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## Draft Decision

### **Panel on Freedom of Expression on the Internet**

*The Human Rights Council,*

*Reaffirming* the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and relevant international human rights treaties, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,

*Recalling* all relevant resolutions of the Human Rights Council and the Commission on Human Rights on the right to freedom of opinion and expression, in particular Council resolution 12/16 of 12 October 2009,

*Noting* that freedom of expression on the internet is an issue of increasing interest as the technological development at rapid pace enables people all over the world to use new communication technology,

*Noting* the report on freedom of expression on the internet to the seventeenth session of the Human Rights Council by the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Opinion and Expression,

1. *Decides* to convene, within existing resources, at its nineteenth session, a panel discussion on the promotion and protection of freedom of expression on the internet, with a particular focus on the ways and means to improve its protection in line with international human rights law;
2. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to liaise with relevant special procedures, States and other stakeholders, including relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, with a view to ensuring a multistakeholder 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.