

DRAFT DECISION ON A PANEL ON HUMAN RIGHTS OF VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

"The Human Rights Council,

Recalling previous resolutions of the General Assembly, the Commission on Human Rights and the Human Rights Council on human rights and terrorism and on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism, in particular Assembly resolutions 61/172 of 19 December 2006 and 64/168 of 18 December 2009, Commission resolutions 2004/44 of 19 April 2004 and 2005/31 of 19 April 2005 and Council resolution 13/26 of 26 March 2010,

Recalling also all General Assembly resolutions on the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, including resolutions 46/51 of 9 December 1991, 60/288 of 8 September 2006 and 64/297 of 8 September 2010,

3 *Reaffirming* its unequivocal condemnation of all acts, methods and practices of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, wherever and by whomever committed, regardless of their motivation, as criminal and unjustifiable, and renewing its commitment to strengthen international cooperation to prevent and combat terrorism, (PP 12 GA RES 64/168)

~1 *Reaffirming* that acts, methods and practices of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations are activities aimed at the destruction of human rights, fundamental freedoms and democracy, threatening the territorial integrity and security of States and destabilizing legitimately constituted Governments, and that the international community should take the necessary steps to enhance cooperation to prevent and combat terrorism, (PP9 GA RES 62/169)

Reaffirming that terrorism cannot and should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilization or ethnic group. (PP11 GA RES 62/169)

Reaffirming also that the promotion and protection of human rights for all and the rule of law are essential to the fight against terrorism, and recognizing that effective counter-terrorism measures and the protection of human rights are not conflicting goals but are complementary and mutually reinforcing, (HRC/DEC/157116)

Deploing the suffering caused by terrorism to the victims and their families, expressing its profound solidarity with them, and stressing the importance of providing them with assistance on a voluntary basis (OP.2 GA RES 62/159)

Recognizing, therefore, the need to reflect on the question of human rights and terrorism, especially from the perspective of victims of terrorist acts, with special attention to the obligations of states towards victims of terrorism,

1. *Decides* to convene, within existing resources, at its seventeenth session, a panel discussion on the issue of human rights of victims of terrorist acts, with a special focus, inter alia, on the recommendations of the "UN Symposium on Supporting Victims of Terrorism" that took place in en NY on 9 September 2008.

2. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to liaise with the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism and all concerned parties and stakeholders, including relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, 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 outcome of the panel discussion in the form of a summary."