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**PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS,
CIVIL, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL
RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT**

**Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia*, Congo*,
Ecuador*, Egypt, Morocco*, Nicaragua, Panama* and
Uruguay: draft resolution**

**9/... United Nations guidelines for the appropriate use and
conditions of alternative care for children**

The Human Rights Council,

Reaffirming the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Convention on the Rights
of the Child,

Recalling and welcoming the international discussion launched in 2004 by the Committee
on the Rights of the Child on the subject of children deprived of parental care,

* Non-member State of the Human Rights Council.

Recalling also and welcoming the initiative of UNICEF and the Committee on the Rights of the Child which, in 2005, devoted its annual day of general discussion to the issue of children deprived of parental care,

Recalling further and welcoming the recommendation of the Committee on the Rights of the Child that the international community should engage in the preparation of guidelines on alternative care, to be considered and adopted by the General Assembly,

Recalling and welcoming the intergovernmental meeting held in Brasilia, in August 2006, to analyse the preliminary version of the draft guidelines for the appropriate use and conditions of alternative care for children, based on the initial draft produced by experts and followed by the Committee on the Rights of the Child,

Recalling also and welcoming the broad consultative process held by the Council, which included joint statements by the Group of Friends, UNICEF and civil society representatives at its sixth session, resolution 7/29 adopted by consensus at its seventh session, and the high-level panel with broad participation held during the eighth session of the Council,

Recalling resolution 60/251 of the General Assembly, in which the Assembly established the Human Rights Council as the body responsible for promoting universal respect for the protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all,

1. *Reaffirms* the findings of the General Assembly in paragraph 16 of its resolution 62/141 and the importance of promoting appropriate parental care and family preservation where possible;

2. *Also reaffirms* paragraph 19 of Council resolution 7/29, where it encourages the advancement of the draft United Nations guidelines for the appropriate use and conditions of alternative care for children;

3. *Takes note* with appreciation of the draft United Nations guidelines for the appropriate use and conditions of alternative care for children;

4. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to circulate, as soon as possible, the draft United Nations guidelines for the appropriate use and conditions of alternative care for children, with a view to give full knowledge of it to all members and observers of the Council;

5. *Decides* to dedicate all its efforts with a view to the possible adoption of the draft United Nations guidelines for the appropriate use and conditions of alternative care for children by its tenth session.
