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Effects of artificial intelligence, including profiling, automated decision-making and machine-learning technologies, on the enjoyment of the right to privacy

Note by the Secretariat*

1. In its resolution 42/15 on the right to privacy in the digital age, the Human Rights Council requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a thematic report on how artificial intelligence, including profiling, automated decisionmaking and machine-learning technologies, may, without proper safeguards, affect the enjoyment of the right to privacy, and to submit it to the Council at its forty-fifth session.

2. In light of the financial constraints faced by the Organization, the High Commissioner has not been in a position to prepare that report.

^{*} The present report was submitted after the deadline owing to circumstances beyond the submitter's control.



