

*The General Assembly,*

*PP1 Recalling* its resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006 which established the Human Rights Council;

*PP2 Also recalling* its resolution 62/219 endorsing Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1 and 5/2;

*PP3 Further recalling* operative paragraph 1 of resolution 60/251 mandating the General Assembly to review the status of the Council within five years and operative paragraph 16 of resolution 60/251 mandating the Human Rights Council to review its work and functioning five years after its establishment and report to the General Assembly;

*PP4 Recognizing* the important role of the Human Rights Council as the main body of the United Nations dealing with human rights, which form the third pillar of the UN system alongside peace and security and development;

*PP5 Taking note* of Human Rights Council resolution 16/21 containing the “Outcome of the Review of the Work and Functioning of the Human Rights Council”;

*PP6 Recalling* General Assembly decisions 65/195, 64/507, 63/503, 62/527, 61/503 on the allocation of agenda item “Report of the Human Rights Council”;

*PP7 Recalling* the respective competencies of the Third Committee and the Fifth Committee as Main Committees of the General Assembly;

*PP8 Recalling* its resolution 63/263 endorsing the recommendation of the ACABQ on the consideration of the financial requirements arising from resolutions and decisions of the Human Rights Council;

*OP1 Reaffirms* General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006;

*OP2 Decides* that the present resolution shall be a supplement to General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006;

*OP3 Decides* to maintain the status of the Human Rights Council as a subsidiary body of the General Assembly and to review it again in X years;

*OP4 Decides* that from 2013 onwards, the Human Rights Council will start its yearly cycle on 1 January 2013;

*OP5 Decides* that from 2012 onwards, elections to the Human Rights Council will be held in fall;

*OP6 Decides* that as a transitional measure, the period of office of Members of the Council ending in June 2012, June 2013 and June 2014, will exceptionally be extended until the end of the respective calendar year;

*OP7 Reaffirms* General Assembly decisions 65/195, 64/507, 63/503 and 61/503 to allocate the agenda item entitled “Report of the Human Rights Council” to the plenary meeting and to the Third Committee, on the understanding that

- a) the President of the Human Rights Council will present the report in her/his capacity as President;
- b) the plenary meeting of the General Assembly will consider the annual report of the Human Rights Council on its activities for the year;
- c) the Third Committee will consider and act on all recommendations of the Human Rights Council to the General Assembly, including those that deal with the development of international law in the field of human rights;
- d) the recommendations of the Human Rights Council will be submitted directly to the Third Committee, without prejudice to the right of Member States to present resolutions or decisions on any subject they deem appropriate;
- e) the Third Committee will consider the recommendations of the Human Rights Council individually/collectively;

*OP8 Invites* the Human Rights Council to continue to present its reports to the General Assembly following the format of A/65/53/Add.1;

*OP9 Decides* that the General Assembly will consider all financial implications emanating from the resolutions and decisions of all regular sessions of the Council of that same year, including its September session;

*OP10 Recognizes* the need for adequate modalities for financing unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising from resolutions and decisions of the Human Rights Council and *requests* the Secretary-General to propose to the Fifth Committee such modalities for its consideration at the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly;

*OP11 Underlines* the importance of creating an opportunity for States to present to the membership their voluntary pledges and commitments made in connection with their candidatures to the Human Rights Council;

*OP12 Endorses* the text entitled “Outcome of the Review of the Work and Functioning of the United Nations Human Rights Council” annexed to the present resolution;

*OP13 Encourages* the Human Rights Council to continue reviewing its work and functioning, taking into account in particular the provisions of resolution 60/251;