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Requests addressed to the Advisory Committee stemming from Human Rights Council resolutions and currently under consideration by the Committee Current levels of representation of women in human rights organs and mechanisms

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## 23/...Current levels of representation of women in human rights organs and mechanisms

The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,

Recalling Human Rights Council resolution 41/6 of 11 July 2019, in which the Council requested the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee to prepare a report, in close cooperation with the Working Group and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, on current levels of representation of women in human rights organs and mechanisms such as the Advisory Committee, the treaty bodies and the special procedures established by the Human Rights Council; the report, to be presented to the Council at its forty-seventh session, is to include good practices by States in nominating, electing and appointing candidates to ensure balanced gender representation, in line with the system-wide strategy on gender parity, and recommendations to assist the Council and Member States in this regard,

Recalling also that the Council requested the Advisory Committee to seek the views, inputs and meaningful participation of relevant stakeholders in an inclusive manner, including Member States, international and regional organizations, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the special procedures, national human rights institutions, civil society and academic institutions, when preparing the abovementioned report,

- 1. Designates Advisory Committee members Ion Diaconu, Ludovic Hennebel, José Augusto Lindgren Alves, Ajai Malhotra, Mona Omar, Elizabeth Salmón, and Changrok Soh as members of the drafting group to prepare the report;
- 2. *Notes* that the drafting group appointed Mona Omar as Chair and Elizabeth Salmón as Rapporteur;

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- 3 Also notes that the drafting group and the full Advisory Committee held meetings to discuss the topic;
- 4. Decides to address a note verbale to stakeholders, including Member States, international and regional organizations, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the special procedures, national human rights institutions, civil society and academic institutions in which it requests them to submit input for the report by 15 November 2019;
- 5. *Requests* the drafting group to submit a preliminary outline of the report to the Advisory Committee at its twenty-fourth session, taking into account the replies received pursuant to the above-mentioned note verbale;
  - 6. *Encourages* stakeholders to contribute to the work already under way.

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