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of the human rights treaty bodies
Geneva, 2 and 3 July 2009

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The twenty-first meeting of chairpersons of the human rights treaty bodies will be held on 2 and 3 July 2009, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 49/178 of 23 December 1994.
2. The present document contains the provisional agenda and annotations for the twenty-first meeting.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Organizational matters.
4. Meeting with the President of the Human Rights Council.
5. Enhancing the effectiveness of the treaty bodies: a coordinated approach to the work of the treaty bodies:
 - (a) Discussion of the recommendations of the eighth and ninth inter-committee meetings;
 - (b) Harmonization of working methods.
6. Joint meeting of the sixteenth meeting of special rapporteurs/representatives, experts and chairpersons of working groups of the special procedures with chairpersons of treaty bodies.
7. Adoption of the report and setting of dates for the twenty-second meeting of chairpersons.

ANNOTATIONS

Item 1. Opening of the meeting and election of officers

The meeting will convene at the United Nations Office at Geneva (Palais Wilson) on Thursday, 2 July 2009, at 10 a.m. The meeting will confirm its Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson who have acted in these capacities for the ninth inter-committee meeting.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting will adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda contained in the present document.

Item 3. Organizational matters

Under this agenda item, the meeting will consider and adopt a programme of work.

Item 4. Meeting with the President of the Human Rights Council

Under this agenda item, participants will meet with the President of the Human Rights Council, who will provide an update on progress achieved so far in the Human Rights Council, including in the context of the universal periodic review mechanism.

Item 5. Enhancing the effectiveness of the treaty bodies: a coordinated approach to the work of the treaty bodies:

(a) Discussion of the recommendations of the eighth and ninth inter-committee meetings

Under this agenda item, participants will consider the recommendations contained in an advance unedited version of the reports of the eighth and ninth inter-committee meetings, held from 1 to 3 December 2008 and 29 to 1 July 2009, respectively;

(b) Harmonization of working methods

Under this agenda item, the participants will discuss the working methods of treaty bodies, including coordination and possibilities for harmonization. The meeting will have before it the updated version of the report on the working methods of the human rights treaty bodies (HRI/MC/2009/4) as well as the updated version of the report on reservations (HRI/MC/2009/5).

Item 6. Joint meeting of the sixteenth meeting of special rapporteurs/representatives, experts and chairpersons of working groups of the special procedures with chairpersons of treaty bodies

The chairpersons will meet with the special rapporteurs/representatives, experts and chairpersons of working groups, who have convened for their sixteenth meeting. The topic of discussion will be coordinated follow-up to the recommendations of special procedures mandate holders, treaty bodies and the universal periodic review mechanism of the Human Rights Council.

Item 7. Adoption of the report and setting of dates for the twenty-second meeting of chairpersons

The chairpersons will adopt a report on their meeting, including conclusions and recommendations, to be submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session, in accordance with Assembly resolution 55/90 of 4 December 2000.

In addition, the chairpersons will determine the dates of their twenty-second meeting, to be held in 2010.
