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

Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council*

21/13.

**Panel discussion on the negative impact of corruption on the enjoyment
of human rights**

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations,

*Reaffirming the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants
on Human Rights and other relevant international human rights instruments,*

*Recalling all relevant resolutions of the Commission on Human Rights and the
Human Rights Council, including Council resolution 19/20 of 23 March 2012 on the role of
good governance in the promotion and protection of human right, as well as the United
Nations Millennium Declaration,*

*Deeply concerned about the increasing negative impact of widespread corruption on
the enjoyment of human rights,*

*Recognizing that corruption constitutes one of the obstacles to the effective
promotion and protection of human rights, as well as to the achievement of the Millennium
Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals,*

*Welcoming the resolve of States parties to the United Nations Convention against
Corruption, noting with interest the provisions of the Convention that have led to the
development of a mechanism among States parties to review their progress in combating
corruption, and welcoming also the commitment made by all States in the 2005 World
Summit Outcome to make the fight against corruption a priority at all levels ,*

* The resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council will be contained in the report of the Council on its twenty-first session (A/HRC/21/2), chap. I.

Welcoming also the joint statement on the negative impact of corruption on the enjoyment of human rights made on behalf of one hundred and thirty four States Members of the United Nations at the twentieth session of the Human Rights Council,

1. *Decides* to convene, at its twenty-second session, from within existing resources, a panel discussion on the issue of the negative impact of corruption on the enjoyment of human rights;

2. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize the above-mentioned panel discussion and to liaise with States, relevant United Nations bodies, agencies, treaty bodies and special procedures, in particular the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the United Nations Development Programme, international organizations, in particular the International Anti-Corruption Academy, relevant regional human rights mechanisms, 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 and submit a summary report on the panel discussion to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-third session.

*37th meeting
27 September 2012*

[Adopted without a vote.]
