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## Human Rights Council

### Seventeenth session

Agenda item 1

### Organizational and procedural matters

#### Decision adopted by the Human Rights Council\*

#### **17/119 Follow-up to the Human Rights Council resolution 16/21 with regard to the universal periodic review**

At its 35th meeting, on 17 June 2011, the Human Rights Council decided to adopt the text below:

#### **I. Order for the review in the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review**

1. The order of the review established for the first cycle of the review (see annex I) shall be maintained for the second and subsequent cycles, whereby 14 States are reviewed during each session of the Working Group.

#### **II. General guidelines for the preparation of information under the universal periodic review**

2. Reaffirming the relevant provisions relating to the universal periodic review of General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006 and Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007, containing the institution-building package, and resolution 16/21 of 25 March 2011, containing the outcome of the review of the work and functioning of the Human Rights Council,

Emphasizing that the second and subsequent cycles of the review should focus on, inter alia, the implementation of the accepted recommendations and the development of human rights situations in the State under review

The Council adopts the general guidelines below.

A. Description of the methodology and the broad consultation process followed for the preparation of information provided under the universal periodic review;

B. Developments since the previous review in background of the State under review and framework, particularly normative and institutional framework, for the promotion and protection of human rights: Constitution, legislation, policy measures,

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\* The resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council will be contained in the report of the Council on its seventeenth session (A/HRC/17/2), chap. I.

national jurisprudence, human rights infrastructure including national human rights institutions and scope of international obligations identified in the “basis of review” in resolution 5/1, annex, section IA;

C. Promotion and protection of human rights on the ground: implementation of international human rights obligations identified in the “basis of review” in resolution 5/1, annex, section IA, national legislation and voluntary commitments, national human rights institutions activities, public awareness of human rights, cooperation with human rights mechanisms ...;

D. Presentation by the State concerned of the follow-up to the previous review;

E. Identification of achievements, best practices, challenges and constraints in relation to the implementation of accepted recommendations and the development of human rights situations in the State;

F. Key national priorities, initiatives and commitments that the State concerned has undertaken and intends to undertake to overcome those challenges and constraints and improve human rights situations on the ground;

G. Expectations of the State concerned in terms of capacity-building and requests, if any, for technical assistance and support received.

### **III. Duration of the review in the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review**

3. The duration of the review shall be extended to three hours and thirty minutes for each country in the Working Group, so as to be within existing resources and with no additional workload, during which the State under review shall be given up to 70 minutes to be used for initial presentation, replies and concluding comments in line with President’s statement PRST/8/1 of 9 April 2008.

4. The allocation of time during the working group shall be in accordance with annex II.

### **IV. List of speakers in the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review**

5. The established procedures, which allow three minutes speaking time for Member States and two minutes for observer States, will continue to apply when all speakers can be accommodated within three hours and thirty minutes available to Member and observer States.

6. Should it be impossible to accommodate all speakers within three hours and thirty minutes based on three minutes speaking time for Member States and two minutes for observer States, the speaking time will be reduced to two minutes for all.

7. If all speakers still cannot be accommodated, the speaking time will be divided among all delegations inscribed so as to enable each and every speaker to take the floor.

8. Steps for drawing up the list of speakers:

(a) The list of speakers will open at 10 a.m. on the Monday of the week preceding the beginning of the session of the Working Group and will remain open for a period of four days. It will close on the Thursday at 6 p.m.. A registration desk will be set up at the Palais des Nations. The exact location will be communicated to all permanent missions by the Secretariat;

(b) In all cases, regardless of speaking times, the delegations inscribed on the list of speakers will be arranged by alphabetical order of the country names in English. On the Friday morning preceding the beginning of the session, the President, in the presence of the

Bureau, will draw by lot the first speaker on the list. The list of speakers will continue from the State drawn onward. On Friday afternoon, all delegations will be informed of the speaking order and of the speaking time available to delegations;

(c) Speaking time limits during the review will be strictly enforced. Speakers who exceed speaking time will have their microphones cut off. Speakers may therefore wish to deliver the essential part at the beginning of their statements;

(d) All speakers will retain the possibility of swapping places on the speaker's list under bilateral arrangement between speakers.

**V. Voluntary funds**

9. The Secretariat is requested to revise the terms of reference of the Voluntary Fund for participation in the universal periodic review and to provide an annual written update to the Human Rights Council, starting from the eighteenth session, on the operations of the funds and the resources available to it.

10. The Secretariat is requested to revise the terms of reference of the Voluntary Fund for financial and technical assistance in the implementation of the universal periodic review and to provide an annual written update to the Human Rights Council, starting from the eighteenth session, on the operations of the fund and the resources available to it. A board of trustees shall be established by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in accordance with the rules of the United Nations and taking into consideration equitable geographic representation.”

*35th meeting  
17 June 2011*

[Adopted without a vote.]

## Annex I

### Human Rights Council universal periodic review (second cycle)

1	Bahrain	65	Central African Republic	129	Malawi
2	Ecuador	66	Monaco	130	Mongolia
3	Tunisia	67	Belize	131	Panama
4	Morocco	68	Chad	132	Maldives
5	Indonesia	69	Congo	133	Andorra
6	Finland	70	Malta	134	Bulgaria
7	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	71	New Zealand	135	Honduras
8	India	72	Afghanistan	136	United States of America
9	Brazil	73	Chile	137	Marshall Islands
10	Philippines	74	Viet Nam	138	Croatia
11	Algeria	75	Uruguay	139	Jamaica
12	Poland	76	Yemen	140	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
13	Netherlands	77	Vanuatu	141	Micronesia (Federated States of)
14	South Africa	78	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	142	Lebanon
15	Czech Republic	79	Comoros	143	Mauritania
16	Argentina	80	Slovakia	144	Nauru
17	Gabon	81	Eritrea	145	Rwanda
18	Ghana	82	Cyprus	146	Nepal
19	Peru	83	Dominican Republic	147	Saint Lucia
20	Guatemala	84	Cambodia	148	Oman
21	Benin	85	Norway	149	Austria
22	Republic of Korea	86	Albania	150	Myanmar
23	Switzerland	87	Democratic Republic of the Congo	151	Australia
24	Pakistan	88	Côte d'Ivoire	152	Georgia
25	Zambia	89	Portugal	153	Saint Kitts and Nevis
26	Japan	90	Bhutan	154	Sao Tome and Principe
27	Ukraine	91	Dominica	155	Namibia
28	Sri Lanka	92	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	156	Niger
29	France	93	Brunei Darussalam	157	Mozambique
30	Tonga	94	Costa Rica	158	Estonia
31	Romania	95	Equatorial Guinea	159	Paraguay
32	Mali	96	Ethiopia	160	Belgium
33	Botswana	97	Qatar	161	Denmark

34	Bahamas	98	Nicaragua	162	Palau
35	Burundi	99	Italy	163	Somalia
36	Luxembourg	100	El Salvador	164	Seychelles
37	Barbados	101	Gambia	165	Solomon Islands
38	Montenegro	102	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	166	Latvia
39	United Arab Emirates	103	Fiji	167	Sierra Leone
40	Israel	104	San Marino	168	Singapore
41	Liechtenstein	105	Kazakhstan	169	Suriname
42	Serbia	106	Angola	170	Greece
43	Turkmenistan	107	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	171	Samoa
44	Burkina Faso	108	Madagascar	172	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
45	Cape Verde	109	Iraq	173	Sudan
46	Colombia	110	Slovenia	174	Hungary
47	Uzbekistan	111	Egypt	175	Papua New Guinea
48	Tuvalu	112	Bosnia and Herzegovina	176	Tajikistan
49	Germany	113	Kyrgyzstan	177	United Republic of Tanzania
50	Djibouti	114	Kiribati	178	Antigua and Barbuda
51	Canada	115	Guinea	179	Swaziland
52	Bangladesh	116	Lao People's Democratic Republic	180	Trinidad and Tobago
53	Russian Federation	117	Spain	181	Thailand
54	Azerbaijan	118	Lesotho	182	Ireland
55	Cameroon	119	Kenya	183	Togo
56	Cuba	120	Armenia	184	Syrian Arab Republic
57	Saudi Arabia	121	Guinea-Bissau	185	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
58	Senegal	122	Sweden	186	Iceland
59	China	123	Grenada	187	Zimbabwe
60	Nigeria	124	Turkey	188	Lithuania
61	Mexico	125	Guyana	189	Uganda
62	Mauritius	126	Kuwait	190	Timor-Leste
63	Jordan	127	Belarus	191	Republic of Moldova
64	Malaysia	128	Liberia	192	Haiti

## Annex II

### Tentative timetable for the session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review as of the second cycle

#### First week

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>					
<b>Morning</b>	9 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Review of State under review 1	9 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Review of State under review 3	9 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Review of State under review 5	9 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Review of State under review 7	9 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	State under review 9
				12.30	Distribution of report on State under review 1	12.30	Distribution of report on State under review 3			
<b>Afternoon</b>	2.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Review of State under review 2	2.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Review of State under review 4	2.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Review of State under review 6	2.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Review of State under review 8	3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Adoption of reports on States under review 1 to 6
					6 p.m.	Distribution of report on State under review 2	6 p.m.	Distribution of report on State under review 4		

#### Second week

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>					
<b>Morning</b>	9 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Review of State under review 10	10 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.	Adoption of reports on States under review 7 to 9	9 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Review of State under review 13				
	12.30 p.m.	Distribution of report on State under review 7				Distribution of report on State under review 10	1 p.m.	Distribution of report on State under review 12		
<b>Afternoon</b>	2.30 p.m.	Review of	2.30	Review of State	2.30	Review of State			3 p.m. -	Adoption of reports

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
- 6 p.m.	State under review 11	p.m. under review 12 - 6 p.m.	p.m. under review 14 - 6 p.m.	5.30 p.m. on States under review 10 to 14
6 p.m.	Distribution of report on State under review 8		6 p.m. Distribution of report on State under review 11	