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## Thirteen Special Session of the Human Rights Council

### The Support of the Human Rights Council to the Recovery Process in Haiti after the Earthquake of January 12, 2010: a Human Rights Approach

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The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council presents its compliments to all United Nations Member States, specialized agencies, other intergovernmental organizations and national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC and has the honour to inform them that the Secretariat received from the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations Office at Geneva on Monday 25 January 2010, a request to hold a special session on "The Support of the Human Rights Council to the Recovery Process in Haiti after the Earthquake of January 12, 2010: a Human Rights Approach".

In order for a special session to be convened, in conformity with operative paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 60/251, the support of one-third of the membership of the Council (16 members or more) is required. The above-mentioned request was supported by the following 32 Member States of the Council: **Angola, Argentina, Bahrain, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Chile, China, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, France, Gabon, India, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Mexico, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, The Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Uruguay.**

Pursuant to paragraph 122 of the Annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, the special session should be held, in principle, no earlier than two working days and no later than five working days after the formal receipt of the request. Further to paragraph 124, the President should hold open-ended informative consultations before the special session on its conduct and organization.

Accordingly, the organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 January at 3.00 p.m. in Room XIX and the special session will commence on Wednesday 27 January at 10.00 a.m. in Room XX.

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