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I. Recommendations adopted by the Advisory Committee at its first session

1/1. Drafting group on human rights education and training: programme of work

The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,

Welcoming the request by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 6/10, entitled “United Nations declaration on human rights education and training”, in which the Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a draft declaration on human rights education and training, to be presented to the Council for its consideration,

Acknowledging that, to this end, the Advisory Committee was requested 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,

Also acknowledging that the Advisory Committee was requested to present a progress report to the Council at its session in March 2009, containing the elements of the draft declaration on human rights education and training,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 59/113 of 14 July 2005 on the World Programme for Human Rights Education,

1. *Entrusted* a drafting group with the task of undertaking preparatory work for consideration by the Advisory Committee;
2. *Designated* the following members of the Advisory Committee as members of the drafting group: Mr. Emmanuel Decaux, Mr. Héctor Felipe Fix Fierro, Mr. Vladimir Kartashkin, Ms. Purificacion V. Quisumbing and Mrs. Halima Embarek Warzazi;
3. *Notes* that the drafting group elected Mrs. Warzazi as Chairperson and Mr. Decaux as Rapporteur of the drafting group;
4. *Notes also* that the drafting group held five meetings, including an exchange of views with various stakeholders, in particular with interested non-governmental organizations, during the first session of the Advisory Committee;
5. *Welcomes* the paper prepared by the drafting group, annexed to the present recommendation, containing the elements of the conceptual framework for further work and consultations;

6. *Encourages* the drafting group to continue its preparatory work, with a view to submit further elements to the Advisory Committee at its next session;

7. *Requests* the Secretariat to provide all assistance necessary to facilitate the activities of the drafting group, particularly to disseminate the questionnaires addressed to the various stakeholders, and to make all relevant information on the ongoing work of the group available on the website of the Advisory Committee.

Annex

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**DRAFTING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS
EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**Elements of the conceptual framework for further work and consultations
in implementation of Human Rights Council resolution 6/10**

12.08.08

Article 26 UDHR

1. Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory. Technical and professional education shall be made generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit.
2. Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups, and shall further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace.
3. Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children.

I. CONSULTATIONS

Meeting with UNESCO:

- To be conducted by the Rapporteur

Consultations with:

- Member States of the United Nations
- Stakeholders (international organizations, regional organizations, NGOs, civil society organizations, ...)
- Special targets:
 - NHRIs
 - UNESCO Chairs, universities, “pedagogical sciences”
 - Trade unions of teachers/educators
 - Inter-Parliamentarian Union (IPU)
 - Networks of jurists

Issues:

- Good practices, difficulties, gaps
- Innovative, creative, practical communication tools
- Effectiveness of the Decades and the World Programme for Human Rights Education

Ways:

- Questionnaire(s)
- Website on the OHCHR Extranet

II. ELEMENTS: conceptual framework

A declaration which will make a difference

A. *General guidelines*

1. Legal basis: United Nations Charter and Universal Declaration, International Covenants on Human Rights, and all the relevant instruments of international and regional organizations.

2. UNESCO declarations^a (soft law)
3. International obligations (hard law)
 - Education, according to article 26 (1) of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, and effectiveness: Millennium Development Goals
 - HR education as a human right, according to article 26 (2) of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights
 - Nature of obligations: promote, respect, protect, fulfil
 - Duty-bearers: international organizations, States, Non-State actors: academic institutions, media, enterprises, etc.
 - Objectives: education, training, information, awareness, learning
4. Reinforcement of State obligations
 - Universal obligations (to be further elaborated)
 - Economic, social and cultural situations should be taken into due consideration
5. Vision
 - Human rights education for all, education during the whole life (lifelong process)
 - Specificity of human rights education, using law as a tool
 - Education on human rights, human rights in education
 - Substance and approach: not only matter, but also manner
 - Inclusiveness, gender perspective, non-discrimination
 - Active participation
 - Empowerment
 - Cooperation, international dimension
 - Evaluation

^a In particular UNESCO recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Co-operation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (1974).

6. Context, preconditions

- Vulnerable groups, persons with disabilities, persons with literacy limitations
- Democratic society, pluralism, tolerance and openness, respect for all human rights
- Academic freedoms, teachers and human rights defenders

7. Follow-up to the Declaration

B. Parameters

1. Components

- Programme: human rights education as compulsory subject
- Organization of school system
- Violence in schools
- Duty-bearers
- Beneficiaries
- Training the trainers (education and training at all levels of teaching)
- Multidisciplinary approach

2. Stages

- Primary education
- Secondary education
- Higher education/University education: lawyers, non-lawyers, physicians, scientists, etc.
- Professional education
 - Judiciary, administration, law enforcement personnel, military, etc.
 - Enterprises, private sector
- Continuing education (including adult education)

- Informal education and other forms of education (“*education populaire*”)
- Media

3. Contents

- Substantive rights, protection mechanisms
- Programmes depending on ages and target audiences
- International human rights, core instruments (for example: Convention on the Rights of the Child)
- International humanitarian law and international criminal law
- International labour conventions
- UNESCO and other international and regional instruments
- Peace and international solidarity, future generations

4. Tools

- Lectures, books and other publications
- Translation of the most important human rights materials
- Summer programmes and other courses
- E-learning, new technologies
- Other pedagogical methods (drama, cartoons, movies) or other forms of cultural presentation (cf. indigenous peoples)
- Media, radio, advertising campaigns (“know your rights”) ...
- Exhibitions, museums

III. DOCUMENTATION

(a) **United Nations**

Resolutions by the Human Rights Council and other bodies

- Human Rights Council resolution 6/10 entitled “United Nations declaration on human rights education and training”

- Human Rights Council resolution 6/24 entitled “World Programme for Human Rights Education”
- Human Rights Council resolution 6/9 entitled “Development of public information activities in the field of human rights, including the World Public Information Campaign on Human Rights”
- General Assembly resolution 62/171 entitled “International Year for Human Rights Learning”
- Sub-Commission resolution 2006/19 entitled “World Programme for Human Rights Education”

Other United Nations resolutions and instruments relevant to human rights education

World Programme for Human Rights Education

- World Programme for Human Rights Education: introduction (OHCHR website)
- Plan of Action (OHCHR publication)
- 2008 Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/HRC/9/4)
- 2007 Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/HRC/4/85)
- Summary of national initiatives undertaken within the World Programme for Human Rights Education (OHCHR website)

United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education

- United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education: introduction (OHCHR web page)
- Plan of Action (A/51/506/Add.1)
- Summary of national initiatives undertaken within the Decade for Human Rights Education (OHCHR website)
- Study on the follow-up to the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education (E/CN.4/2003/101)
- Report on the achievements and shortcomings of the Decade and on future United Nations activities in the area (E/CN.4/2004/93)

- Midterm global evaluation of the progress made towards the achievement of the objectives of the Decade, 2000
 1. Questionnaire for Governments (midterm evaluation, 2000)
 2. Questionnaire for NGOs (midterm evaluation, 2000)
 3. Questionnaire for IGOs (midterm evaluation, 2000)

The right to Human Rights Education (OHCHR publication)

- (b) **UNESCO** - *to be completed with documentation received*
- (c) **ILO** - *to be completed with documentation received*
- (d) **UNICEF** and other concerned agencies - *to be completed with documentation received*

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14 August 2008*

1/2. Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order

Recalling Human Rights Council resolution 8/5 of 18 June 2008, entitled “Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order”, and considering the vastness of the issues addressed by the Council in resolution 8/5 and the various opinions and interpretations expressed, the Advisory Committee will continue its deliberations on this matter at its next session, including by referring to the work that has been already done by the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and any other human rights mechanisms.

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1/3. Missing persons

The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,

Recalling Human Rights Council resolution 7/28 of 28 March 2008, entitled “Missing persons”, in which the Council decided to hold a panel discussion on the question of missing persons at its ninth session and to invite experts of the International Committee of the Red Cross, delegates of Governments and non-governmental organizations as well as national human rights institutions and international organizations to participate therein, and requested the High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a summary of the panel’s deliberations with a view to subsequently charging the Advisory Committee, at the same session, with the preparation of a study on best practices in the matter,

Based on the preliminary discussions held by the Advisory Committee at its first session,

Noting the importance of designating a member of the Advisory Committee to follow closely the panel discussion and stressing that no financial resources will be required to that end,

Entrusts Mr. Latif Huseynov and Mr. Ansar Burney, who are to be involved in the preparation of the study, with the task of participating in the said panel and reporting back to the Advisory Committee at its next session, and recommends that the President of the Human Rights Council extend an invitation to Mr. Huseynov and Mr. Burney to participate in the panel discussion of the Council, to be held in September 2008.

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1/4. Integrating the human rights of women throughout the United Nations system

The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,

Recalling Human Rights Council resolution 6/30, in which the Council requested the Advisory Committee to integrate regularly and systematically a gender perspective into the implementation of their mandates, including when examining the intersection of multiple forms of discrimination against women and to include in their reports information on and qualitative analysis of human rights of women and girls,

Taking into account Council resolution 5/1, in which the Council emphasized that the advice of the Advisory Committee should be implementation-oriented,

1. *Requests* Mr. Ansar Burney, Ms. Chinsung Chung, Ms. Purificacion Quisumbing, Mr. Shigeki Sakamoto and Ms. Mona Zulficar to prepare for the next session of the Advisory Committee a set of draft guidelines on methods to operationalize gender mainstreaming, including action-oriented mechanisms that would facilitate the implementation of the Committee's mandates;
2. *Recommends* that the Human Rights Council authorize Mr. Burney, Ms. Chung, Ms. Quisumbing, Mr. Sakamoto and Ms. Zulficar to identify proposals for concrete action in specific areas, special procedures or further measures to enhance substantive gender equality throughout the United Nations system.

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1/5. Elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members

The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,

Recalling Human Rights Council resolution 8/13 of 18 June 2008, entitled “Elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members”,

Based on the discussion held at the first session of the Advisory Committee,

Designates Shigeki Sakamoto to carry out the tasks of (a) following up on the activities of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, attending the meeting to be convened by the Office if extrabudgetary funding is available for an exchange of views among the relevant actors; (b) examining the reports to be transmitted by the Office regarding information on measures that Governments have taken to eliminate leprosy-related discrimination; and (c) formulating a draft set of principles and guidelines for the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members, for review by the Advisory Committee at its next session in January 2009 and for consideration by the Human Rights Council by September 2009.

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14 August 2008*

1/6. Hunger refugees: good offices of the Human Rights Council and the Secretary-General

1. The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee notes that at its first session, held from 4 to 15 August 2008, and in the context of the preliminary activities carried out under Human Rights Council resolution 7/14, the Advisory Committee acquainted itself with the drama of hunger refugees on several continents.
2. The Advisory Committee is concerned by the situation of hunger refugees, who place their lives in danger when they flee from their famine-hit countries, only to find themselves turned back by the countries of arrival even before their cases have been examined.
3. Other hunger refugees, rejected by neighbouring countries, run the risk of political persecution on account of their flight after they have been forcibly returned to their countries of origin.
4. The Advisory Committee therefore suggests that the Council and the Secretary-General make available their good offices so as to extend the right to non-refoulement to hunger refugees in such situations.

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1/7. Realization of the right to food in United Nations refugee camps

The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,

Recalling that, during its first session, held in Geneva from 4 to 15 August 2008, the Advisory Committee established a drafting group on the right to food, in pursuance of Human Rights Council resolution 7/14, and that the drafting group is to prepare appropriate recommendations for the Advisory Committee session in January 2009,

Bearing in mind that the preliminary hearings held by the Advisory Committee and the drafting group during the first session revealed that large numbers of refugees and displaced persons in many camps run by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees are seriously and continuously underfed,

Considering that, in some camps over 80 per cent of all children under 10 years of age suffer from anaemia and are incapable of following school programmes of the Office, for example,

Gravely concerned that this dramatic situation is principally due to the shortfall in voluntary contributions to the Office by States members of the United Nations,

Noting that the failure to assist persons suffering from undernourishment and hunger constitutes a violation of the right to food,

Bearing in mind the territorial and extraterritorial obligations of States to respect, protect and realize the right to food, as defined in article 11 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and interpreted in general comment No. 12 of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,

Suggests that the Council, at its next session, launch an urgent appeal to Member States to increase their voluntary contributions substantially and as soon as possible so as to enable the Office to discharge its mandate.

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14 August 2008*

1/8. Drafting group on the right to food: programme of work

1. Recalling Human Rights Council resolution 7/14, in which the Council requested the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee to consider potential recommendations for approval by the Council on possible further measures to enhance the realization of the right to food, bearing in mind the priority importance of promoting the implementation of existing standards, the Advisory Committee, at its first session, held from 4 to 15 August 2008, conducted a

discussion on the issue of the right to food and established a drafting group consisting of experts from each regional group: Mr. José Antonio Bengoa Cabello, Ms. Chung Chinsung, Mr. Latif Huseynov, Mr. Jean Ziegler and Ms. Mona Zulficar. In the course of its work, the drafting group held meetings and hearings with representatives of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

2. The drafting group proposes that the structure of its report to the Council be as follows:

- (a) The right to food and the current food crisis:
 - (i) The current food crisis:
 - Increase in food prices
 - Increase in poverty
 - (ii) Causes, inter alia:
 - Speculation
 - The conversion of food into biofuel
 - Agricultural export subsidies
 - Rising oil prices
 - The increase in demand for food
 - Financial measures made by certain international financial agencies (such as the International Monetary Fund)
 - (iii) Consequences:
 - Countries in danger
 - Hunger refugees
 - Hunger in refugee camps
 - The negative impact on the situation of peasants
- (b) State obligations;
- (c) Recommendations on measures.

3. The drafting group deems necessary that two further related studies be undertaken, and recommends that the Council entrust it with the task of preparing these studies, namely:

- (a) Current food crisis, the right to food and hunger refugees: definition and situation;
- (b) Current food crisis, the right to food and the rights of peasants.

4. The drafting group proposes the following timetable for its work:

(a) The drafting group shall work during the period between August and December 2008 to draft the above-mentioned report;

(b) The drafting group proposes holding a meeting of its members to review the draft report during the two days prior to the next session of the Advisory Committee, scheduled to be held in January 2009;

(c) The Advisory Committee shall, at the above-mentioned session, consider the draft report submitted by the drafting group on the right to food.

5. The Advisory Committee recommends that the Council, at its next session, to approve the preparation of the studies on hunger refugees and the rights of peasants, as recommended in paragraph 3 above, so that the Advisory Committee may subsequently appoint experts to conduct such studies and determine the timetable for their realization.

6. The Advisory Committee also recommends that the Council allocate the resources necessary to cover the drafting group meeting, to be held two days prior to the next session of the Advisory Committee.

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1/9. Official summary records

At its 16th plenary meeting, held on 15 August 2008, the Advisory Committee, taking into account the experiences gathered at its session, recommended that the Human Rights Council request the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to take the necessary steps to provide official summary records of all plenary meetings held by its Advisory Committee. It also recommended that webcasting be made available to it to enhance access to its proceedings by the public at large.

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15 August 2008*

**1/10. Publication of studies completed by the Sub-Commission
on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights**

The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,

Noting the clear public interest on the part of States, civil society and the academic community in the provision of access to the wealth of varied analytical and theoretical knowledge built up by the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights,

Recommends that the Human Rights Council authorize that all reports and working papers that have been completed and submitted to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights pursuant to the resolutions and decisions of the Sub-Commission at its fifty-eighth session be issued as United Nations documents and be sent to the Council.

*16th meeting
15 August 2008*

1/11. New bodies established by the Human Rights Council

At its 16th plenary meeting, held on 15 August 2008, the Advisory Committee designated Committee members Mr. José Bengoa and Ms. Purificacion Valera Quisumbing to follow the work of the Social Forum and to brief the Committee, at its next session in January 2009, on issues of relevance to the work of the Committee. The Advisory Committee also designated the members Ms. Mona Zulficar and Mr. Miguel Alfonso Martinez to follow the work of the forum on minority issues and the expert mechanism on the rights of indigenous peoples, respectively, and to brief the Committee at its next session on issues of relevance to its work.

*16th meeting
15 August 2008*

1/12. The right of peoples to self-determination

The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,

Recalling Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, section III, paragraph 77, in which the Council stated that the Advisory Committee may make research proposals within the scope of the work set out by the Council,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 62/144 of 18 December 2007 on the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination, in which the Assembly requested the Council to continue to give special attention to the violation of human rights, especially the right to self-determination,

Bearing in mind also the different points of view expressed by a large number of participants on the various and complex issues relating to the content and realization of the right of all peoples, including indigenous peoples, to self-determination.

Will consider this matter only if the Human Rights Council addresses a request regarding this matter to the Advisory Committee.

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15 August 2008*

1/13. Sub-Commission studies

1. The President of the Human Rights Council, at the inauguration of the first session of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, stated that the Sub-Commission had left behind a substantial body of studies of varying status: some were considered finished by the experts of the Sub-Commission, while others were considered to be “work in progress” at the time that body ceased to exist in 2006. He added that all of these studies had been incorporated in the final report of the Sub-Commission transmitted to the Council in 2006. The Council did not address the matter in the context of the adoption of the resolution 5/1 and therefore, the status of those studies or papers which were listed therein but not acted upon by the Council remained unclear. The President of the Council concluded that the suggestions of the Advisory Committee could be of great value in determining how the legacy of its predecessor body, the Sub-Commission, should be addressed by the Council.

2. On the same occasion, the Acting High Commissioner for Human Rights stated to the Committee members that it was now in their hands, as members of this new human rights body, to propose to the Council any other pending studies and mandates of the Sub-Commission that should be concluded or completed in the course of the Committee’s future work.

3. In the light of the above statements, and bearing in mind paragraph 77 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, the Advisory Committee suggests that the Council examine and eventually take the decisions it may consider fit for a possible follow-up to all studies commissioned by the Sub-Commission now pending a decision from the Council (see annex), in connection with, *inter alia*, the following studies:

(a) Discrimination in the criminal justice system;

(b) Corruption and its impact on the full enjoyment of human rights;

(c) Discrimination based on work and descent;

(d) The role of States in the guarantee of human rights with reference to the activities of transnational corporations and other business enterprises.

4. The Advisory Committee’s membership includes experts with recognized knowledge on matters dealt with in the studies included in the annex to the present text.

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15 August 2008*

Annex

[Extract of the appendix to decision 2006/112 of the Sub-Commission]

LIST OF ONGOING STUDIES AND REPORTS

A. Ongoing studies and reports submitted or mandated for submission by special rapporteurs to the Sub-Commission in 2006 in accordance with existing legislative authority

Title and agenda item	Special Rapporteur	Legislative authority (mandate established in/by and latest resolution(s)/ decision(s) on the subject)	First submission	Final submission	Status at the fifty-eighth session (2006)
1. Progress report on discrimination in the criminal justice system (item 3) (E/CN.4/Sub.2/2005/7)	Ms. Leïla Zerrougui* (Algeria) * <i>Ms. Zerrougui is no longer a member of the Sub-Commission.</i>	Commission decision 2003/108; Sub-Commission resolutions 2004/24 and 2005/5	Fifty-fifth session (2003)	Fifty-eighth session (2006)	The final report was not submitted due to the uncertainty of the transitional period from the Commission on Human Rights to the Human Rights Council.
2. Preliminary report on the difficulties of establishing guilt and/or responsibility with regard to crimes of sexual violence (item 3) A/HRC/Sub.1/58/CRP.9	Ms. Lalaina Rakotoarisoa (Madagascar)	Sub-Commission resolutions 2004/29 and 2005/3; Commission decision 2005/108	Fifty-eighth session (2006)	Sixtieth session (2008)	Due to the uncertainty of the transitional period from the Commission on Human Rights to the Human Rights Council, the report was submitted late and issued as CRP (in French only).
3. Second progress report on corruption and its impact on full enjoyment of human rights (item 4) A/HRC/Sub.1/58/CRP.10	Ms. Christy Ezim Mbonu* (Nigeria) * <i>Ms. Mbonu is an alternate member of the Sub-Commission.</i>	Commission decisions 2004/106 and 2005/104; Sub-Commission resolution 2005/16	Fifty-sixth session (2004)	Fifty-eighth session (2006)	Due to the uncertainty of the transitional period from the Commission on Human Rights to the Human Rights Council, the report was submitted late and issued as CRP (in English only).

Title and agenda item	Special Rapporteur	Legislative authority (mandate established in/by and latest resolution(s)/ decision(s) on the subject)	First submission	Final submission	Status at the fifty-eighth session (2006)
4. Preliminary report on non-discrimination as enshrined in article 2, paragraph 2, of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (item 4) (E/CN.4/Sub.2/2005/19 and Corr.1 and 2)	Mr. Marc Bossuyt (Belgium)	Commission decision 2005/105 and Sub-Commission resolutions 2004/5 and 2005/7	Fifty-seventh session (2005)	Fifty-ninth session (2007)	Progress report was not submitted to Sub-Commission in 2006.
5. Progress report on discrimination based on work and descent (item 5) A/HRC/Sub.1/58/CRP.2	Ms. Chin-Sung Chung (Republic of Korea) and Mr. Yozo Yokota (Japan)	Commission decision 2005/109 and Sub-Commission resolution 2004/17; Sub-Commission resolution 2005/22	Fifty-seventh session (2005)	Fifty-ninth session (2007)	Due to the uncertainty of the transitional period from the Commission on Human Rights to the Human Rights Council, the report was submitted late and issued as CRP (in English only).
6. Interim report on human rights and the human genome (item 6) (E/CN.4/Sub.2/2005/38)	Ms. Antoanella-Iulia Motoc (Romania)	Commission decision 2004/120, Sub-Commission resolution 2003/4 and decision 2004/112; Sub-Commission decision 2005/111	Fifty-sixth session (2004)	Fifty-eighth session (2006)	The final report was not submitted to the Sub-Commission in 2006 due to the uncertainty of the transitional period from the Commission on Human Rights to the Human Rights Council.

B. Ongoing working papers and other documents without financial implications submitted or mandated for submission to the Sub-Commission in 2006

Title and agenda item	Entrusted to	Legislative authority and latest Sub-Commission resolution(s)/decision(s) on the subject	First submission	Final submission	Status at the fifty-eighth session (2006)
1. Detailed working paper with recommendations on ways of improving the effectiveness of the Sub-Commission (item 1)	Mr. Emmanuel Decaux (France)	Sub-Commission decision 2004/121 and resolution 2005/32	Fifty-seventh session (2005)	Fifty-eighth session (2006)	In view of the adoption of Human Rights Council decision 1/102, the report was not submitted.
2. Working paper on the accountability of international personnel taking part in peace support operations (item 3)	Ms. Françoise Jane Hampson (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)	Sub-Commission decision 2002/104 and resolution 2005/14	Fifty-seventh session (2005)* <i>* Pursuant to Sub-Commission decision 2002/104, the working paper was originally to be submitted to the fifty-fifth session.</i>	Fifty-seventh session (2005)	Submitted and issued as A/HRC/Sub.1/58/CRP.3.
3. Working paper on human rights and State sovereignty (item 3)	Mr. Vladimir Kartashkin (Russian Federation)	Sub-Commission decision 2005/105		Fifty-eighth session (2006)	Submitted and issued as E/CN.4/Sub.2/2006/7.
4. Working paper on the right to development (item 4)	Ms. Florizelle O'Connor (Jamaica)	Commission resolutions 2003/83 and 2005/4 and Sub-Commission decision 2004/104; Sub-Commission resolution 2005/17	Fifty-seventh session (2005)	Fifty-eighth session (2006)	Not submitted due to the uncertainty of the transitional period from the Commission on Human Rights to the Human Rights Council.

Title and agenda item	Entrusted to	Legislative authority and latest Sub-Commission resolution(s)/decision(s) on the subject	First submission	Final submission	Status at the fifty-eighth session (2006)
5. Working paper on the role of States in the guarantee of human rights with reference to the activities of transnational corporations and other business enterprises (item 4)	Mr. Gáspár Bíró (Hungary)	Sub-Commission resolution 2005/6		Fifty-eighth session (2006)	Submitted and issued as A/HRC/Sub.1/58/CRP.12.
6. Working paper on bilateral and multilateral economic agreements and their impact on the human rights of the beneficiaries (item 4)	Ms. Chin-Sung Chung (Republic of Korea) and Ms. Florizelle O'Connor (Jamaica)	Sub-Commission resolution 2005/6		Fifty-eighth session (2006)	Submitted and issued as A/HRC/Sub.1/58/CRP.8.
7. Working paper on discrimination against leprosy-affected persons and their families (item 5)	Mr. Yozo Yokota (Japan)	Sub-Commission resolutions 2004/12 and 2005/24	Fifty-seventh session (2005)		Submitted and issued as A/HRC/Sub.1/58/CRP.7.
8. Working paper examining the feasibility of a study on the human rights dimension of prostitution (item 6)	Mr. Ibrahim Salama (Egypt)	Sub-Commission resolution 2005/29		Fifty-eighth session (2006)	Not submitted due to the uncertainty of the transitional period from the Commission on Human Rights to the Human Rights Council.
9. Second expanded working paper containing an updated framework draft of principles and guidelines concerning human rights and terrorism (item 6)	Ms. Kalliopi Koufa (Greece)	Sub-Commission resolution 2003/15, decision 2004/109 and resolution 2005/31	Fifty-sixth session (2005)	Fifty-eighth session (2006)	Submitted and issued as A/HRC/Sub.1/58/30 [note: first working paper submitted in 2004].

Title and agenda item	Entrusted to	Legislative authority and latest Sub-Commission resolution(s)/decision(s) on the subject	First submission	Final submission	Status at the fifty-eighth session (2006)
10. Expanded working paper on human rights and non-State actors (item 6)	Mr. Gáspár Bíró (Hungary), Ms. Antoanella-Iulia Motoc (Romania), Mr. David Rivkin (USA) and Mr. Ibrahim Salama (Egypt)	Sub-Commission decision 2004/114; decision 2005/112	Fifty-seventh session (2005)	Fifty-eighth session (2006)	Not submitted due to the uncertainty of the transitional period from the Commission on Human Rights to the Human Rights Council. Submitted in 2005 E/CN.4/Sub.2/2005/25.
11. Report on the guidelines for the realization of the right to drinking water and sanitation (item 4)	Mr. El-Hadji Guissé (Senegal)	Sub-Commission decision 2004/107	Fifty-seventh session (2005)	Fifty-seventh session (2005)	

C. Working papers prepared or mandated for preparation for the working groups of the Sub-Commission in 2006

Title and agenda item	Entrusted to	Legislative authority and latest Sub-Commission resolution(s)/decision(s) on the subject	Working groups	Status at the fifty-eighth session (2006)
1. Working paper on the circumstances in which civilians lose their immunity from attack under international humanitarian law and human rights law	Ms. Françoise Jane Hampson (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)	Sub-Commission decision 2005/108	Working group on the administration of justice	Submitted and issued as A/HRC/Sub.1/58/CRP.5.
2. Working paper on measures designed to prevent violations in circumstances in which international humanitarian law and international human rights law are both applicable	Mr. Ibrahim Salama (Egypt)	Sub-Commission decision 2005/108	Working group on the administration of justice	Not submitted due to the uncertainty of the transitional period from the Commission on Human Rights to the Human Rights Council.
3. Working paper on the issues of amnesties, impunity and accountability for violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law	Mr. Yozo Yokota (Japan)	Sub-Commission decision 2005/108	Working group on the administration of justice	Due to the uncertainty of the transitional period from the Commission on Human Rights to the Human Rights Council, the report was submitted late and issued as CRP (in English only).

Title and agenda item	Entrusted to	Legislative authority and latest Sub-Commission resolution(s)/ decision(s) on the subject	Working groups	Status at the fifty-eighth session (2006)
4. Working paper on transitional justice and investigation mechanisms for truth and reconciliation, with emphasis on the experiences in Latin America	Mr. Janio Iván Tuñón-Veilles (Panama)	Sub-Commission decision 2005/109	Working group on the administration of justice	Not submitted due to the uncertainty of the transitional period from the Commission on Human Rights to the Human Rights Council.
5. Working paper on the implementation in practice of the right to an effective remedy for human rights violations	Ms. Françoise Jane Hampson (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) and Mr. Mohamed Habib Cherif (Tunisia)	Sub-Commission decision 2005/106	Working group on the administration of justice	Submitted and issued as A/HRC/Sub.1/58/CRP.4.
7. Additional working paper on indigenous peoples and conflict prevention and resolution	Ms. Françoise Jane Hampson (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)	Sub-Commission resolutions 2004/15 and 2005/23	Working Group on Indigenous Populations	Not submitted due to the uncertainty of the transitional period from the Commission on Human Rights to the Human Rights Council.
8. Working paper on the review of the draft principles and guidelines on the heritage of indigenous peoples	Mr. Yozo Yokota (Japan) and the Saami Council	Sub-Commission resolutions 2003/29 and 2004/15	Working Group on Indigenous Populations	Submitted and issued as E/CN.4/Sub.2/AC.4/2006/5.
9. Working paper on the human rights situation of indigenous peoples in States and other territories threatened with extinction for environmental reasons	Ms. Françoise Jane Hampson (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)	Commission decision 2004/122, Sub-Commission resolutions 2003/29, 2004/10, 2004/15 and 2005/20	Working Group on Indigenous Populations	Submitted and issued as E/CN.4/Sub.2/AC.4/2006/CRP.2.
10. Working paper on international judicial cooperation	Ms. Françoise Jane Hampson (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)	Sub-Commission resolution 2005/31	Working Group on detailed principles and guidelines, concerning the promotion and protection of human rights when combating terrorism	Submitted and issued as A/HRC/Sub.1/58/CRP.6.
11. Working paper on the rights of victims of terrorist acts	Mr. Emmanuel Decaux (France)	Sub-Commission resolution 2005/31	Working Group on detailed principles and guidelines, concerning the promotion and protection of human rights when combating terrorism	Submitted and issued as A/HRC/Sub.1/58/CRP.11.

**D. Studies and reports recommended in 2005 to the
Commission on Human Rights for approval***

Title and agenda item	Member of Sub-Commission to be appointed as special rapporteur	Legislative authority	First submission	Final submission	Remarks
1. Economic, social and cultural rights in technical cooperation in the field of human rights (item 6)	Mr. Gudmundur Alfredsson (Iceland) and Mr. Ibrahim Salama (Egypt)	Sub-Commission resolution 2005/25	Fifty-eighth session (2006)		

II. Election of officers, adoption of the agenda and organization of work

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, established pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, held its first session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 4 to 15 August 2008. The session was opened by the Acting High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Kyung-wha Kang.
2. The President of the Human Rights Council, Ambassador Martin Uhomoibhi, addressed the Advisory Committee at its 1st meeting, on 4 August 2008.

B. Composition of the Advisory Committee

3. In accordance with Council resolution 5/1 and Council decision 6/102, 18 members of the Advisory Committee were elected at the seventh session of the Council on 26 March 2008. The names of the members are as follows (the year in brackets indicates when the term of office of the members expires): Mr. Miguel Alfonso Martínez (Cuba, 2009); Mr. José Antonio Bengoa Cabello (Chile, 2010); Mr. Ansar Ahmed Burney (Pakistan, 2011); Mr. Chen Shiqiu (China, 2009); Ms. Chung Chinsung (Republic of Korea, 2010); Mr. Emmanuel Decaux (France, 2011); Mr. Héctor Felipe Fix Fierro (Mexico, 2011); Mr. Wolfgang Stefan Heinz (Germany, 2010); Mr. Latif Hüseyinov (Azerbaijan, 2011); Mr. Baba Kura Kaigama (Nigeria, 2011); Mr. Vladimir Kartashkin (Russian Federation, 2010); Mr. Bernard Andrews Nyamwaya Mudho (Kenya, 2010); Ms. Purificacion V. Quisumbing (Philippines, 2011); Mr. Shigeki Sakamoto (Japan, 2010); Mr. Dheerujlall Seetulsingh (Mauritius, 2011); Mrs. Halima Embarek Warzazi (Morocco, 2009); Mr. Jean Ziegler (Switzerland, 2009); and Ms. Mona Zulficar (Egypt, 2010).

C. Attendance

4. The session was attended by members of the Advisory Committee, observers for States members of the United Nations, observers for non-member States and for intergovernmental organizations, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, other organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations. Two members of the Advisory Committee, Mr. Mudho and Mr. Seetulsingh, were unable to attend the first session. One member, Mr. Kaigama, was unable to attend the second week of the first session.

D. Meetings and documentation

5. The Advisory Committee held 16 plenary meetings, 10 meetings of drafting groups and 3 closed meetings. The Advisory Committee adopted 13 recommendations. The text of the recommendations is contained in chapter I.

E. Election of officers

6. In accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, at its 1st meeting, on 4 August 2008, the Advisory Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairperson: Miguel Alfonso Martínez (Cuba)

Vice-Chairpersons: Chung Chinsung (Republic of Korea)
Vladimir Kartashkin (Russian Federation)
Mona Zulficar (Egypt)

Rapporteur: Emmanuel Decaux (France)

7. At the same meeting, Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi and Mr. Ziegler made statements in connection with the election of the Chairperson. After his election, the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee, Mr. Alfonso Martínez, made a statement.

8. Also at the same meeting, Mr. Burney, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Hüseyinov and Mr. Kaigama made statements in connection with the election of the Vice-Chairpersons and the Rapporteur.

F. Adoption of the agenda

9. At its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 4 August 2008, the Advisory Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General containing the provisional agenda for the first session (A/HRC/AC/2008/1/1). The annotations to the provisional agenda are contained in document A/HRC/AC/2008/1/1/Add.1.

10. At the same meetings, statements in connection with the provisional agenda for the first session were made by members of the Advisory Committee and by observers for Governments and non-governmental organizations (for the detailed list of speakers, see annex II).

11. At the 3rd meeting, on 5 August, the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee proposed revisions to the provisional agenda, as agreed upon by the Bureau. The Chairperson proposed that the order of consideration of items 3 and 4 be exchanged; thus, the previous item 3 became the new item 4, and the previous item 4 became the new item 3. The Advisory Committee had before it the revised provisional agenda for the first session (A/HRC/AC/2008/1/1/Rev.1).

12. At the same meeting, statements in connection with the revised provisional agenda for the first session were made by members of the Advisory Committee (see annex II).

13. Also at the same meeting, the agenda, as amended, was adopted without a vote (see annex I).

G. Organization of work and conduct of business

14. The Advisory Committee considered item 2 of the agenda at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 4 August; at its 3rd meeting, on 5 August; at its 6th meeting, on 6 August; at its 7th and 8th meetings, on 7 August; at its 9th meeting, on 8 August; at its 10th meeting, on 11 August; at its 14th meeting, on 13 August; and also at its private meeting of 13 August.

15. At the 2nd meeting, on 4 August, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Bureau, proposed initial speaking time limits of five minutes for States and three minutes for other observers. The modalities were adopted without a vote.

16. At its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 4 August, the Advisory Committee considered its programme of work, in accordance with rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

17. At the same meetings, statements in connection with the programme of work for the first session were made by members of the Advisory Committee and observers for Governments and non-governmental organizations (see annex II).

18. At the 3rd meeting, on 5 August, statements in connection with the revised programme of work for the first session were made by members of the Advisory Committee (see annex II).

19. At the same meeting, the programme of work, as revised, was adopted without a vote.

20. Also at the same meeting, the Advisory Committee, upon the recommendation of its Bureau, decided, without a vote, to adopt modalities with respect to the organization of its work and conduct of business. Statements in connection with the proposed modalities were made by members of the Advisory Committee (see annex II).

21. The Advisory Committee agreed that meetings of the Bureau would be held on Tuesdays in the morning and whenever necessary. The Chairperson or Bureau would also hold meetings with non-governmental organizations once a week, on Thursdays, from 9 to 10 a.m.

22. According to the adopted modalities, the order of statements during discussions would be as follows: members of the Advisory Committee, who may speak at any time; observers for intergovernmental organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations; then Government observers.

23. The Advisory Committee also accepted the recommendation of the Bureau on the permitted duration and frequency of statements. Members of the Advisory Committee would be entitled to make one or more statements of 10 minutes maximum for each item or sub-item. It was agreed that Advisory Committee members taking the floor on procedural matters should be as brief as possible and in no case should their statements exceed two minutes.

24. Following the practice in other bodies of the United Nations, special rapporteurs and authors of working papers and the relevant representatives of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) would be given the floor at the beginning of each relevant agenda item or sub-item for the introduction of their reports. The special rapporteur and other experts entrusted with the preparation of any such reports or working papers could speak for a maximum of 20 minutes, to be divided between the introduction of the report and concluding remarks. An interactive discussion with other experts and observers would follow the oral introduction of the report.
25. Observers for non-governmental organizations would be limited to one statement of seven minutes for each item or sub-item. With regard to joint statements by non-governmental organizations, the following timing was agreed upon: for 1 or 2 non-governmental organizations, 7 minutes; for 3 to 5 non-governmental organizations, 10 minutes; for 6 to 10 non-governmental organizations, 12 minutes; and for more than 10 non-governmental organizations, 15 minutes. Non-governmental organizations making joint statements may request to speak before non-governmental organizations speaking individually.
26. Observers for intergovernmental organizations, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, national human rights institutions and other organizations would be limited to making one statement of seven minutes for each item or sub-item; that speaking time would also apply to Government observers. It was also agreed that statements by Government observers, under any agenda item or sub-item, should not address the human rights situation in countries other than their own. Statements in exercise of that right should be limited to three minutes for the first statement and two minutes for the second, normally to be exercised at the end of the general debate on any particular agenda item.
27. The Chairperson called on all participants to avoid personal attacks and non-parliamentary language that might bring into question the character and integrity of any other participant.
28. It was also agreed that the list of speakers would be opened at the beginning of the session for all participants to register to speak on any agenda item or sub-item. If the list of speakers is not exhausted during a particular meeting, the remaining speakers would be given the floor, in the same order, as the first speakers at the next meeting. The closure of the list of speakers on any particular item or sub-item would be announced by the Chairperson in good time as the work proceeded, normally at the beginning of the consideration of that agenda item or sub-item.
29. It was further agreed that, if there were no more speakers on an agenda item or sub-item at a particular meeting, the Advisory Committee would take up the next item or sub-item on its calendar without closing the discussion on the preceding item or sub-item, if deemed necessary.
30. It was agreed that, in order to respect editorial and other requirements, draft recommendations and suggestions should, as a general rule, be submitted at least three working days before the date on which they were scheduled to be considered for a decision. The deadlines for the submission of draft recommendations would be set by the Chairperson in consultation with the Bureau and announced sufficiently in advance.

31. The Advisory Committee also decided that delegations should distribute copies of their statements or documents only at the back of the conference room. They could also place such copies on the tables situated at the back of the room. Non-governmental organizations were not to distribute documents, pamphlets or any other material by placing them on the desks of members or observers in the conference room.

32. At the 6th meeting, on 5 August, the 7th and 8th meetings, on 7 August, the 9th meeting, on 8 August, the 10th meeting, on 11 August, the 14th meeting, on 13 August, and also at the private meeting of 13 August, statements in connection with the organization of work were made by members of the Advisory Committee and an observer for Government (see annex II).

33. At the 16th meeting, on 15 August, general comments were made by the Chairperson, Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Burney, Mr. Kartashkin, Mr. Ziegler and Ms. Zulficar.

III. Requests to the Advisory Committee stemming from Human Rights Council resolutions

34. The Advisory Committee considered agenda item 3 at its 3rd and 4th meetings, on 5 August; its 5th and 6th meetings, on 6 August; its 7th and 8th meetings, on 7 August; its 9th meeting, on 8 August; and its 10th meeting, on 11 August, as well as at its private meetings on 13 and 14 August.

A. Human rights education and training

35. Pursuant to Council resolution 6/10, the Advisory Committee, at its 3rd and 4th meetings, on 5 August, held a discussion on human rights education and training.

36. At the 3rd meeting, on 5 August, a representative from OHCHR made a presentation. During the ensuing discussion, at the 3rd and 4th meetings, on the same day, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee and by observers for Governments and non-governmental organizations (see annex II).

37. At the 4th meeting, on the same day, the Advisory Committee established, without a vote, an open-ended drafting group on human rights education and training, consisting of one full-member expert from each regional group. The drafting group on human rights education and training consisted of the following members of the Advisory Committee: Mr. Decaux, Mr. Fix Fierro, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing and Mrs. Warzazi.

38. The drafting group held seven meetings, on 5, 6, 7, 8 (two meetings), 12 and 13 August. Three of the meetings were held privately.

Drafting group on human rights education and training: programme of work

39. At its 15th meeting, on 14 August, the Advisory Committee considered draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.7, sponsored by Mr. Decaux, Mr. Fix Fierro, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing and Mrs. Warzazi.

40. Mr. Decaux introduced the draft recommendation and orally revised it by modifying the title, adding a fourth preambular paragraph, modifying paragraph 2 and inserting a new paragraph 7.

41. Statements in connection with the draft recommendation were made by Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Hüseyinov and Ms. Quisumbing.

42. A statement was made by Mr. Decaux in response to questions asked.

43. The draft recommendation was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote (for the text as adopted, see chap. I, recommendation 1/1).

B. Right to food

44. Pursuant to Council resolution 7/14, the Advisory Committee, at its 4th meeting, on 5 August, held a discussion on the right to food.
45. At the same meeting, a representative from OHCHR made a presentation. During the ensuing discussion, at the 4th and 5th meetings, on 5 and 6 August, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee and by observers for Governments and non-governmental organizations (see annex II).
46. At its 5th meeting, on 6 August, the Advisory Committee established, without a vote, an open-ended drafting group on the right to food, consisting of one full-member expert from each regional group. The drafting group on the right to food consisted of the following members of the Advisory Committee: Mr. Bengoa, Ms. Chung, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Ziegler and Ms. Zulficar.
47. The drafting group held three meetings, on 6, 12 and 15 August.
48. At the 9th meeting, on 8 August, the Director of the Division on Globalization and Development Strategies of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Heiner Flassbeck, addressed the plenary. During the ensuing discussion, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee and observers for non-governmental organizations (see annex II).
49. At the 10th meeting, on 11 August, the Chief of the Protection, Policy and Legal Advice Section of the Division of International Protection Services of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Oldrich Andrysek, addressed the plenary. During the ensuing discussion, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee and by observers for non-governmental organizations (see annex II).

Hunger refugees: good offices of the Human Rights Council and the Secretary-General

50. At its 15th meeting, on 14 August, the Advisory Committee considered draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.13, sponsored by Mr. Bengoa, Ms. Chung, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mrs. Warzazi, Mr. Ziegler and Ms. Zulficar.
51. Mr. Ziegler introduced the draft recommendation, orally revising it by modifying the fourth paragraph.
52. The draft recommendation was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote (for the text as adopted, see chap. I, recommendation 1/6).

Realization of the right to food in United Nations refugee camps

53. At its 15th meeting, on 14 August, the Advisory Committee considered draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.14, sponsored by Mr. Ziegler. Subsequently, Ms. Quisumbing joined the sponsor.

54. Mr. Ziegler introduced the draft recommendation, orally revising it by modifying the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth preambular paragraphs and the operative paragraph. During the ensuing discussion, further oral revisions were proposed by Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Hüseyinov and Ms. Quisumbing, some of which were accepted by the sponsors.

55. Statements in connection with the draft recommendation were made by Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Kartashkin and Mrs. Warzazi. Statements were also made by Mr. Ziegler in response to the questions asked.

56. The draft recommendation was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote (for the text as adopted, see chap. I, recommendation 1/7).

Drafting group on the right to food: programme of work

57. At its 15th meeting, on 14 August, the Advisory Committee considered draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.15, sponsored by Mr. Bengoa, Ms. Chung, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Ziegler and Ms. Zulficar.

58. Mr. Bengoa introduced the draft recommendation.

59. Mr. Decaux orally revised the draft recommendation by modifying the title, which was accepted by the sponsors.

60. In accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the attention of the Advisory Committee was drawn to the estimated administrative and programme budget implications of the draft recommendation (see annex III).

61. The draft recommendation was adopted without a vote (for the text as adopted, see chap. I, recommendation 1/8).

C. Human rights of women

62. Pursuant to Council resolution 6/30, the Advisory Committee, at its 5th meeting, on 6 August, held a discussion on integrating the human rights of women throughout the United Nations system. A representative from OHCHR made a presentation. During the ensuing discussion, at the 5th and 6th meetings, on the same day, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee and by observers for Governments and non-governmental organizations (see annex II).

Integrating the human rights of women throughout the United Nations system

63. At its 15th meeting on 14 August, the Advisory Committee considered draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.9, sponsored by Ms. Chung, Mr. Sakamoto and Ms. Zulficar. Subsequently, Mr. Burney and Ms. Quisumbing joined the sponsors.

64. Ms. Zulficar introduced the draft recommendation, orally revising it by modifying the operative paragraph and inserting an operative paragraph 2.

65. The draft recommendation was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote (for the text as adopted, see chap. I, recommendation 1/4).

D. Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order

66. Pursuant to Council resolution 8/5, the Advisory Committee, at its 7th meeting, on 7 August, held an initial discussion on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order. A representative from OHCHR made a presentation. During the ensuing discussion, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee and by observers for Governments and non-governmental organizations (see annex II).

Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order

67. At its 15th meeting, on 14 August, the Advisory Committee considered draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.3, sponsored by Mr. Burney and Ms. Quisumbing.

68. Mr. Burney introduced the draft recommendation, orally revising the first, second and third paragraphs. Mrs. Warzazi proposed further oral revisions to the draft recommendation, which were accepted by the sponsors.

69. A statement in connection with the draft recommendation was made by Mr. Kartashkin.

70. The draft recommendation was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote (for the text as adopted, see chap. I, recommendation 1/2).

E. Missing persons

71. Pursuant to Council resolution 7/28, the Advisory Committee, at its 7th meeting, on 7 August, held a discussion on missing persons. A representative from OHCHR made a presentation. During the ensuing discussion, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee and by observers for Governments (see annex II).

Missing persons

72. At the 15th meeting, on 14 August, the draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.4, sponsored by Mr. Burney, was withdrawn by the sponsor.

73. At the same meeting, the Advisory Committee considered draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.8, sponsored by Ms. Chung, Mr. Fix Fierro, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing and Mr. Sakamoto. Subsequently, Mr. Decaux joined the sponsors.

74. Mr. Kartashkin introduced the draft recommendation, orally revising it by modifying the operative paragraph. Mrs. Warzazi further orally revised the draft recommendation by modifying the operative paragraph, which was accepted by the sponsors.

75. The draft recommendation was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote (for the text as adopted, see chap. I, recommendation 1/3).

F. Human rights of persons with disabilities

76. Pursuant to Council resolution 7/9, the Advisory Committee, at its 8th meeting, on 7 August, held a discussion on the human rights of persons with disabilities. A representative from OHCHR made a presentation. During the ensuing discussion, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee and by an observer for Government (see annex II).

Human rights of persons with disabilities

77. At the 15th meeting, on 14 August, the draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.4, sponsored by Mr. Burney, was withdrawn by the sponsor.

G. Elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family

78. Pursuant to Council resolution 8/13, the Advisory Committee, at its 8th meeting, on 7 August, held a discussion on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family. A representative from OHCHR made a presentation. During the ensuing discussion, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee and by an observer for Government (see annex II).

Elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members

79. At its 15th meeting, on 14 August, the Advisory Committee considered draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.12, sponsored by Mr. Burney, Mr. Chen, Ms. Chung, Mr. Fix Fierro, Mr. Hüseyinov, Ms. Quisumbing and Mr. Sakamoto.

80. Mr. Sakamoto introduced the draft recommendation, orally revising it by modifying the operative paragraph.

81. In accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the attention of the Advisory Committee was drawn to the estimated administrative and programme budget implications of the draft recommendation (see annex III).

82. The draft recommendation was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote (for the text as adopted, see chap. I, recommendation 1/5).

IV. Implementation of sections III and IV of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007

83. The Advisory Committee considered agenda item 4 at its 10th and 11th meetings, on 11 August; its 12th and 13th meetings, on 12 August; its 14th meeting, on 13 August; and at its private meetings, on 12, 13 and 14 August.

A. Rules of procedures and methods of work

84. At its 10th and 11th meetings, on 11 August, and at a closed meeting on 13 August, the Advisory Committee discussed its rules of procedure and methods of work. During the ensuing discussion, at the same meetings, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee and by observers for Governments and non-governmental organizations (see annex II).

85. At the 11th meeting, on 11 August, the Advisory Committee established, without a vote, an open-ended drafting group on the rules of procedure, consisting of one full-member expert from each regional group. The drafting group on the rules of procedure consisted of the following members of the Advisory Committee: Mr. Burney, Mr. Fix Fierro, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Hüseyinov and Ms. Zulficar (as a provisional member).

86. The drafting group held a meeting on 13 August 2008.

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87. At its 16th meeting, on 15 August, the Advisory Committee considered draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.1, sponsored by Mr. Alfonso Martínez.

88. Mr. Alfonso Martínez introduced the draft recommendation, orally revising it. Mr. Decaux proposed further oral revisions to the draft recommendation, which were accepted by the sponsor.

89. In accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the attention of the Advisory Committee was drawn to the estimated administrative and programme budget implications of the draft recommendation (see annex III).

90. The draft recommendation was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote (for the text as adopted, see chap. I, recommendation 1/9).

B. Status of studies mandated to be carried out by the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights

91. At its 12th and 13th meetings, on 12 August, and at a closed meeting on the same day, the Advisory Committee discussed the status of studies mandated to be carried out by the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights. During the ensuing discussion, at the same meetings, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee and by observers for Governments and non-governmental organizations (see annex II).

Publication of studies completed by the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights

92. At its 16th meeting, on 15 August, the Advisory Committee considered draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.2, sponsored by Mr. Ziegler.

93. Mr. Ziegler introduced the draft recommendation.

94. The draft recommendation was adopted without a vote (for the text as adopted, see chap. I, recommendation 1/10).

Sub-Commission studies

95. At its 16th meeting, on 15 August, the Advisory Committee considered draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.17/Rev.2, sponsored by Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Burney, Mr. Chen, Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Fix Fierro, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Hüseyinov, Ms. Quisumbing, Mr. Sakamoto and Ms. Zulficar.

96. Mr. Bengoa introduced the draft recommendation.

97. Statements in connection with the draft recommendation were made by Mr. Alfonso Martínez and Mr. Kartashkin. Statements were also made by Ms. Quisumbing and Mrs. Warzazi proposing oral revisions to the draft recommendation.

98. Ms. Zulficar proposed further oral revisions to paragraphs 3 and 4 of the draft recommendation, which were accepted by the sponsors.

99. The draft recommendation was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote (for the text as adopted, see chap. I, recommendation 1/13).

C. Agenda and annual programme of work, including new priorities

100. At its 14th meeting, on 13 August, the Advisory Committee discussed its agenda and annual programme of work, including new priorities. During the ensuing discussion, statements were made by members of the Advisory Committee and by observers for Governments and non-governmental organizations (see annex II).

New bodies established by the Human Rights Council

101. At its 16th meeting, on 15 August, the Advisory Committee considered draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.6, sponsored by Mrs. Warzazi.

102. Mrs. Warzazi introduced the draft recommendation.

103. The draft recommendation was adopted without a vote (for the text as adopted, see chap. I, recommendation 1/11).

The right of peoples to self-determination

104. At its 16th meeting, on 15 August, the Advisory Committee considered draft recommendation A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.16, sponsored by Mr. Ziegler.

105. Mr. Ziegler introduced the draft recommendation. Statements in connection with the draft recommendation were made by Mr. Burney, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi and Ms. Zulficar.

106. Mr. Bengoa proposed amendments to the fourth paragraph of the draft recommendation.

107. In accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the attention of the Advisory Committee was drawn to the estimated administrative and programme budget implications of the draft recommendation (see annex III).

108. The draft recommendation was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote (for the text as adopted, see chap. I, recommendation 1/12).

109. Mr. Hüseyinov raised a strong objection to the adoption of the recommendation, as well as the procedure applied in its adoption.

D. Appointment of members of the Working Group on Communications

110. Pursuant to paragraph 93 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, at its 14th meeting, on 13 August, the Advisory Committee decided, without a vote, to appoint the following members to the Working Group on Communications: Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Mr. Chen, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Kartashkin and Mrs. Warzazi.

V. Report to the Human Rights Council on the first session of the Advisory Committee

111. The Advisory Committee considered agenda item 5 at its 16th meeting, on 15 August.
112. At that meeting, the Rapporteur of the Advisory Committee, Mr. Decaux, presented the draft report on its first session (A/HRC/AC/2008/1/L.10).
113. Statements in connection with the draft report were made by Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi and Ms. Zulficar.
114. At the same meeting, the Advisory Committee adopted the draft report ad referendum and decided to entrust the Rapporteur with its finalization.

ANNEX I

Agenda

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
3. Requests to the Advisory Committee stemming from Human Rights Council resolutions:
 - (1) Human rights education and training
 - (2) Right to food
 - (3) Human rights of women
 - (4) Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order
 - (5) Missing persons
 - (6) Human rights of persons with disabilities
 - (7) Elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family
4. Implementation of sections III and IV of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007:
 - (a) Rules of procedures and methods of work
 - (b) Status of studies mandated to be carried out by the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights
 - (c) Agenda and annual programme of work, including new priorities
 - (d) Appointment of members of the Working Group on Communications
5. Report to the Human Rights Council on the first session of the Advisory Committee

ANNEX II

List of speakers

Agenda item	Meeting and date	Speakers
1 Election of officers	1st meeting 4 August 2008	Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Burney, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Kaigama, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi, Mr. Ziegler
2 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work	1st meeting 4 August 2008	Members: Mr. Bengoa, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi Government observers: India, Indonesia
	2nd meeting 4 August 2008	Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Chen, Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mr. Sakamoto, Mrs. Warzazi, Mr. Ziegler, Ms. Zulficar Government observers: Argentina, Bangladesh, China, Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), Japan, Mexico, Philippines, Switzerland, Thailand Observers for non-governmental organizations: International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (also on behalf of the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA) and Minority Rights Group International), Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru, International Federation of University Women
	3rd meeting 5 August 2008	Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi

Agenda item	Meeting and date	Speakers
<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adoption of the agenda and organization of work <i>(concluded)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6th meeting 6 August 2008</p>	<p>Members: Mr. Decaux, Mr. Kartashkin, Mrs. Warzazi</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">7th meeting 7 August 2008</p>	<p>Member: Mrs. Warzazi</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">8th meeting 7 August 2008</p>	<p>Members: Ms. Chung, Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Kartashkin, Mrs. Warzazi</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">9th meeting 8 August 2008</p>	<p>Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Chen, Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi, Mr. Ziegler, Ms. Zulficar</p> <p>Government observer: Philippines</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">10th meeting 11 August 2008</p>	<p>Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Kartashkin, Mrs. Warzazi, Mr. Ziegler</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">14th meeting 13 August 2008</p>	<p>Members: Mr. Decaux, Mrs. Warzazi</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">13 August 2008 (closed)</p>	<p>Members: Mr. Bengoa, Ms. Chung, Mr. Kartashkin, Mrs. Warzazi</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">16th meeting 15 August 2008</p>	<p>Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Burney, Mr. Kartashkin, Mr. Ziegler, Ms. Zulficar</p>

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3 Requests to the Advisory Committee stemming from Human Rights Council resolutions	A Human rights education and training	3rd meeting 5 August 2008	Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Chen, Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mr. Sakamoto, Mrs. Warzazi, Ms. Zulficar Government observers: India, Nigeria, Switzerland (also on behalf of Morocco)
		4th meeting 5 August 2008	Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Kaigama, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi Government observers: Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Mexico, Switzerland Observers for non-governmental organizations: Indian Council of South America, International Federation of University Women, World Association for the School as an Instrument of Peace
	B Right to food	4th meeting 5 August 2008	Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Decaux, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi, Mr. Ziegler, Ms. Zulficar
		5th meeting 6 August 2008	Members: Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Chen, Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi, Mr. Ziegler Government observers: Bangladesh, Brazil, France, Nigeria Observers for non-governmental organizations: Europe-Third World Centre, Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru (also on behalf of the World Peace Council)
		9th meeting 8 August 2008	Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Ziegler Observers for non-governmental organizations: Comision Juridica Para el Studodesarollo (CAPAJ), Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru

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3 Requests to the Advisory Committee stemming from Human Rights Council resolutions (continued)		10th meeting 11 August 2008	Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Burney, Mr. Heinz, Ms. Quisumbing, Mr. Sakamoto, Mrs. Warzazi, Mr. Ziegler, Ms. Zulficar
		14 August 2008 (closed)	Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mrs. Warzazi, Mr. Ziegler
		13 August 2008 (closed)	Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Kartashkin, Mrs. Warzazi
	C Human rights of women	5th meeting 6 August 2008	Members: Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Ms. Quisumbing, Mr. Sakamoto, Mrs. Warzazi, Ms. Zulficar Government observer: Mexico Observers for non-governmental organizations: International Federation of University Women
		6th meeting 6 August 2008	Members: Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mrs. Warzazi, Ms. Zulficar Government observer: Argentina Observers for non-governmental organizations: Japan Fellowship of Reconciliation
		13 August 2008 (closed)	Members: Mr. Heinz, Ms. Quisumbing, Ms. Zulficar

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3 Requests to the Advisory Committee stemming from Human Rights Council resolutions (continued)	D Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order	7th meeting 7 August 2008	Members: Mr. Chen, Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Kartashkin, Mrs. Warzazi, Ms. Zulficar Government observer: Brazil Observers for non-governmental organizations: Indian Council of South America, Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru (also on behalf of World Peace Council), World Association for the School as an Instrument of Peace
		13 August 2008 (closed)	Members: Mr. Burney, Mr. Chen, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi
	E Missing persons	7th meeting 7 August 2008	Members: Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Mr. Burney, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi Government observers: France, Mexico, Nigeria, Russian Federation
		13 August 2008 (closed)	Members: Mr. Burney, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi
	F Human rights of persons with disabilities	8th meeting 7 August 2008	Members: Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Kaigama, Mr. Kartashkin, Mrs. Warzazi Government observer: Mexico
		13 August 2008 (closed)	Members: Mr. Burney

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3 Requests to the Advisory Committee stemming from Human Rights Council resolutions (concluded)	G Elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family	8th meeting 7 August 2008	Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Burney, Mr. Decaux, Ms. Quisumbing, Mr. Sakamoto Government observer: Japan
		14 August 2008 (closed)	Members: Mr. Kartashkin, Mr. Sakamoto, Mrs. Warzazi, Ms. Zulficar
4 Implementation of sections III and IV of the annex to the Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007	A Rules of procedure and methods of work	10th meeting 11 August 2008	Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Burney, Mr. Chen, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mr. Sakamoto, Ms. Zulficar Government observers: Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Philippines
		11th meeting 11 August 2008	Members: Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Mr. Bengoa, Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi, Ms. Zulficar Government observers: Egypt, India, Russian Federation
		13 August 2008 (closed)	Members: Mr. Chen, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mrs. Warzazi
	B Status of studies mandated to be carried out by the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights	12th meeting 12 August 2008	Members: Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Mr. Chen, Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Kartashkin, Mrs. Warzazi, Mr. Ziegler Government observers: Bangladesh, Russian Federation

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<p>4</p> <p>Implementation of sections III and IV of the annex to the Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007 (concluded)</p>		<p>13th meeting</p> <p>12 August 2008</p>	<p>Members: Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Mr. Bengoa, Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi</p> <p>Government observers: Argentina, Egypt, France, Germany, India, Mexico</p> <p>Observers for non-governmental organizations: Comisión Jurídica Para el Autodesarrollo de los Pueblos Originos Andios, International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (also on behalf of the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA))</p>
		<p>12 August 2008 (closed)</p>	<p>Members: Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Chen, Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mr. Sakamoto, Mrs. Warzazi, Mr. Ziegler, Ms. Zulficar</p>
		<p>14 August 2008 (closed)</p>	<p>Members: Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Chen, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mr. Sakamoto, Mrs. Warzazi, Ms. Zulficar</p>
	<p>C</p> <p>Agenda and annual programme of work, including new priorities</p>	<p>14th meeting</p> <p>13 August 2008</p>	<p>Members: Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Kartashkin</p> <p>Government observers: Bangladesh, India, Mexico</p> <p>Observers for non-governmental organizations: Indian Council of South America</p>
		<p>14th August (closed)</p>	<p>Members: Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Mr. Bengoa, Ms. Chung, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Hüseyinov, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi, Mr. Ziegler, Ms. Zulficar</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Report to the Human Rights Council on the first session of the Advisory Committee</p>	<p>16th meeting</p> <p>15 August 2008</p>	<p>Members: Ms. Quisumbing, Mrs. Warzazi and Ms. Zulficar</p>	

ANNEX III

Administrative and programme budget implications of recommendations adopted by the Advisory Committee at its first session

1. Should the draft recommendations to the Human Rights Council be adopted, additional resources which would be required would be the subject of a statement on administrative and programme budget implications included in the report of the Council. Accordingly, no statements on administrative and programme budget implications are included in the present report in respect of recommendations adopted by the Advisory Committee during the first session.
