (2011); Guatemala (2013); Hungary (2012); Japan (2011); Jordan (2012); Kyrgyzstan (2012); Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (2013);² Malaysia (2013); Maldives (2013); Mauritania (2013); Mauritius (2012); Mexico (2012); Nigeria (2012); Norway (2012); Pakistan (2011); Poland (2013); Qatar (2013); Republic of Korea (2011); Republic of Moldova (2013); Russian Federation (2012); Saudi Arabia (2012); Senegal (2012); Slovakia (2011); Spain (2013); Switzerland (2013); Thailand (2013); Uganda (2013); Ukraine (2011); United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2011); United States of America (2012); Uruguay (2012); Zambia (2011).

Bureau of the Human Rights Council

5. The composition of the Bureau of the Council for its fifth year is as follows: President of the Council, Sihasak Phuangketkeow (Thailand); Vice-Presidents, Arcanjo Maria Do Nascimento (Angola), Rodolfo Reyes Rodríguez (Cuba) and Fedor Rosocha (Slovakia); Vice-President and Rapporteur, Bente Angell-Hansen (Norway).
6. At the organizational session for the sixth year of the Council, to be held on 20 June 2011, the President and Vice-Presidents are to be elected in accordance with rule 9 (a) of the rule of procedure of the Council.

¹ The term of membership of each State expires in the year indicated in parenthesis.

² Suspended by the General Assembly in its resolution 65/265 of 1 March 2011.

Annual programme of work

7. In accordance with rule 8 (a) of the rules of procedure of the Human Rights Council, as contained in section VII of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, the annual programme of work for the fifth year of the Council was considered at the organizational meeting held on 21 June 2010.

8. The annual programme of work for the sixth year of the Human Rights Council shall be adopted during the organizational session for the sixth year of the Council.

Selection and appointment of mandate holders

9. In accordance with paragraph 47 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 and the requirements set out in Council decision 6/102, the consultative group composed of Hannu Himanen (Finland), Maria Ciobanu, (Romania), Alvaro Navarro Brin (Panama), Gopinathan Achamkulangare (India) and Darlington Mwape (Zambia) will propose to the President of the Council a list of candidates for the mandates for which new members are to be appointed at the seventeenth session: the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (three members); the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants; the independent expert on minority issues; the independent expert on human rights and international solidarity; the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism; the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises; and the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

10. In accordance with the procedure stipulated in paragraphs 52 and 53 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, the appointment of special procedures mandate holders will be completed upon the subsequent approval by the Council. The mandate holders in question shall be appointed before the end of the seventeenth session.

Review of the work and functioning of the Human Rights Council

11. On 25 March 2011, the Human Rights Council adopted its resolution 16/21 on the review of the work and functioning of the Council. In accordance with paragraph 56 of the outcome document, the Council will have before it the report of the secretariat on the Office of the President of the Council (A/HRC/17/19).

Report of the session and the annual report

12. At the end of its session, the Human Rights Council will have before it for adoption a draft report prepared by the Rapporteur. The report will include resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council and the President's statements, as well as a technical summary of the proceedings of the seventeenth session.

13. The Human Rights Council will also have before it for adoption the annual report of the Council to be submitted to the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the Council, as contained in section VII of the annex to Council resolution 5/1.

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

14. All reports of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Office of the High Commissioner (OHCHR) and the Secretary-General are submitted under agenda item 2, which remains an open-ended item throughout the session. These reports will be considered at the time of consideration of relevant agenda items, as appropriate. Specific timing of their introduction will be reflected in the programme of work.

Follow-up to the report of the international fact-finding mission on the incident of the humanitarian flotilla

15. In its resolution 16/20, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to submit a report to the Council, at its seventeenth session, on the status of the implementation of the conclusions contained in the report of the fact-finding mission (A/HRC/15/21). The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/17/47).

Cooperation with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights

16. In its resolution 12/2, the Human Rights Council invited the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council at its fourteenth session and annually thereafter, in accordance with its programme of work, containing a compilation and analysis of any available information, from all appropriate sources, on alleged reprisals against the persons referred to in paragraph 1 of the resolution, as well as recommendations on how to address the issues of intimidation and reprisals. The Council has before it the note by the Secretariat on this subject (A/HRC/17/20) informing the Council that the report of the Secretary-General will be submitted at its eighteenth session.

Right to the truth

17. In its resolution 12/12, the Human Rights Council invited OHCHR to convene a seminar, taking into account different experiences on the importance of the creation, organization and management of public systems of archives as a means to guarantee the right to the truth, with a view to study the need for guidelines on this issue, and also requested OHCHR to report on the outcome of the consultation to the Council at its seventeenth session. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/17/21) (see also paragraph 38 below).

Elimination of all forms of violence against women

18. In its resolution 11/2, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to convene, in cooperation with other relevant entities of the United Nations system, an expert workshop, open to the participation of Governments, regional organizations, relevant United Nations bodies, civil society organizations and experts from different legal systems, to discuss specific measures for overcoming obstacles and challenges that States may face in preventing, investigating, prosecuting and punishing the perpetrators of violence against women and girls, as well as measures for providing protection, support, assistance and redress for victims, and also requested OHCHR to prepare a summary report thereon to be submitted to the Council. The workshop was held in Geneva on 24 and 25 November 2010. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/17/22) (see also paragraph 39 below).

19. In its resolution 14/12, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to prepare a compilation of good practices in efforts aimed at preventing violence against women, in consultation with the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, States, civil society and other relevant stakeholders, and to present a report thereon during the annual full-day discussion on women's human rights at its seventeenth session. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/17/23) (see also paragraphs 40 and 59 below).

Realization in all countries of economic, social and cultural rights

20. In its resolutions 10/1 and 14/13, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to continue to prepare and submit to the Council an annual report on the question of the realization in all countries of economic, social and cultural rights. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/17/24) (see also paragraph 33 below).

Rights of the child

21. In its resolution 16/12, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a summary of the full-day meeting on the rights of the child before the seventeenth session of the Council. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/17/46) (see also paragraph 44 below).

Situation of human rights in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

22. In its resolution S-15/1, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to submit a follow-up report on the situation of human rights in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the Council at its seventeenth session. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/17/45).

Situation of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire

23. In its resolution 16/25, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to present a report on the situation of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire at its seventeenth session. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/17/49).

Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic

24. In its resolution S-16/1, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to dispatch urgently a mission to the Syrian Arab Republic to investigate all alleged violations of international human rights law and to establish the facts and circumstances of such violations and of the crimes perpetrated, with a view to avoiding impunity and ensuring full accountability, and to provide a preliminary report and oral update on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic to the Council at its seventeenth session and to submit a follow-up report to the Council at its eighteenth session, and also requested the High Commissioner to organize an interactive dialogue on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic during the eighteenth session of the Council. Accordingly, the Council will consider the preliminary report and oral update on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic (A/HRC/17/51).

Technical assistance and cooperation on human rights for Kyrgyzstan

25. In its resolution 14/14, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to continue to provide technical assistance through her office in Bishkek and to work with the Government of Kyrgyzstan and other actors, as needed, to identify additional areas of assistance that would aid Kyrgyzstan in its ability to fulfil its human rights obligations, to

brief the Council on progress and to submit a report thereon to the Council at its seventeenth session. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/17/41) (see also paragraph 65 below).

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

A. Economic, social and cultural rights

Right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health

26. In its resolution 6/29, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health to submit an annual report to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the Special Rapporteur, Anand Grover (A/HRC/17/25 and Add.1-3).

27. In its resolution 12/24, the Human Rights Council invited OHCHR to convene an expert consultation for an exchange of views on human rights considerations relating to the realization of access to medicines as one of the fundamental elements in achieving progressively the full realization of the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, and invited the Special Rapporteur to present a summary of the discussions held during the expert consultation to the Council. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur on the expert consultation (A/HRC/17/43).

Right to education

28. In its resolution 8/4, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Rapporteur on the right to education to report to the Council on a yearly basis in accordance with its programme of work. The Council will consider the reports of the Special Rapporteur, Kishore Singh (A/HRC/17/29 and Add.1-2).

Human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises

29. In its resolution 8/7, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises to elaborate further on the scope and content of the corporate responsibility to respect all human rights and to provide concrete guidance to business and other stakeholders, to identify, exchange and promote best practices and lessons learned on the issue of transnational corporations and other business enterprises, and to report annually to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, John Ruggie (A/HRC/17/31 and Add.1-3).

30. Pursuant to the same resolution, the Human Rights Council will also consider the report of the Special Representative on options for the further operationalization of the framework for business and human rights and guiding principles for its implementation (A/HRC/17/32).

Human rights and extreme poverty

31. In its resolution 8/11, the Human Rights Council requested the independent expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty to submit an annual report on the

implementation of that resolution to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the independent expert, Maria Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona (A/HRC/17/34 and Add.1–2).

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

32. In its resolutions 11/5, 14/4 and 16/14, the Human Rights Council requested 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 to submit to the Council an analytical report on the implementation of the resolution. The Council will consider the reports of the independent expert, Cephas Lumina (A/HRC/17/37 and Add.1–2).

Cultural rights

33. Pursuant to its resolution 10/23, in which it established the mandate of the independent expert in the field of cultural rights, and in its resolution 14/9, the Human Rights Council requested the independent expert to present her next report to the Council at its seventeenth session. The Council will consider the reports of the independent expert, Farida Shaheed (A/HRC/17/38 and Add.1–2).

Realization in all countries of economic, social and cultural rights

34. Reference is made to the annual report of the High Commissioner on the question of the realization in all countries of economic, social and cultural rights (A/HRC/17/24) (see paragraph 20 above).

B. Civil and political rights

Freedom of opinion and expression

35. In its resolutions 7/36 and 12/16, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression to submit an annual report to the Council. In its resolution 16/4, the Council also requested the Special Rapporteur to submit an annual report to the Council and to the General Assembly covering all activities relating to his/her mandate, with a view to maximizing the benefits of the reporting process. The Council will consider the reports of the Special Rapporteur, Frank La Rue (A/HRC/17/27 and Add.1-3).

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

36. In its resolution 8/3, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions to submit to the Council his findings on an annual basis. The Council will consider the reports of the Special Rapporteur (A/HRC/17/28 and Add.1-6).

Independence of judges and lawyers

37. In its resolution 8/6, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers to report regularly to the Council in accordance with its programme of work. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, Gabriela Carina Knaul de Albuquerque e Silva (A/HRC/17/30 and Add.1–3).

Right to the truth

38. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the outcome of the seminar and consultation on the right to the truth (A/HRC/17/21) (see paragraph 17 above).

C. Rights of peoples and of specific groups and individuals*Violence against women, its causes and consequences*

39. In its resolutions 7/24 and 16/7, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, to report to the Council in accordance with its annual programme of work. The Council will consider the reports of the Special Rapporteur, Rashida Manjoo (A/HRC/17/26 and Add.1-5).

40. Reference is made to the summary report of the High Commissioner on the expert workshop on specific measures for overcoming obstacles and challenges that States may face in preventing, investigating, prosecuting and punishing the perpetrators of violence against women and girls, as well as measures for providing protection, support, assistance and redress for victims (A/HRC/17/22) (see also paragraph 18 above).

41. Reference is also made to the report of the High Commissioner on the compilation of good practices in efforts aimed at preventing violence against women (A/HRC/17/23) (see also paragraphs 19 above and 61 below).

Human rights of migrants

42. In its resolution 8/10, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants to report regularly to the Council, according to its annual programme of work. In its resolution 9/5, the Council also requested the Special Rapporteur, other special procedures of the Council and the High Commissioner for Human Rights to pay special attention to cases of arbitrary detention of migrants, particularly of migrant children and adolescents, and encouraged the Special Rapporteur to continue to examine ways and means of overcoming obstacles to the full and effective protection of the human rights of migrants, including national and international efforts to combat the trafficking of persons and smuggling of migrants, in order to achieve a better comprehension of the phenomena and to avoid practices that could violate the human rights of migrants. The Council will consider the reports of the Special Rapporteur, Jorge Bustamante (A/HRC/17/33 and Add.1-6).

Trafficking in persons, especially women and children

43. In its resolution 8/12, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children to report annually to the Council on the implementation of that resolution. The Council will consider the reports of the Special Rapporteur, Joy Ngozi Ezeilo (A/HRC/17/35 and Add.1-6).

Rights of the child

44. Pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 13/3, the open-ended Working Group on an optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child to provide a communications procedure held its second session from 6 to 10 December 2010 and from 10 to 16 February 2011, and adopted the text of the optional protocol by consensus. The Council will have before it the report of the Working Group on its second session (A/HRC/17/36).

45. Reference is made to the summary of the High Commissioner on the full-day meeting on the rights of the child (A/HRC/17/46) (see paragraph 21 above).

D. Interrelation of human rights and human rights thematic issues

Human rights and issues related to terrorist hostage-taking

46. In its decision 16/116, the Human Rights Council decided to convene, at its seventeenth session, a panel discussion on the issue of human rights of victims of terrorism, taking into account, inter alia, the recommendations of the Secretary-General's Symposium on Supporting Victims of Terrorism, held on 9 September 2008 in New York, and requested OHCHR to liaise with the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism and all concerned parties and stakeholders, including relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, with a view to ensuring their participation in the panel discussion (see annex).

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

Situation of human rights in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

47. In its resolution S-15/1, the Human Rights Council decided to urgently dispatch an independent, international commission of inquiry to investigate all alleged violations of international human rights law in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, to establish the facts and circumstances of such violations and of the crimes perpetrated and, where possible, to identify those responsible, to make recommendations, in particular, on accountability measures, all with a view to ensuring that those individuals responsible are held accountable, and to report to the Council at its seventeenth session. On 11 March 2011, the President of the Council announced the appointment of Cherif Bassiouni, Asma Khader and Philippe Kirsch to the commission of inquiry. The Council will consider the report of the commission of inquiry (A/HRC/17/44).

48. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (A/HRC/17/45) (see paragraph 22 above).

Situation of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire

49. In its resolution 16/25, the Human Rights Council decided to dispatch an independent, international commission of inquiry to investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding the allegations of serious abuses and violations of human rights committed in Côte d'Ivoire following the presidential election of 28 November 2010, in order to identify those responsible for such acts and to bring them to justice, and to present its findings to the Council at its seventeenth session. On 12 April 2011, the President of the Council appointed Vitit Muntabhorn, Suliman Baldo and Reine Alapini Gansou as members of the commission of inquiry. The Council will consider the report of the commission of inquiry (A/HRC/17/48).

50. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire (A/HRC/17/49) (see paragraph 23 above).

Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic

51. Reference is made to the preliminary report and oral update on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic (A/HRC/17/51).

5. Human rights bodies and mechanisms

A. Human Rights Council Advisory Committee

The right of peoples to peace

52. In its resolution 14/3, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee, in consultation with Member States, civil society, academia and all relevant stakeholders, to prepare a draft declaration on the right of peoples to peace, and to report on the progress thereon to the Council at its seventeenth session. The Council will have before it the progress report of the Advisory Committee (A/HRC/17/39).

B. Complaint procedure

53. In its resolution 5/1, the Human Rights Council established the complaint procedure as contained in section IV of the annex to that resolution. In paragraph 98 of the annex to resolution 5/1, the Working Group on Situations was requested, on the basis of the information and recommendations provided by the Working Group on Communications, to present the Council with a report on consistent patterns of gross and reliably attested violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and to make recommendations to the Council on the course of action to be taken.

54. At its seventeenth session, the Human Rights Council will consider issues relating to the complaint procedure in two closed meetings.

6. Universal periodic review

55. The Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review held its tenth session from 31 January to 4 February 2011. At its seventeenth session, the Human Rights Council will consider and adopt the final outcome of the review of the following countries: Nauru, Rwanda, Nepal, Saint Lucia, Oman, Austria, Myanmar, Australia, Georgia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Sao Tomé and Príncipe, Namibia, the Niger, Mozambique, Estonia and Paraguay.

56. Pursuant to the President's statement on modalities and practices for the universal periodic review process, agreed upon on 9 April 2008, the report of the Working Group, together with the views of the State under review concerning the recommendations and/or conclusions, as well as voluntary commitments made by the State under review and replies presented by the State under review, before the adoption of the outcome by the plenary, to questions or issues that were not sufficiently addressed during the interactive dialogue in the Working Group, will constitute the outcome of the review, which shall be adopted by the Human Rights Council at its plenary session through a standardized decision. It was also agreed that a summary of the views expressed on the outcome of the review by the State under review, and of Member and observer States of the Council, as well as general comments made by other relevant stakeholders, before the adoption of the outcome by the plenary, would be included in the report on the session of the Council.

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

57. No report has been submitted under this item at the seventeenth session.

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

Integrating the human rights of women throughout the United Nations system

58. In its resolution 6/30, the Human Rights Council decided to incorporate into its programme of work sufficient and adequate time, at minimum an annual full-day meeting, to discuss the human rights of women, including measures that can be adopted by States and other stakeholders, to address human rights violations experienced by women. The Council is scheduled to hold a full-day discussion on the human rights of women at its seventeenth session.

59. In its resolution 14/12, the Human Rights Council decided to include in the annual full-day discussion on women's human rights, at its seventeenth session, in consultation with the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, the theme of violence against women and girls, with an emphasis on prevention, with a view to sharing good practices and identifying remaining gaps in the area of prevention, and requested OHCHR to prepare and disseminate a summary of the proceedings (see annex).

60. In the same resolution, the Council requested OHCHR to prepare a compilation of good practices in efforts aimed at preventing violence against women, in consultation with the Special Rapporteur, States, civil society and other relevant stakeholders, and to present a report thereon during the annual full-day discussion on women's human rights at its seventeenth session. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/17/23) (see also paragraphs 19 and 41 above).

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

Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

61. In its resolution 16/33, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance to submit an annual report to the Council and to the General Assembly on all activities relating to his/her mandate with a view to maximizing the benefits of the reporting process. The Council will consider the reports of the Special Rapporteur, Githu Muigai (A/HRC/17/40 and Add.1-2).

62. In its resolution 14/16, the Human Rights Council decided to dedicate part of the programme of work under item 9 at its seventeenth session to a discussion on, inter alia, best practices in the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in the context of the tenth anniversary of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action during the high-level segment of the General Assembly. The Council will hold a discussion dedicated to this issue.

63. In its resolution 16/18, the Human Rights Council decided to convene, at its seventeenth session, a panel discussion on strengthened international efforts to foster a global dialogue for the promotion of a culture of tolerance and peace at all levels, based on respect for human rights and diversity of religions and beliefs (see annex).

10. Technical assistance and capacity-building

Technical assistance and cooperation on human rights for Kyrgyzstan

64. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on technical assistance and cooperation on human rights for Kyrgyzstan (A/HRC/17/41) (see also paragraph 25 above).

Situation of human rights in Haiti

65. In President's statement 15/1, the Human Rights Council approved the request of the Haitian authorities to have the mission of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti extended until September 2011. It encouraged the independent expert to collaborate with international institutions, donors and the international community in bringing their expertise to bear and furnishing sufficient resources to support the authorities' efforts to rebuild the country following the earthquake of 12 January 2010, and to continue the work begun in 2008 and to accomplish his mission by drawing upon his experience to further the cause of human rights in Haiti, with particular emphasis on economic, social and cultural rights, the rights of persons with disabilities, women's and children's rights and access to justice. The Council also invited the independent expert to undertake a mission to Haiti in the near future and to report to it thereon at its seventeenth session. The Council will consider the report of the independent expert, Michel Forst (A/HRC/17/42).

Advisory service and technical assistance for Burundi

66. In its resolution 16/34, the Human Rights Council resolved that the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Burundi would report to the Council at its seventeenth session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will have before it the report of the independent expert, Fatsah Ouguerouz (A/HRC/17/50).

Annex

Panels and discussions to be held at the seventeenth session of the Human Rights Council

<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Panels/discussion</i>
Human Rights Council resolution 6/30: Integrating the human rights of women throughout the United Nations system	Annual full-day discussion on the human rights of women
Human Rights Council resolution 14/12: Accelerating efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women: ensuring due diligence in prevention	
Human Rights Council resolution 14/16: From rhetoric to reality: a global call for concrete action against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	Discussion
Human Rights Council resolution 16/18: Combating intolerance, negative stereotyping and stigmatization of, and discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against, persons based on religion or belief	Panel
Human Rights Council decision 16/116: Panel on the human rights of victims of terrorism	Panel