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Australia*, Austria, Belgium*, Botswana, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia*, Cyprus*, Djibouti*, Ethiopia, France*, Germany, Italy, Maldives, Morocco*, Norway*, Portugal*, Romania, Somalia*, Sweden*, Turkey*, Qatar, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*, Yemen*: draft decision

23/...Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights

At its meeting, on ... June 2013, the Human Rights Council decided to adopt the text below:

“The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Acknowledging that peace and security, development and human rights are the pillars of the United Nations system,

Reaffirming previous Human Rights Council resolutions on Somalia,

Acknowledging the commitment of the Federal Government of Somalia after an eight-year transition process to work towards a more stable, representative system of governance, with a special focus on the promotion and protection of human rights,

Recognizing that serious human rights and humanitarian concerns remain in Somalia,

Acknowledging the cooperation of the Federal Government of Somalia with the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia and with the wider United Nations system,

Welcoming the new United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia and its mandate to support the Federal Government of Somalia in developing its human rights capacity and to monitor the situation in Somalia,

* Non-member State of the Human Rights Council.

Recalling the intention of the Federal Government of Somalia to adopt a human rights road map, and affirming the importance of adopting it before September 2013,

Welcoming the decision of the Federal Government of Somalia to establish its Directorate General for Human and Minority Rights and Rule of Law within the Office of the Prime Minister,

Acknowledging the commitment of the Federal Government of Somalia to establish a national human rights commission in due course,

Reaffirming international commitments to support progress and development in Somalia, as shown at the Somalia Conference, held on 7 May 2013 in London, and the communiqué thereof, noting especially the commitments to create sustainable and accountable security forces that respect human rights, to ensure the protection of women and children in conflict, to ensure equal access for all to a robust, impartial and effective justice system, and to ensure press and media safety and freedom,

Reaffirming also the joint communiqué, signed by the United Nations and Somalia on 7 May 2013, on tackling the root causes of sexual violence in a sustainable manner,

Commending the sustained and vital commitment of the African Union Mission in Somalia, the sacrifices it has made, and affirming the importance of continued efforts to provide human rights training to its and Somali security forces, with the support of the United Nations Support Office for the African Union Mission in Somalia,

Recognizing the role of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development in working towards peace and stabilization in Somalia,

Recognizing also the role of the international community, including across the United Nations system, in facilitating progress and development in Somalia through coordinated support to Somalia and, in particular, in supporting the implementation of its human rights road map and facilitating the monitoring of its effectiveness,

1. *Decides* to hold, from within existing resources, at its twenty-fourth session, a stand-alone high-level interactive dialogue with the aim of exploring how all stakeholders can work effectively towards the implementation of the road map and the realization of human rights in Somalia;

2. *Also decides* to invite to the above-mentioned high-level interactive dialogue the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, a high-level representation from the Federal Government of Somalia, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Somalia, the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia, senior representatives of relevant United Nations agencies and other relevant stakeholders;

3. *Requests* the Office of the High Commissioner to provide a summary of the key conclusions of the high-level dialogue pertaining to how to ensure maximum effectiveness of technical and other assistance in implementing the road map at the national and subnational levels in Somalia.”