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## **Annotations to the agenda for the twenty-third session of the Human Rights Council**

**Note by the Secretary-General**

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## 1. Organizational and procedural matters

### Date and venue of the session

1. In accordance with its annual programme of work, the Human Rights Council will hold its twenty-third session from 27 May to 14 June 2013 at the United Nations Office at Geneva.
2. In accordance with rule 8(b) of the rules of procedure of the Human Rights Council, as contained in section VII of the annex to Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007, the organizational meeting for the twenty-third session will be held on 13 May 2013.

### Agenda of the session

3. The agenda of the Human Rights 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 twenty-third session.

### Composition of the Human Rights Council

4. The composition of the Human Rights Council at its twenty-third session is as follows:<sup>1</sup> Angola (2013); Argentina (2015); Austria (2014); Benin (2014); Botswana (2014); Burkina Faso (2014); Brazil (2015); Chile (2014); Congo (2014); Costa Rica (2014); Côte d'Ivoire (2015); Czech Republic (2014); Ecuador (2013); Estonia (2015); Ethiopia (2015); Gabon (2015); Germany (2015); Guatemala (2013); India (2014); Indonesia (2014); Ireland (2015); Italy (2014); Japan (2015); Kazakhstan (2015); Kenya (2015); Kuwait (2014); Libya (2013); Malaysia (2013); Maldives (2013); Mauritania (2013); Montenegro (2015); Pakistan (2015); Peru (2014); Philippines (2014); Poland (2013); Qatar (2013); Republic of Korea (2015); Republic of Moldova (2013); Romania (2014); Sierra Leone (2015); Spain (2013); Switzerland (2013); Thailand (2013); Uganda (2013); United Arab Emirates (2015); United States of America (2015); Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (2015).

### Bureau of the Human Rights Council

5. At its organizational meeting on 10 December 2012, the Human Rights Council elected the following members of the Bureau for its seventh cycle, which will run until 31 December 2013: President of the Council, Remigiusz A. Henczel (Poland); Vice-Presidents, Iruthisham Adam (Maldives), Alexandre Fasel (Switzerland), Cheikh Ahmed Ould Zahaf (Mauritania); Vice-President and Rapporteur, Luis Gallegos Chiriboga (Ecuador).

### Selection and appointment of mandate holders

6. 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

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<sup>1</sup> The term of membership of each State expires in the year indicated in parentheses.

composed of András Dékány (Hungary), Mohamed Siad Doualeh (Djibouti), Anayansi Rodríguez Camejo (Cuba), Rajab M. Sukayri (Jordan) and Peter Woolcott (Australia) will propose to the President of the Council a list of candidates for the new mandate holders (Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti, Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali) to be appointed at the twenty-third session.

7. 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 will be appointed before the end of the twenty-third session.

### **Report of the session**

8. 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 the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council and the President's statements, as well as a technical summary of the proceedings of the twenty-third session.

## **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**

9. 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.

### *Conscientious objection to military service*

10. In its resolution 20/2, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to prepare a quadrennial analytical report on conscientious objection to military service, in particular on new developments, best practices and remaining challenges, and to submit the first report to the Council at its twenty-third session. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/23/22).

### *Discrimination against women*

11. In its resolution 20/4, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to prepare a report on discrimination against women in nationality-related matters, including the impact on children, under national and international law, including best practices by States and other measures that eliminate nationality discrimination against women and avoid or reduce statelessness, before the twenty-third session of the Council. The Council will consider the report of the OHCHR (A/HRC/23/23).

12. Reference is also made to the report of the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice (A/HRC/23/50 and Add.1-2), and to the annual full-day meeting to discuss the human rights of women (see also paragraphs 37 and 38 below and annex).

### *Violence against women*

13. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 50/166, the Human Rights Council will have before it the report of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the

Empowerment of Women on the activities of the United Nations Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence against Women (A/HRC/23/17).

14. In its resolution 20/12, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to prepare, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, recommendations on how to create and/or strengthen linkages and synergies between the mechanisms of the Council, and also with other relevant intergovernmental processes on the issue of violence against women and girls. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/23/25).

*Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights*

15. In its resolution 18/14, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to hold, in 2012, a workshop on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights to take stock of developments since the workshop held in 2010, including a thematic discussion based on the concrete and practical experience of regional mechanisms. In the same resolution, the Council also requested the High Commissioner to present to the Council, at its twenty-second session, a report containing a summary of the discussions held at the above-mentioned workshop and of the progress towards the implementation of the present resolution. The regional workshop was held from 12 to 14 December 2012. As indicated in the note by the secretariat submitted to the Council at its twenty-second session (A/HRC/22/68), the Council will have before it the report prepared by OHCHR on the workshop (A/HRC/23/18).

*Rights of the child*

16. At its twenty-second session, the Human Rights Council held a full-day panel discussion on the rights of the child, which, in accordance with Council resolution 19/37, focused on the right of the child to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health. Pursuant to its resolution 22/32, the Council will have before it a note by the secretariat on the full-day meeting (A/HRC/23/59).

*Negative impact of corruption on the enjoyment of human rights*

17. In its resolution 21/13, the Human Rights Council decided to convene, at its twenty-second session, a panel discussion on the issue of the negative impact of corruption on the enjoyment of human rights, and requested OHCHR to prepare a summary report on the panel discussion, to be submitted to the Council at its twenty-third session. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/23/26).

*Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights*

18. In its resolution 19/33, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to organize, before the twenty-second session of the Council, a seminar on the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights, with the participation of States, relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, and other stakeholders, including academic experts and civil society, in addition to a member of the Advisory Committee. In resolution 19/33, the Council also requested OHCHR to prepare a report on the deliberations held during the seminar and to submit it to the Council at its twenty-second session. As indicated in the note by the secretariat submitted to the Council at its twenty-second session (A/HRC/22/23), the Council will have before it the report on the seminar, which was held on 15 February 2013 (A/HRC/23/20).

*National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights*

19. Pursuant to its resolution 20/14, the Human Rights Council will consider the reports of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human

rights (A/HRC/23/27) and on the activities of the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (A/HRC/23/28).

*Operations of the Voluntary Fund for participation in the Universal Periodic Review and the Voluntary Fund for financial and technical assistance in the implementation of the universal periodic review*

20. In its decision 17/119, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to provide a report on the operations of the Voluntary Fund for Participation in the Universal Periodic Review and the Voluntary Fund for financial and technical assistance in the implementation of the universal periodic review. In its resolution 19/33, the Council reiterated its request to OHCHR to provide the Council with an annual written update on the operations of the two Funds. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR on the Voluntary Fund for Participation in the Universal Periodic Review (A/HRC/23/61) and a note by the Secretary-General on the Voluntary Fund for financial and technical assistance in the implementation of the universal periodic review (A/HRC/23/60).

*Twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

21. In its resolution 21/20, the Human Rights Council decided to convene, on the first day of the high-level segment of its twenty-second session, a high-level panel discussion to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, with a particular focus on its implementation, as well as on achievements, best practices and challenges in this regard. In resolution 21/20, the Council also requested OHCHR to prepare a summary report on the panel discussion. The Council will have before it the report prepared by OHCHR (A/HRC/23/29).

*Nelson Mandela International Day panel*

22. In its resolution 20/18, the Human Rights Council decided to hold, at its twenty-first session, a high-level panel discussion on how the values of reconciliation, peace, freedom and racial equality can contribute to the promotion and protection of human rights, and requested OHCHR to compile a summary of the outcome of the discussion and to present it to the Council at its twenty-third session. The Council will have before it the summary prepared by OHCHR (A/HRC/23/30).

*Technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights for South Sudan*

23. In its resolution 21/28, the Human Rights Council requested Member States, relevant United Nations agencies and stakeholders to support, as a matter of urgency, the national efforts of the Government of South Sudan, in accordance with Council resolution 18/17, and also requested OHCHR to submit a written report on the progress of technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights for South Sudan to the Council at its twenty-third session. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/23/31).

*Situation of human rights in Mali*

24. In its resolution 22/18, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to provide an updated report on the situation of human rights in Mali at its twenty-third session. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/23/57).

### **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**

##### *Cultural rights*

25. In its resolution 19/6, the Human Rights Council decided to extend for a period of three years the mandate of the independent expert as special rapporteur in the field of cultural rights. In its resolution 20/11, the Council requested the Special Rapporteur to present her next report to the Council at its twenty-third session. The Council will consider the report of the current mandate holder, Farida Shaheed (A/HRC/23/34 and Add.1-2).

##### *Right to education*

26. In its resolution 17/3, 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 report of the current mandate holder, Kishore Singh (A/HRC/23/35 and Add.1-2).

##### *Extreme poverty and human rights*

27. In its resolution 17/13, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights to submit an annual report on the implementation of that resolution to the Council. The Council will consider the report of the current mandate holder, Maria Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona (A/HRC/23/36 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*

28. In its resolutions 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 to report regularly to the Council and the General Assembly in accordance with their respective programmes of work. In its resolution 20/10, the Council requested the Independent Expert to submit to the Council an analytical report on the implementation of that resolution and on the process of developing the commentary to the guiding principles on foreign debt and human rights to the Council in 2013. The Council will consider the report of the Independent Expert, Cephias Lumina (A/HRC/23/37 and Add.1).

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

29. In its resolution 15/22, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health for a further period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit an annual report to the Council. The Council will consider the report of the current mandate holder, Anand Grover (A/HRC/23/41 and Add.1-3).

30. In its resolution 17/14, 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 prepare a study on existing challenges with regard to access to medicines in the context of the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of

physical and mental health, ways to overcome them and good practices. The Council will have before it the study of the current mandate holder (A/HRC/23/42).

## **B. Civil and political rights**

### *Conscientious objection to military service*

31. Reference is made to the report of OHCHR on conscientious objection to military service, in particular on new developments, best practices and remaining challenges (A/HRC/23/22) (see also paragraph 10 above).

### *Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association*

32. In its resolution 15/21, in which it established the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Rapporteur to submit an annual report to the Council covering activities relating to his or her mandate. In its resolution 21/16, the Council invited the Special Rapporteur to include, in his next annual report, the importance of the freedom of peaceful assembly and of association to the work of civil society actors, including with respect to the progressive realization of economic, social and cultural rights. The Council will consider the report of the current mandate holder, Maina Kiai (A/HRC/23/39 and Add.1-2).

### *Freedom of opinion and expression*

33. In its resolution 16/4, 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 and to the General Assembly covering all activities relating to the mandate, with a view to maximizing the benefits of the reporting process. The Council will consider the report of the current mandate holder, Frank La Rue (A/HRC/23/40 and Add.1-2).

### *Independence of judges and lawyers*

34. In its resolution 17/2, 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 current mandate holder, Gabriela Knaul (A/HRC/23/43 and Add.1-4).

### *Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions*

35. 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 or her findings on an annual basis. In its resolution 17/5, the Council extended the mandate for a further three years. The Council will consider the report of the current mandate holder, Christof Heyns (A/HRC/23/47 and Add.1-5).

## **C. Rights of peoples, and specific groups and individuals**

### *Discrimination against women*

36. Reference is made to the report of OHCHR on discrimination against women in nationality-related matters, including the impact on children (A/HRC/23/23) (see also paragraph 11 above).



37. Pursuant to resolution 15/23, the Human Rights Council requested the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice to submit an annual report to the Council. In its resolution 20/6, the Council requested the Working Group, among others, to give special attention, in the discharge of its mandate, to the importance of the right to education as key to the empowerment of women and girls in all spheres as well as for ensuring equality and non-discrimination. The Council will consider the report of the Working Group, on discrimination against women in public and political life, including in political transition (A/HRC/23/50 and Add.1-2).

38. 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 will hold a full-day discussion at its twenty-third session (see annex).

#### *Violence against women, its causes and consequences*

39. In its resolution 16/7, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, for a period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to report to the Council in accordance with its annual programme of work. The Council will consider the report of the current mandate holder, Rashida Manjoo (A/HRC/23/49 and Add.1-6).

40. Reference is also made to the report on the activities of the United Nations Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence against Women (A/HRC/23/17) (see also paragraph 13 above).

41. Reference is also made to the report of OHCHR on recommendations on how to create and/or strengthen linkages and synergies between the mechanisms of the Human Rights Council, and also with other relevant intergovernmental processes on the issue of violence against women and girls (A/HRC/23/25) (see also paragraph 14 above).

#### *Internally displaced persons*

42. In its resolution 14/6, the Human Rights Council invited the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons to continue to submit annual reports on the implementation of his/her mandate, making suggestions and recommendations regarding the human rights of internally displaced persons, including on the impact of measures taken at the inter-agency level. In its resolution 20/9, the Council invited the Special Rapporteur to continue to analyse the particular human rights challenges faced by internally displaced persons outside camps and in urban settings, while taking into account the situation of the host communities concerned, to identify challenges and good practices and to make proposals with a view to developing a more systematic approach to the protection of their human rights and the promotion of durable solutions in the context of his participation in the Inter-Agency Standing Committee and in his regular reporting to the General Assembly and the Council. The Council will consider the report of the current mandate holder, Chaloka Beyani (A/HRC/23/44 and Add.1-2).

#### *Human rights of migrants*

43. In its resolution 17/12, the Human Rights Council extended the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants for a further three years. In its resolution 20/3, the Council requested the Special Rapporteur to continue his efforts to promote and support the building of greater synergies among States to strengthen cooperation and assistance for the protection of the human rights of all migrants and to continue to report on practical solutions in order to enhance the protection of human rights

of migrants. The Council will consider the report of the current mandate holder, François Crépeau (A/HRC/23/46 and Add.1-4).

*Trafficking in persons, especially women and children*

44. In its resolution 17/1, the Human Rights Council extended the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children for a period of three years, and requested the mandate holder to report annually to the Council on the implementation of that resolution. The Council will consider the report of the current mandate holder, Joy Ngozi Ezeilo (A/HRC/23/48 and Add.1-4).

*Rights of the child*

45. Reference is made to the note by the secretariat on the full-day meeting on the rights of the child (A/HRC/23/59) (see also paragraph 16 above).

**D. Interrelation of human rights and human rights thematic issues**

*Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights*

46. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the above-mentioned workshop (A/HRC/23/18) (see also paragraph 15 above).

*Negative impact of corruption on the enjoyment of human rights*

47. Reference is made to the summary report of OHCHR on the panel discussion on the issue of the negative impact of corruption on the enjoyment of human rights (A/HRC/23/26) (see also paragraph 17 above).

*Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights*

48. Reference is made to the report of OHCHR on the seminar on the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights (A/HRC/23/20) (see also paragraph 18 above).

*Human rights, democracy and the rule of law*

49. Pursuant to its resolution 19/36, the Human Rights Council decided to organize a panel discussion on common challenges facing States in their efforts to secure democracy and the rule of law from a human rights perspective, as well as on lessons learned and best practices in the engagement of the State with the international community to support such processes. The Council will hold the panel discussion at its twenty-third session (see annex).

*Human rights and international solidarity*

50. In its resolution 21/10, the Human Rights Council requested the Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity to, among others, continue to identify areas to be addressed, the main concepts and norms that can form the basis of a framework, and good practices to inform the future development of law and policy with regard to human rights and international solidarity. In the same resolution, the Council also requested the Independent Expert to submit a report on the implementation of that resolution to the Council at its twenty-third session. The Council will consider the report of the current mandate holder, Virginia Dandan (A/HRC/23/45 and Add.1).

*Business and human rights*

51. In its resolution 21/5, the Human Rights Council decided to organize a panel discussion with high-level representatives from relevant United Nations programmes, funds and agencies to discuss strategies for advancing the business and human rights agenda by the United Nations system. The Council will hold the panel discussion at its twenty-third session (see annex).

*Human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises*

52. In its resolution 17/4, the Human Rights Council established a working group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises for a period of three years, and requested it to report annually to the Council and the General Assembly. The Council will consider the report of the Working Group (A/HRC/23/32 and Add.1-2).

53. Reference is also made to the note by the secretariat on the summary of discussions held at the first Forum on Business and Human Rights, held from 3 to 5 December 2012 (A/HRC/23/33) (see also paragraph 60 below).

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

*Situation of human rights in Belarus*

54. In its resolution 20/13, the Human Rights Council decided to appoint a Special Rapporteur to monitor the situation of human rights in Belarus and to make recommendations for its improvement and to report annually to the Council and to the General Assembly in accordance with their respective programmes of work. The Council will consider the report of the current mandate holder, Miklós Haraszti (A/HRC/23/52).

*Situation of human rights in Eritrea*

55. In its resolution 20/20, the Human Rights Council decided to appoint a special rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea for a period of one year, who will submit a report to the Council at its twenty-third session. The Council will consider the report of the current mandate holder, Sheila B. Keetharuth (A/HRC/23/53).

*Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic*

56. In its resolution 22/24, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the independent international commission of inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic established by resolution S-17/1 to investigate all alleged violations of international human rights law since March 2011 in the Syrian Arab Republic, and requested the commission to continue its work and to present a written report on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic during an interactive dialogue at the twenty-third session of the Council. In resolution 22/24, the Council also requested the commission to continue to update its mapping exercise of gross violations of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic, including the assessment of casualty figures, and to publish it periodically. The Council will consider the report of the commission (A/HRC/23/58).

#### **5. Human rights bodies and mechanisms**

57. Pursuant to its resolution 22/15, the Human Rights Council will hold a panel discussion on the contribution of parliaments to the work of the Council and its universal periodic review (see annex).

## **A. Special procedures**

58. The Human Rights Council will have before it the communications report of special procedures (A/HRC/23/51). The full report will be available online.

## **B. Social Forum**

59. The 2012 session of the Social Forum, held from 1 to 3 October 2012, focused on (a) people-centred development and global governance in an era of multiple challenges and social transformation; (b) promoting measures and actions for participatory development and democratic governance, including through the role of civil society and social movements at the grass-roots, local and national levels; and (c) enhancing a globally enabling environment for development, including through the international financial system, which should support sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth, sustainable development and hunger and poverty eradication in developing countries, while allowing for the coherent mobilization of all sources of financing for development. The Council will consider the report of the Forum on the session (A/HRC/23/54).

## **C. Forum on Business and Human Rights**

60. In its resolution 17/4, the Human Rights Council decided to establish a forum on business and human rights under the guidance of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises to discuss trends and challenges in the implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and promote dialogue and cooperation on issues linked to business and human rights, including challenges faced in particular sectors, operational environments or in relation to specific rights or groups, as well as identifying good practices. The Council will have before it a note by the secretariat on the summary of discussions held at the first session of the Forum, held from 3 to 5 December 2012 (A/HRC/23/33).

## **D. Open-ended intergovernmental working group on the right to peace**

61. In its resolutions 14/3 and 17/16, the Human Rights Council requested the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee to present a draft declaration on the right of peoples to peace and to report on progress thereon to the Council. In its resolution 20/15, the Council decided to establish an open-ended intergovernmental working group with the mandate of progressively negotiating a draft United Nations declaration on the right to peace, on the basis of the draft submitted by the Advisory Committee. The Council will have before it the report of the working group on its first session, held from 18 to 21 February 2013 (A/HRC/23/55).

## **6. Universal periodic review**

62. In its resolution 5/1, the Human Rights Council established the universal periodic review mechanism as contained in section I of the annex to that resolution. The Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review held its fifteenth session from 21 January to 1 February 2013. At its twenty-third session, the Council will consider the final outcome of the review of Bahamas (A/HRC/23/8), Barbados (A/HRC/23/11), Botswana (A/HRC/23/7), Burundi (A/HRC/23/9), France (A/HRC/23/3), Liechtenstein (A/HRC/23/14), Luxembourg (A/HRC/23/10), Mali (A/HRC/23/6), Montenegro (A/HRC/23/12), Romania

(A/HRC/23/5), Serbia (A/HRC/23/15), Tonga (A/HRC/23/4) and the United Arab Emirates (A/HRC/23/13).

63. Pursuant to President's statement 9/2 on modalities and practices for the universal periodic review process, 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, to 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 of the session of the Council.

64. At its organizational meeting on 29 January 2013, the Human Rights Council decided to request the President of the Council to take all appropriate steps and measures, in accordance with his mandate, to urge the State under review, Israel, to resume its cooperation with the universal periodic review mechanism and to report on the results of his efforts. In the same decision, the Council decided to consider, at the latest at its twenty-third session, any steps that may be deemed appropriate in the light of the provisions of General Assembly resolution 60/251 and Human Rights Council resolution 5/1.

65. Reference is also made to the report of OHCHR on the operations of the Voluntary Fund for participation in the Universal Periodic Review (A/HRC/23/61) and to the note by the Secretary-General on the operation of the Voluntary Fund for financial and technical assistance in the implementation of the universal periodic review (A/HRC/23/60) (see also paragraph 20 above).

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

*Situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967*

66. In accordance with its resolution 5/1, the Human Rights Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, Richard Falk (A/HRC/23/21).

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

*National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights*

67. Reference is made to the reports of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (A/HRC/23/27) and on the activities of the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (A/HRC/23/28) (see also paragraph 19 above).

*Twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

68. Reference is made to the summary report of OHCHR on the high-level panel discussion to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Vienna

Declaration and Programme of Action, held at the twenty-second session (A/HRC/23/29) (see also paragraph 21 above).

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

### *Nelson Mandela International Day panel*

69. Reference is made to the summary report of OHCHR on the high-level panel discussion on how the values of reconciliation, peace, freedom and racial equality can contribute to the promotion and protection of human rights, held at the twenty-first session (A/HRC/23/30) (see also paragraph 22 above).

### *Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance*

70. 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 the mandate with a view to maximizing the benefits of the reporting process. The Council will consider the report of the current mandate holder, Mutuma Ruteere (A/HRC/23/56 and Add.1-3).

71. In its resolution 67/154 on the glorification of Nazism: inadmissibility of certain practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, the General Assembly requested the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance to prepare, for submission to the Assembly at its sixty-eighth session and to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-third session, a report on the implementation of that resolution. The Council will consider the report of the current mandate holder (A/HRC/23/24).

### *Follow-up to and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action*

72. In its resolution 11/12, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action. In its resolution 21/33, the Council took note of the report of the Working Group on its ninth session and, in its resolution 18/27, decided that the Working Group should convene its tenth session from 8 to 19 October 2012. The Council will have before it the report of the Working Group on that session (A/HRC/23/19).

## **10. Technical assistance and capacity-building**

### *Technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights for South Sudan*

73. Reference is made to the report of OHCHR on technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights for South Sudan (A/HRC/23/31) (see also paragraph 23 above).

### *Situation of human rights in Mali*

74. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in Mali (A/HRC/23/57) (see also paragraph 24 above).

*Situation of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire*

75. In its resolution 20/19, the Human Rights Council decided to renew the mandate of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire for a period of one year, and requested the Independent Expert to submit his report to the Council at its twenty-second session and his recommendations at its twenty-third session. The Council will have before it the recommendations of the current mandate holder, Doudou Diène (A/HRC/23/38).

*Enhancement of technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights*

76. In its resolution 18/18, the Human Rights Council invited the High Commissioner to make an annual presentation on the overview of and successes, best practices and challenges in technical assistance and capacity-building efforts, particularly those provided by OHCHR and relevant United Nations agencies. The High Commissioner will make a presentation during the twenty-third session.

*United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights*

77. In its resolution 18/18, the Human Rights Council invited the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights to present a comprehensive report on the Board's work to the Council on an annual basis. The Council will be informed of the work of the Voluntary Fund by the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, William A. Schabas.

## Annex

### Panel discussions to be held at the twenty-third session of the Human Rights Council

<i>Resolution/decision</i>	<i>Panel/discussion</i>
<b>6/30</b> Integrating the human rights of women throughout the United Nations system	Annual full-day discussion on the human rights of women
<b>19/36</b> Human rights, democracy and the rule of law	Panel discussion on common challenges faced by States in their efforts to secure democracy and the rule of law from a human rights perspective
<b>21/5</b> Contribution of the United Nations system as a whole to the advancement of the business and human rights agenda and the dissemination and implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights	Panel discussion to discuss strategies for advancing the business and human rights agenda by the United Nations system
<b>22/15</b> The contribution of parliaments to the work of the Human Rights Council and its universal periodic review	Panel discussion on the contribution of parliaments to the work of the Human Rights Council and its universal periodic review