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### Twenty-fourth meeting of chairpersons of the human rights treaty bodies

Addis Ababa, 25 to 29 June 2012

Item 2 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda

### Provisional agenda and annotations

#### Note by the Secretary-General\*

1. The twenty-fourth meeting of chairpersons of the human rights treaty bodies will be held from 25 to 29 June 2012, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 49/178 of 23 December 1994.
2. The present document contains the provisional agenda and annotations for the twenty-fourth meeting.

#### Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Organizational matters.
4. Enhancing the effectiveness of the treaty bodies: a coordinated approach to the work of the treaty bodies:
  - (a) Discussion and adoption of draft guidelines on independence and impartiality of members of the human rights treaty bodies in the exercise of their functions;
  - (b) Discussion of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on strengthening the treaty body system.
5. Informal consultations in Addis Ababa:
  - (a) Informal consultations with African human rights mechanisms;
  - (b) Informal consultations with the diplomatic community;
  - (c) Informal consultations with national human rights institutions, civil society organizations and other Addis Ababa-based stakeholders;

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\* Late submission.

- (d) United Nations entities and specialized agencies.
- 6. Adoption of the report and setting of dates for the twenty-fifth meeting of chairpersons.

## **Annotations**

### **1. Opening of the meeting and election of officers**

The meeting will convene in Addis Ababa on Monday 25 June 2012, at 9 a.m. The meeting will elect its Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, based on the principle of rotation among chairpersons.

### **2. Adoption of the agenda**

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

### **3. Organizational matters**

Under this agenda item, the meeting will consider and adopt a programme of work. The meeting will then receive an update from the Chairperson of the twenty-third meeting on relevant developments since the last annual meeting.

### **4. Enhancing the effectiveness of the treaty bodies: a coordinated approach to the work of the treaty bodies:**

#### **(a) Discussion and adoption of draft guidelines on independence and impartiality of members of the human rights treaty bodies in the exercise of their functions**

Under this agenda item, participants will consider the draft guidelines on independence and impartiality which it requested the Secretariat to prepare at its twenty-third meeting;

#### **(b) Discussion of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on strengthening the treaty body system**

Under this agenda item, the participants will discuss the report of the High Commissioner on strengthening the treaty body system, in particular the approach to be adopted to discuss the relevant recommendations in their respective committees so as to move the process forward.

### **5. Informal consultations in Addis Ababa:**

#### **(a) Informal consultations with African human rights mechanisms**

Strengthening awareness among the African human rights mechanisms, other regional mechanisms and member States, as well as other Addis Ababa-based actors (diplomatic community, national human rights institution (NHRIs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), United Nations entities, etc.), of the latest developments in the work of treaty bodies to increase efficiency, and the applicability of international human rights treaties in the African human rights system;

#### **(b) Informal consultations with the diplomatic community**

Promoting action by the African Union member States to ensure stronger implementation of the recommendations of the treaty bodies within the African Union as useful tools for measuring progress;

**(c) Informal consultations with national human rights institutions, civil society organizations and other Addis Ababa-based stakeholders**

Promoting the international human rights treaties, the work of the respective treaty bodies, the follow-up and implementation of their recommendations through the actions of African Union member States.

**(d) United Nations entities and specialized agencies**

Promoting the follow-up and implementation of the recommendations of the international human rights treaty bodies through the actions of African Union member States.

**6. Adoption of the report and setting of dates for the twenty-fifth 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-seventh session, in accordance with Assembly resolution 55/90 of 4 December 2000.

In addition, the chairpersons will determine the dates of their twenty-fifth meeting, to be held in 2013 in Geneva.

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