



## Human Rights Council

### **Resolution 7/13. Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography**

*The Human Rights Council,*

*Bearing in mind* paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006,

*Recalling* Council resolutions 5/1 on institution-building of the United Nations Human Rights Council and 5/2 on the Code of Conduct for Special Procedures Mandate-holders of the Human Rights Council, of 18 June 2007, and stressing that the mandate-holder shall discharge his/her duties in accordance with those resolutions and the annexes thereto,

*Recalling also* all previous resolutions on the mandate on sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, especially Commission on Human Rights resolution 1990/68 of 7 March 1990 and decision 2004/285 of the Economic and Social Council of 22 July 2004,

*Bearing in mind* the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocols and other instruments relating to this mandate,

*Deeply concerned* about the persistence of the practices of sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography in many parts of the world,

1. *Welcomes* the work and contributions of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography;

2. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur for a period of three years:

(a) To consider matters relating to the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography;

- (b) To continue, through continuous and constructive dialogue with Governments, intergovernmental organizations and civil society, including non-governmental organizations concerned, the analysis of the root causes of sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, addressing all the contributing factors, especially the demand factor;
- (c) To identify and make concrete recommendations on preventing and combating new patterns of sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography;
- (d) To identify, exchange and promote best practices on measures to combat the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography;
- (e) To continue, in consultation with Governments, intergovernmental organizations and civil society, including non-governmental organizations concerned, his/her efforts to promote comprehensive strategies and measures on the prevention of sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography;
- (f) To make recommendations on the promotion and protection of human rights of children actual or potential victims of sale, prostitution and pornography, as well as on the aspects related to the rehabilitation of child victims of sexual exploitation;
- (g) To integrate a gender perspective throughout the work of his/her mandate;
- (h) To work in close coordination with other relevant bodies and mechanisms of the United Nations, the Committee on the Rights of the Child and, in particular, with other special procedures of the Council, such as the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially in women and children, the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on violence against children, bearing in mind their complementarity, in order to strengthen the work for the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while avoiding unnecessary duplication of efforts;

(i) To submit a report on the implementation of his/her mandate to the Council in accordance with its annual programme of work;

3. *Requests* all Governments to cooperate with the Special Rapporteur in the performance of the task and duties mandated, to furnish necessary information requested in his/her communications and to react promptly to the Special Rapporteur's urgent appeals;

4. *Encourages* all Governments to respond favourably to the requests of the Special Rapporteur to visit their countries so as to enable him/her to fulfil the mandate effectively;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide all the human, technical and financial assistance to the Special Rapporteur necessary for the effective fulfilment of his/her mandate;

6. *Decides* to continue the consideration of this question in accordance with its programme of work.

*40th meeting*  
*27 March 2008*  
Adopted without a vote.