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Follow-up to and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council*

21/20.

High-level panel discussion to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights and other relevant international human rights instruments,

Noting that 2013 will mark the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993,

Emphasizing that the anniversary offers an important opportunity to reiterate the commitment to the universal promotion and protection of the human rights of all, as well as to reflect on achievements, best practices and challenges with regard to the implementation of the Declaration and Programme of Action,

Emphasizing also the need for continued and reinforced efforts for the full realization of the human rights of all,

1. *Decides* to convene, at the first day of the high-level segment of its twenty-second session, a high-level panel discussion to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, with a particular focus on its implementation, as well as on achievements, best practices and challenges in this regard;

2. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize the panel discussion and to liaise with States, relevant United Nations bodies, agencies, treaty bodies, special procedures and regional human rights mechanisms,

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as well as with civil society, including 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 a report on the panel discussion in the form of a summary.

*37th meeting
27 September 2012*

[Adopted without a vote.]
