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Overall orientation

19.1 The overarching objective of the United Nations human rights programme is to promote and protect the effective enjoyment by all of all human rights. Its mandate derives from Articles 1, 13, 55 and 62 of the Charter of the United Nations; the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, including its principles and recommendations, adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights and subsequently endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 48/121; Assembly resolution 48/141 establishing the post of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; international human rights instruments adopted by the United Nations; the outcomes of relevant United Nations conferences and summits; and the resolutions and decisions of policymaking bodies, including, in particular, Assembly resolutions 55/2 on the United Nations Millennium Declaration, 57/300 on strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change, 60/1 on the 2005 World Summit Outcome, 60/251 on the Human Rights Council, and 64/143 on the report of the Human Rights Council. The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) will also be guided by international humanitarian law, as applicable.

19.2 The programme is guided by the principles of universality, objectivity, impartiality, indivisibility and non-selectivity in removing obstacles to the full realization of all human rights and in preventing the continuation of human rights violations, including with relevant parties. It undertakes to give practical effect to the will and resolve of the world community, as expressed through the United Nations, including in the Millennium Declaration and the 2005 World Summit Outcome, which acknowledged peace and security, development and human rights as interlinked and mutually reinforcing pillars of the United Nations system, providing foundations for collective security and well-being. The United Nations human rights programme has a role in making development equitable, sustainable and responsive to the needs of people and in relation to conflict prevention and resolution.

19.3 The programme falls under the leadership of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, entrusted with the principal responsibility for the human rights activities of the Organization, under the direction and authority of the Secretary-General and within the framework of the overall competence, authority and decisions of the General Assembly and the Human Rights Council. The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) acts as the central supportive structure for the programme.

19.4 Priority will continue to be given to emphasizing the importance of human rights on international and national agendas, combating poverty and countering discrimination on all internationally recognized grounds, including race, sex, language or religion, advancing the rights of children and women, raising awareness of human rights at all levels of education, responding to the needs of the vulnerable for protection and addressing situations of international concern, in particular gross and systematic violations of human rights, as identified by the Human Rights Council and other relevant United Nations organs.

19.5 The continued engagement of OHCHR with countries is essential to the realization of the programme in the framework of the enhanced partnerships at the national, regional and international levels. Increased support for human rights

implementation will continue to be provided to requesting Member States through mutually agreed bilateral frameworks, outlining, inter alia, assistance to national systems of human rights protection, national capacity-building, technical cooperation, human rights education and learning and other relevant activities. The programme will continue to take gender issues fully into account in the development and application of norms and procedures so that violations against women and girls are clearly identified and addressed.

19.6 Substantive and consolidated organizational support will be provided to the Human Rights Council and its subsidiary bodies and mechanisms, including the universal periodic review, special procedures, Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, and complaint procedure, as well as other relevant United Nations organs. The United Nations treaty-monitoring bodies, all serviced by OHCHR, will receive strengthened support and advice. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 60/251, it is expected that the Council will review its work and functioning five years after its establishment and report to the General Assembly.

19.7 The programme strategy will be guided by the lessons learned from the biennium 2010-2011, in particular with regard to measurements of achievement that can be implemented realistically by OHCHR.

Subprogramme 1

Human rights mainstreaming, right to development, and research and analysis

19.8 The responsibility for implementing the subprogramme lies with the Research and Right to Development Division.

A. Human rights mainstreaming

Objective of the Organization: To advance the promotion and protection of human rights and to further integrate human rights and their gender dimension into all relevant areas of work of the United Nations system

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Further integration of human rights and the gender dimension by United Nations entities into development, humanitarian, peace and security, governance and rule of law programmes and activities	(a) Increased number of United Nations projects and activities that further integrate human rights and the gender dimension
(b) Strengthened capacity of the United Nations system, in particular United Nations country teams, to further integrate human rights into their respective programmes and activities and to assist Member States, at their request, in building and strengthening national human rights promotion and protection capacities	(b) Increased number of United Nations common country programming documents that further integrate human rights

(c) Wider knowledge within the entire United Nations system, including United Nations country teams, of relevant human rights issues and their disability and gender dimension

(c) Increased percentage of Resident and Humanitarian Coordinators, Special Representatives of the Secretary-General, other senior officials and country teams trained and advised by OHCHR

Strategy

19.9 This part of the subprogramme will continue to play a leadership role in pursuing cooperation within the United Nations system for the integration of all human rights into its development, environmental, humanitarian, peace and security, governance, democracy and rule of law programmes and activities, consistent with the existing mandates in these areas, in order to contribute to the full and effective implementation of international human rights standards by States. The strategy will focus on:

(a) Integrating a human rights perspective into United Nations programmes and activities in the development, environmental, humanitarian, peace and security, governance, democracy and the rule of law areas, contributing to the promotion and protection of human rights at all levels;

(b) Strengthening the substantive engagement and partnership, at the international level, of OHCHR with the World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme and other United Nations agencies, bearing in mind their respective mandates, as well as with civil society, including non-governmental organizations;

(c) Promoting the practical integration of human rights into development programmes, as well as ensuring consistency and mutual reinforcement between United Nations-supported development activities and country engagement strategies jointly agreed between OHCHR and the concerned Member State;

(d) Developing methodologies to facilitate the inclusion of all human rights in United Nations policies, programmes and activities for development, peace and security, rule of law, governance and humanitarian assistance, and to facilitate, where appropriate, the advancement of the practical applications of rights-based approaches to all the aforementioned areas;

(e) Contributing to developing the capability of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations country teams, through training, advice and methodological tools, to assist requesting Member States in building and enhancing national capacities to promote and protect all human rights and in mainstreaming human rights into national policies.

B. Right to development

Objective of the Organization: To advance the promotion and protection of the effective enjoyment by all of all human rights by contributing to the effective realization of the right to development

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Further integration of the promotion and protection of the right to development in global partnerships for development and, as appropriate, in the policies and operational activities of relevant actors at all levels	(a) Increased number of projects and activities aimed at integrating the right to development, including in global partnerships for development
(b) Enhanced awareness, knowledge and understanding of the right to development at all levels	(b) Increased number of activities, analytical papers and information materials organized or made available by OHCHR within and outside the United Nations in contribution to increasing knowledge, awareness and understanding of the realization of the right to development.

Strategy

19.10 This part of the subprogramme will pursue a multidimensional strategy to support the implementation of the right to development in accordance with the Declaration on the Right to Development, the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action and other relevant mandates. The strategy will focus on:

- (a) Ensuring the realization of the right to development across the human rights programme and by the relevant bodies of the United Nations system;
- (b) Enhancing substantive support to the Human Rights Council and its subsidiary mechanisms related to the right to development;
- (c) Building stronger partnership and collaboration with relevant actors, including Member States, multilateral institutions and civil society, including non-governmental organizations and the private sector, so that support given to human rights bodies relevant to the right to development, as well as funds and specialized agencies, will have increased focus on its practical implementation;
- (d) Encouraging the promotion and protection of the right to development in global development partnerships, as reflected in Millennium Development Goal 8 (aid, trade and debt reduction), through advocacy, networking, technical advice and the establishment of partnerships and other kinds of cooperation;
- (e) Promoting the implementation of the right to development in technical assistance to requesting countries and, taking into account a human rights-based approach, in national development strategies, such as poverty reduction strategy papers, where they exist, national Millennium Development Goals strategies and United Nations development frameworks, through close cooperation with Member States and United Nations agencies, funds and programmes;
- (f) Identifying obstacles to the implementation of the right to development at the international, regional and national levels and promoting awareness about the

content and importance of the right to development, including through increased engagement, research, advocacy and informational and educational activities;

(g) Promoting cooperation at the international and regional levels in mainstreaming the right to development, including by undertaking activities aimed at effectively strengthening the global partnership for development among Member States, development agencies and international development, financial and trade institutions.

C. Research and analysis

Objective of the Organization: To advance the promotion and protection of the effective enjoyment by all of all human rights by increasing knowledge, awareness and understanding

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Strengthened respect for the enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by everyone, inter alia, by combating discrimination against groups including but not limited to women, children, persons belonging to minorities, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, persons affected by HIV/AIDS, migrants, victims of trafficking and victims of enforced or involuntary disappearances	(a) Increased number of activities carried out and measures taken to promote and protect the enjoyment of human rights by members of those groups
(b) Strengthened efforts that contribute to the elimination of all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	(b) Increased number of measures taken to eliminate all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
(c) Enhanced contribution of OHCHR to the effective achievement of the Millennium Development Goals from the human rights perspective	(c) Increased number of countries that have carried out activities and taken measures to incorporate human rights in the effective implementation of the Millennium Development Goals
(d) Enhanced legal protection and advocacy for the full implementation of all human rights, including economic, social and cultural rights, including at the country level	(d) Increased number of activities carried out and measures taken in strengthening legal protection and advocacy in implementing all human rights, including economic, social and cultural rights
(e) More effective United Nations assistance to Member States and other stakeholders, at their request, in strengthening the rule of law and democracy mechanisms for the protection of all human rights for all	(e) Increased number of activities and measures taken in strengthening the rule of law and democracy mechanisms for the protection of all human rights for all
(f) Enhanced methodological expertise to implement human rights activities and to provide advice and assistance to Governments and partners within and outside the United Nations system	(f) Increased number of methodological and operational guidelines and tools developed for the realization of human rights

(g) Enhanced capacity of OHCHR to provide training and advice to promote human rights compliance with a view to protecting rights-holders at the national level

(g) Increased number of advice and training activities provided by OHCHR and its partners, as appropriate, in relevant substantive areas

Strategy

19.11 This part of the subprogramme will be responsible for enhancing research and analysis of human rights issues, problems and challenges, and the development and application of expertise on human rights themes and methodologies. It will be responsible for the consolidation, further development and strengthening of substantive human rights expertise to support effective engagement with countries and global and national-level partnerships, and to lead efforts within the United Nations system to meet current human rights challenges. Strengthened expertise will be used to overcome human rights implementation gaps and will provide the basis for OHCHR to work on technical cooperation, advocacy, training, policy development, analysis, protection and advice to partners at all levels. The strategy will focus on:

(a) Advocacy for the indivisibility, interdependence and interrelatedness of all human rights by enhancing substantive and methodological expertise; development and consolidation of partnerships within and outside the United Nations for strengthening national capacity in the areas of the rule of law, democracy and good governance; human rights-based approaches to development, counter-terrorism and anti-trafficking measures as well as to the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals and poverty reduction strategies; protection of human rights in the context of the fight against terrorism; protection of human rights in the context of business activities; promotion and protection of all human rights; contributing to the elimination of all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and new forms of discrimination; and strengthening of respect for the enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by everyone, inter alia, by combating discrimination against groups, including but not limited to women, children, persons belonging to minorities, people of African descent, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, persons affected by HIV/AIDS, migrants, victims of trafficking and victims of enforced or involuntary disappearances;

(b) Advancing knowledge, awareness, understanding and implementation of all human rights, including through research, policy-oriented analysis, support to standard-setting capacity-building, advocacy, best practices and development of methodologies in the areas of human rights protection, institution-building and education, development and delivery of human rights training activities, including within the framework of the World Programme for Human Rights Education, provision of specialized human rights reference services and improved knowledge management;

(c) Wider inclusion in advisory services and training provided to requesting countries of measures to be taken to combat all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, including through the effective implementation of all relevant international instruments and standards, and enhancement of research and analysis in this area;

(d) Follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the Outcome Document of the Durban Review Conference.

Subprogramme 2

Supporting human rights treaty bodies

Objective of the Organization: To advance the promotion and protection of the effective enjoyment by all of all human rights by providing substantive support and advice to the United Nations human rights treaty bodies, and by increasing the knowledge and awareness of the international human rights treaties and the work of all treaty bodies among national and international actors

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Fully informed decision-making by treaty bodies	(a) (i) Increased percentage of documents submitted on time and in compliance with relevant rules and regulations for the issuance of documentation for consideration by treaty bodies (ii) Number of measures taken to strengthen support to treaty bodies and to promote follow-up to treaty body recommendations, concluding observations and decisions
(b) More streamlined and harmonized reporting procedures followed	(b) Increased number of States parties' reports considered by treaty bodies based on the streamlined and harmonized reporting procedures
(c) Enhanced awareness, knowledge and understanding of treaty body outputs among national and international actors	(c) Increased number of national and international actors at all levels making use of treaty body recommendations and decisions with the support of OHCHR
(d) Enhanced cooperation with stakeholders at all levels with respect to the work of treaty bodies, including in the follow-up to their recommendations	(d) Increased number of activities carried out and measures taken in cooperation with stakeholders at all levels, including in the follow-up to treaty body recommendations

Strategy

19.12 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Human Rights Treaties Division. The strategy will include:

(a) Assisting the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Human Rights Committee, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the Committee against Torture, the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture, the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and the Committee on Enforced Disappearances in their efforts to make their work more effective;

(b) Drawing on all available in-house resources and expertise to provide adequate substantive and technical support, including the analytical capacity, for the review of State reports, on the conduct of country visits by human rights treaty bodies, where provided for in the treaty or upon the request of States, and processing of individual complaints;

(c) Enhancing the effective functioning of human rights treaty bodies to assist them in their efforts to streamline and make their deliberations and decision-making processes more effective;

(d) Enhancing and coordinating in-house efforts more effectively and expanding partnerships with United Nations agencies, non-governmental organizations, national human rights institutions and the media to promote awareness and knowledge, including through new and effective methods of dissemination, such as better use of the Internet, of all international human rights treaties and the work of all treaty bodies in order to support the effective implementation of international human rights standards and compliance with treaty commitments by States parties;

(e) Promoting ratification of human rights treaties.

Subprogramme 3

Advisory services, technical cooperation and field activities

Objective of the Organization: To advance the promotion and protection of the effective enjoyment by all of all human rights through enhanced capacity-building, including through assistance to requesting States

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Enhanced capacity of the United Nations to assist States, at their request, in their effort to translate their international human rights obligations into effective laws, regulations and policies	(a) Increased number of legislative and policy changes in accordance with relevant human rights standards and instruments as a result of OHCHR assistance to requesting States
(b) Enhanced institutional capacity at the national level through engagement with requesting States to meet the challenges to the full realization of all human rights	(b) Increased number of institutions established or strengthened in the field of human rights at the national level through assistance and training provided by OHCHR
(c) Increased outreach in the provision of mutually agreed assistance, including to remote areas, through advisory services and technical cooperation, to promote and protect all human rights	(c) Increased mutually agreed assistance, including to remote areas, through advisory services and technical cooperation
(d) Enhanced support of OHCHR to human rights education and awareness-raising, including at the national level	(d) Increased number of institutionalized human rights training and education programmes for all relevant actors introduced at the regional, subregional and national levels, with the support of the United Nations human rights programme

(e) Enhanced capacity of United Nations country teams and United Nations peace missions to assist requesting countries in their effort to development of national human rights protection systems	(e) Increased number of activities implemented by United Nations country teams and human rights components of United Nations peace missions, in support of national human rights protection systems, in cooperation with requesting countries
(f) Enhanced OHCHR capacity to contribute to the prevention of the continuation of human rights violations in accordance with the mandate of the High Commissioner for Human Rights	(f) Increased number of cases in which OHCHR assisted in resolving identified situations of large-scale human rights violations at short notice
(g) Timely and effective assistance to requesting States to assist them in the implementation of the recommendations they have agreed to in the universal periodic review process, including through the provision of assistance from the relevant universal periodic review trust fund	(g) Increased number of requesting countries assisted in the implementation of universal periodic review recommendations

Strategy

19.13 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Field Operations and Technical Cooperation Division. The strategy will include:

(a) Strengthening United Nations efforts for peace, security and development by enhancing the capacity of United Nations country teams and of United Nations peacekeeping and peacebuilding missions to assist countries, at their request, in the development of national human rights protection systems guided, inter alia, by the recommendations of human rights treaty bodies, the universal periodic review and the human rights monitoring mechanisms of the Human Rights Council. This will be achieved through joint activities with the United Nations offices or missions, the deployment of human rights officers and the provision of expert advice from Headquarters and regional and country offices;

(b) Rapidly deploying human rights observers and fact-finding missions in crisis situations, at the specific request of countries or as mandated by the Human Rights Council and other United Nations policymaking bodies;

(c) Providing stakeholders at the national level with human rights legal advice, education and training through technical cooperation programmes aimed at strengthening the administration of justice and developing effective national human rights institutions, human rights education programmes and comprehensive national plans of action. The need to address different human rights gaps in the implementation of human rights will guide OHCHR field activities, including the prompt response to emerging human rights emergencies;

(d) Strengthening cooperation within the United Nations system at the regional and subregional levels for the protection and promotion of human rights, including interaction between OHCHR programmes in the field and relevant United Nations human rights mechanisms;

(e) Following human rights developments to assist the Human Rights Council and other United Nations policymaking bodies as well as treaty-monitoring bodies in engaging in a dialogue with countries in the implementation of their respective mandates and ensuring efficient and effective functioning of the country-specific special procedures of the Human Rights Council.

Subprogramme 4

Supporting the Human Rights Council, its subsidiary bodies and mechanisms

Objective of the Organization: To advance the promotion and protection of the effective enjoyment by all of all human rights by providing substantive and technical support as well as advice to the Human Rights Council, its subsidiary bodies and mechanisms, including the Advisory Committee, special procedures, universal periodic review, and complaint procedure

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Fully informed decision-making by the Human Rights Council, its subsidiary bodies and mechanisms	(a) (i) Increased percentage of documents submitted on time for consideration by the Human Rights Council in compliance with relevant rules and regulations of issuance of documentation (ii) Increased percentage of Member States providing positive feedback as a result of the support provided by the Secretariat
(b) Timely and effective assistance, as appropriate, to States within the framework of the universal periodic review mechanism	(b) Increased number of briefings and training activities carried out, upon request by States, for the preparation of their submissions
(c) Enhanced impact of the work of special procedures through the analysis of gaps in the implementation of international human rights standards and timely advice for addressing gross and systematic violations of human rights	(c) (i) Increased number of plans and activities supported by OHCHR in follow-up to reports and recommendations made by the thematic mandate-holders (ii) Increased number of responses and feedback from and follow-up to activities carried out by special procedures mandate-holders, including individual communications
(d) Enhanced support to the complaint procedure established to address consistent patterns of gross and reliably attested violations of all human rights and all fundamental freedoms occurring in any part of the world and under any circumstances	(d) (i) Increased percentage of documents submitted on time for consideration (ii) Percentage of communications considered by the implementing bodies as a result of timely and effective support by the Secretariat

(e) Enhanced cooperation at all levels with stakeholders who can benefit from and/or contribute to the work of the Human Rights Council, its subsidiary bodies and mechanisms

(e) Increased number of joint activities, including with Governments, civil society organizations, United Nations agencies and programmes and the United Nations human rights machinery, including treaty bodies and policymaking bodies cooperating in the implementation of special procedures' findings and universal periodic review outcomes

Strategy

19.14 The subprogramme is under the responsibility of the Human Rights Council and Special Procedures Division. The strategy will include:

(a) Providing adequate substantive, technical and expert support to the Human Rights Council, its subsidiary bodies and mechanisms, including the universal periodic review, special procedures, advisory committee and complaint procedure;

(b) Enhancing the effective functioning of human rights bodies and organs, including the Human Rights Council, including in their efforts to make their deliberations and decision-making processes more effective;

(c) Strengthening partnerships, including with Governments, civil society organizations, United Nations agencies and programmes and the United Nations human rights machinery, including treaty bodies and cooperating policymaking bodies, in order to support, as appropriate, follow-up to special procedures, findings and recommendations, and universal periodic review outcomes;

(d) Strengthening internal research, analytical, as well as information and education capability in support of the thematic special procedures and the universal periodic review mechanism, with a view to contributing to the enhancement of their effectiveness;

(e) Supporting and providing thematic expertise to fact-finding missions, including through enhanced cooperation with OHCHR geographic desks;

(f) Disseminating knowledge of the conclusions, recommendations and other outcomes of the universal periodic review as well as the findings and methodology of the thematic special procedures, and improving coordination, where appropriate, among mandate-holders as well as between them and other mechanisms of the human rights machinery;

(g) Reinforcing dialogue and cooperation between the thematic special procedures, the universal periodic review mechanism and partners, including Member States, United Nations country teams, national human rights institutions, civil society organizations and victims themselves;

(h) Strengthening the capacity and role of the OHCHR Documents Processing Unit, acting in close cooperation with the United Nations Office at Geneva, with a view to more effective coordination and streamlining of OHCHR documentation.

Legislative mandates

General Assembly resolutions

48/141	High Commissioner for the promotion and protection of all human rights
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57/300	Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change
58/269	Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change
60/1	2005 World Summit Outcome
60/251	Human Rights Council
61/159	Composition of the staff of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
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63/174	Effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (subprogrammes 1 and 4)
63/175	Human rights and extreme poverty (subprogrammes 1 and 4)
63/243	International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (subprogrammes 1, 2 and 4)
64/137	Intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women (subprogrammes 1 and 4)
64/141	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (subprogrammes 1 and 2)
64/143	Report of the Human Rights Council
64/146	Rights of the child (subprogrammes 2 and 4)
64/148	Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action
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- 64/159 The right to food (subprogrammes 1 and 4)
- 64/166 Protection of migrants (subprogrammes 1 and 4)
- 64/167 International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (subprogrammes 2 and 4)
- 64/168 Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (subprogrammes 1 and 4)
- 64/171 Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights
- 64/178 Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons (subprogrammes 1 and 4)

Human Rights Council resolutions and decisions

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- 4/6 Strengthening of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- 4/7 Rectification of the legal status of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (subprogrammes 1 and 2)
- 5/1 Institution-building of the United Nations Human Rights Council
- 5/2 Code of Conduct for Special Procedures Mandate-holders of the Human Rights Council (subprogrammes 1, 3 and 4)
- 6/9 Development of public information activities in the field of human rights, including the World Public Information Campaign on Human Rights
- 6/15 Forum on Minority Issues (subprogrammes 1 and 4)
- 8/7 Mandate of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises (subprogrammes 1 and 4)
- 10/5 Composition of staff of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- 12/10 Follow-up to the seventh special session of the Human Rights Council on the negative impact of the worsening of the world food crisis on the realization of the right to food for all (subprogrammes 1 and 4)
- 12/18 The adverse effects of the movement and dumping of toxic and dangerous products and wastes on the enjoyment of human rights (subprogrammes 1 and 4)
- 12/19 Draft guiding principles on extreme poverty and human rights (subprogrammes 1 and 4)

- 12/24 Access to medicine in the context of the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health (subprogrammes 1 and 4)
- 12/28 Follow-up to the 10th special session of the Human Rights Council on the impact of the global economic and financial crises on the universal realization and effective enjoyment of human rights (subprogrammes 1 and 4)
- S-10/1 The impact of the global economic and financial crises on the universal realization and effective enjoyment of human rights (subprogrammes 1 and 4)
- S-7/1 The negative impact of the worsening of the world food crisis on the realization of the right to food for all (subprogrammes 1 and 4)
- 12/118 United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training (subprogrammes 1 and 4)
- 12/119 The effect of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights (subprogrammes 1 and 4)

Security Council resolutions

- 2005/44 Rights of the child (subprogrammes 2 and 4)
- 2005/65 Human rights of persons with disabilities (subprogrammes 1 and 2)
- 2005/72 Composition of the staff of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- 2005/79 Rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities (subprogrammes 1 and 4)

Subprogramme 1

Human rights mainstreaming, right to development and research and analysis

General Assembly resolutions

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- 46/122 United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery
- 59/113 A and B World Programme for Human Rights Education
- 59/174 Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

- 60/142 Programme of Action for the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People
- 60/147 Basic Principles and Guidelines on the Right to a Remedy and Reparation for Victims of Gross Violations of International Human Rights Law and Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law
- 62/131 Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly
- 62/158 Human rights in the administration of justice
- 62/163 Promotion of peace as a vital requirement for the full enjoyment of all human rights by all
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- 64/174 Human rights and cultural diversity
- 64/223 Towards global partnerships

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- 2004/257 The right to restitution, compensation and rehabilitation for victims of grave violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms
- 2004/276 Traditional practices affecting the health of women and the girl child
- 2005/30 Basic Principles and Guidelines on the Right to a Remedy and Reparation for Victims of Gross Violations of International Human Rights Law and Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law
- 2005/270 Human rights and indigenous issues
- 2005/273 Human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises
- 2006/4 Sustained economic growth for social development, including the eradication of poverty and hunger
- 2007/33 Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system
- 2007/238 Agreed conclusions on the elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child
- 2008/20 Further promotion of equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities and protection of their human rights
- 2008/33 Strengthening coordination of the United Nations and other efforts in fighting trafficking in persons

Human Rights Council resolutions and decisions

- 2/107 Access to medication in the context of pandemics such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria
- 4/5 Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights

6/1	Protection of cultural rights and property in situations of armed conflict
6/6	Promotion of the enjoyment of the cultural rights of everyone and respect for different cultural identities
6/11	Protection of cultural heritage as an important component of the promotion and protection of cultural rights
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