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

Ethiopia (on behalf of the African Group): draft resolution

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**Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the implications for human
rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of
hazardous substances and wastes**

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action,

Bearing in mind paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006,

Recalling its resolutions 5/1, on institution-building of the Human Rights Council, and 5/2, on the code of conduct for special procedures mandate holders of the Council, of 18 June 2007, and stressing that the mandate holder shall discharge his/her duties in accordance with those resolutions and the annexes thereto,

Recalling also its resolutions 21/17, of 27 September 2012, 18/11, of 27 September 2011, and 9/1, of 24 September 2008, and all the resolutions of the Commission on Human Rights on this subject,

1. *Takes note* of the preliminary report of the Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes, submitted to the twenty-seventh session of the Council;¹

2. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur, for a period of three years;

¹ A/HRC/27/54.



3. *Acknowledges* the work done by the previous Special Rapporteur and requests the new Special Rapporteur, in accordance with his mandate, to provide comprehensive and up-to-date information on the adverse effects that the improper management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes may have on the full enjoyment of human rights;

4. *Encourages* the Special Rapporteur to perform his mandate in close cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme, relevant United Nations specialized agencies, such as the World Health Organization and the International Labour Organization, and the secretariats of the international environmental conventions, with a view to mainstreaming human rights into their work and avoiding duplication;

5. *Urges* the Special Rapporteur to continue his consultations with the competent United Nations agencies and organizations and the secretariats of the relevant international environmental conventions in a multidisciplinary, in-depth approach to existing problems, with a view to finding lasting solutions for the management of such substances and wastes, in order to present to the Council, in accordance with its programme, annual reports on the implementation of the resolutions it has adopted, and specific recommendations and proposals on the steps to be taken immediately to address the adverse impacts on human rights of hazardous substances and wastes;

6. *Likewise urges* the Special Rapporteur to develop, in consultation with the relevant stakeholders and with the support of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, a guide to best practices regarding the human rights obligations related to the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes, to be submitted together with his report to the Human Rights Council at its thirty-sixth session;

7. *Requests*, to this end, that the Special Rapporteur hold one or more international meetings of experts with a view to drawing up this guide, involving experts from all regions and reflecting the points of view of other relevant human rights mechanisms, United Nations specialized agencies and other international bodies, government experts, national institutions for the protection of human rights and civil society;

8. *Encourages* the Special Rapporteur, in accordance with his mandate and with the support and assistance of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, to continue to provide Governments with an appropriate opportunity to respond to allegations transmitted to him and reflected in his report, and to have their observations reflected in his report to the Council;

9. *Reiterates* its appeal to States and other stakeholders to facilitate the work of the Special Rapporteur by providing information and inviting him to undertake country visits;

10. *Also reiterates* its appeal to the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the Special Rapporteur with all the necessary assistance for the successful fulfilment of his mandate;

11. *Decides* to continue consideration of this matter under the same agenda item, in accordance with its programme of work.