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## Human Rights Council

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Agenda item 1

### Organizational and procedural matters

## Decision adopted by the Human Rights Council on 12 July 2021

### 47/114. Strengthening documentation within the Human Rights Council

At its 35th meeting, on 12 July 2021, the Human Rights Council decided to adopt the text below:

*“The Human Rights Council,*

*Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006 and Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007 on institution-building of the Council,

*Recognizing* that the work of the Human Rights Council shall be guided by the principles of universality, impartiality, objectivity and non-selectivity, constructive international dialogue and cooperation, with a view to enhancing the promotion and protection of all human rights,

*Reaffirming* that the Human Rights Council shall be responsible for promoting universal respect for the protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction of any kind and in a fair and equal manner,

*Stressing* the importance of an open, transparent and all-inclusive United Nations,

*Recalling* the added value of live webcasting and the subsequent archiving of formal meetings held in the framework of the sessions of the Human Rights Council, while noting with regret the lack of formal verbatim or summary records for Council meetings, in particular with regard to action on proposals, and recognizing the need to reflect appropriately explanations of position in its official records,

1. *Decides* that summary records shall be taken for meetings at which the Human Rights Council takes action on proposals and adopts the report on each session, starting from its forty-eighth session;

2. *Also decides* that, in the event that observers have not had the opportunity at the end of the session to deliver their general remarks, the request made by such observers to take the floor shall be reflected in the summary records of the meeting, and any non-delivered statement on an adopted proposal, or any part thereof, that is formally provided to the secretariat through modalities set up by the latter shall be made accessible in accordance with the practices within the United Nations;

3. *Requests* the secretariat, if a factual inaccuracy is found in the summary records by the State concerned, to issue a technical correction thereof.”

[Adopted without a vote.]

