Human Rights Council


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Recalling that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaims that every individual and every organ of society, keeping the Declaration constantly in mind, shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for the rights and freedoms contained in it,

Recalling the high importance attached to human rights education by the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted in June 1993 by the World Conference on Human Rights, and the great value of the World Programme for Human Rights Education,

Reaffirming that the Human Rights Council shall, inter alia, promote human rights education and learning,

Believing that enhanced efforts to promote human rights education would represent a major contribution of the Human Rights Council,

Reaffirming the importance of the World Programme for Human Rights Education,

Mindful and appreciative of the efforts made in this regard by the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Children’s Fund, the United Nations Development Programme and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights as well as by other relevant stakeholders, including educators and non-governmental organizations,
1. Requests the “Human Rights Council Advisory Committee” to prepare a draft declaration on human rights education and training, to be presented to the Human Rights Council for consideration; to this end:

   (a) Requests the “Human Rights Council Advisory Committee” to seek the views and inputs of Member States, relevant international and regional organizations, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, national human rights institutions as well as civil society organizations, including non-governmental organizations, on the possible elements of the content of the declaration and to take into account existing relevant instruments;

   (b) Requests also the “Human Rights Council Advisory Committee” to present a progress report to the Human Rights Council, at its 2009 main session, containing the elements of the draft declaration on human rights education and training;

2. Decides to consider the progress report at its 2009 main session.

[Adopted without a vote]

21st meeting
28 September 2007