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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY-BUILDING

France (on behalf of the European Union): draft resolution

9/... Advisory services and technical assistance for Liberia

The Human Rights Council,

Reaffirming that all Member States have an obligation to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms as stated in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights and other applicable human rights instruments,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006,

Bearing in mind its resolution 6/31 of 14 December 2007,

Taking note of the report of the independent expert on technical cooperation and advisory services in Liberia (A/HRC/9/15),

Recognizing the ongoing efforts made by the United Nations, the Economic Community of West African States, the African Union and the European Union to help provide Liberia to fully re-establish peace and security on its national territory,

Welcoming the decisive steps taken by the Government of Liberia to further improve and accelerate progress on the situation of human rights in Liberia, and recognizing that this process still needs the continued support of the international community in order to address the remaining challenges in rebuilding its economy and society,

1. *Welcomes* the work accomplished by the independent expert in assisting the Government of Liberia to maximize the opportunities afforded by technical assistance and complementing the work of the United Nations Mission in Liberia;

2. *Encourages* the Government of Liberia to continue its work to improve the promotion and protection of human rights to enable the people of Liberia to have full enjoyment of their human rights, including in the areas highlighted by the independent expert, and to reinforce its political commitment to establish an effective national human rights protection system;

3. *Urges* the international community to provide the Government of Liberia with appropriate funding and assistance to enable it to consolidate human rights, peace and security on its national territory;

4. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, through its presence in Liberia, to pursue its technical assistance activities and programmes in consultation with the authorities of Liberia;

5. *Invites* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner to report to the Council at its twelfth session on the progress made in the situation of human rights in Liberia and the activities it has undertaken in the country.
