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

Albania*, Armenia*, Australia*, Austria, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina*, Bulgaria*, Canada*, Chile, Colombia*, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire*, Croatia*, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark*, Ecuador, Finland*, France*, Georgia*, Germany*, Ghana*, Greece*, Guatemala, Haiti*, Honduras*, Hungary, Italy, Japan*, Lebanon*, Liechtenstein*, Luxembourg*, Mexico, Montenegro*, Nicaragua*, Norway, Peru, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Serbia*, Slovakia*, Slovenia*, Switzerland, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*, United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)*: draft resolution

18/... Panel to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities

The Human Rights Council,

Recalling all resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, the Commission on Human Rights and the Human Rights Council on the rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities,

Noting that 2012 will mark the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities,

Affirming that the above-mentioned anniversary offers an important opportunity to reflect on the promotion and protection of the rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities, as well as on achievements, best practices and challenges with regard to the implementation of the Declaration,

Emphasizing the need for reinforced efforts to meet the goal of the full realization of the rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities,

1. *Decides* to convene, at its nineteenth session, a panel discussion to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons

* Non-Member State of the Human Rights Council.

Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities, with a particular focus on its implementation as well as on achievements, best practices and challenges in this regard;

2. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize the panel discussion, within existing resources, and to liaise with the independent expert on minority issues, States, relevant United Nations bodies and agencies as well as with civil society, non-governmental organizations and national human rights institutions with a view to ensuring their participation in the panel discussion;

3. *Also requests* the Office of the High Commissioner to prepare a report on the outcome of the panel discussion in the form of a summary.
