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**Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil,  
political, economic, social and cultural rights,  
including the right to development**

## **Third quadrennial analytical report on conscientious objection to military service, in particular on new developments, best practices and remaining challenges**

### **Note by the Secretariat**

1. In its resolution 20/2 on conscientious objection to military service, the Human Rights Council requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a quadrennial analytical report on conscientious objection to military service, in particular on new developments, best practices and remaining challenges.
2. The High Commissioner prepared the first quadrennial report in 2013 (A/HRC/23/22) and the second in 2017 (A/HRC/35/4). In 2019, pursuant to resolution 36/18 in which the Human Rights Council mandated the Office of the High Commissioner to prepare an additional report, the High Commissioner submitted to the Council a report on different approaches and challenges with regard to application procedures for obtaining the status of conscientious objector to military service in accordance with human rights standards (A/HRC/41/23).
3. Pursuant to Human Rights Council 20/2, the High Commissioner was due to submit the third quadrennial report on conscientious objection to the Council at its forty-seventh session. Owing to the financial constraints faced by the Organization, however, the Office of the High Commissioner has not been able to prepare that report.

