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Technical assistance and capacity building

Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Acknowledging that peace and security, development and human rights are the pillars of the United Nations system,

Reaffirming its respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence and unity of Somalia,

Recalling Human Rights resolution 5/1 and 5/2 of 18 June 2007,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the situation of human rights in Somalia and its decision 14/119 of 18 June 2010;

Acknowledges the commitment and efforts made by the African Union and AMISOM to support Somali-led efforts to achieve reconciliation and stability, and the efforts made by the international community and regional stakeholders to help Somalia re-establish stability, peace and security in its national territory,

Noting the outcomes of the high-level consultative meeting held in Nairobi, Kenya on 12-13 April 2011, the special meeting on Somalia of the Security Council held in Nairobi, Kenya on 25 May 2011 and the meeting of the International Contact Group on Somalia held in Kampala, Uganda on 2-3 June 2011,

Acknowledges the constructive engagement of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia and its sub-national entities in the Universal Periodic Review and its decision to hold a special meeting of the Council of Ministers before the end of June 2011 to consider its acceptance by Somalia of numerous recommendations,

Deeply concerned about the steep rise in the number of children under five years old who have been wounded in Mogadishu since May 2011,

Recognizing the unique challenges faced by the Government at national and sub-national level in implementing these recommendations and its expressed desire to receive additional technical support and assistance from the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and any willing country including through the role of

the Independent Expert and of the Independent Consultant on the elaboration of Somalia's UPR report,

1. *Strongly condemns* the grave and systematic human rights violations perpetrated against the civilian population by Al Shabab and like minded terrorist groups,
2. *Encourages* the Government of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia and its sub-national entities to favorably consider the recommendations presented during the Working Group and implement them;
3. *Decides* to renew the mandate of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia for a period of one year from September 2011, with a view to:
 - a. maximizing the much needed provision and flow of tangible and timely technical assistance to Somalia in the fields of human rights,
 - b. supporting the efforts of the Transitional Federal Government and its sub-national entities to ensure the respect of human rights and to supporting in its work to complete the outstanding task of the transitional mandate;
4. *Requests* the Independent Expert to evaluate the sufficiency and effectiveness of the technical assistance provided to Somalia to implement the accepted recommendations and to submit a comprehensive report to the Human Rights Council at its 18th and 19th sessions;
5. *Requests* the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights through its East African Regional Office in Addis Ababa (EARO) and the role of the Independent Consultant to provide the necessary resources and technical assistance to the Government at national and sub-national levels with a view to enhancing its capacity to implement the accepted recommendations and to report to the Human Rights Council. Also requests the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to present a report to the 19th Session of the Human Rights Council;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the Independent Expert with all the human, technical and financial assistance necessary to carry out his mandate;
7. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.