

Protection of the Family

The Human Rights Council,

PP 1. Reaffirming the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

PP 2. Guided by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, and *recalling* the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and other relevant human rights instruments,

PP 3. Recalling General Assembly resolutions 44/82 of 8 December 1989, 47/237 of 20 September 1993, 50/142 of 21 December 1995, 52/81 of 12 December 1997, 54/124 of 17 December 1999, 56/113 of 19 December 2001, 57/164 of 18 December 2002, 58/15 of 3 December 2003, 59/111 of 6 December 2004, 59/147 of 20 December 2004, 60/133 of 16 December 2005, 62/129 of 18 December 2007, 64/133 of 18 December 2009, 66/126 of 19 December 2011, 67/142 of 20 December 2012, and 68/136 of 18 December 2013 concerning the proclamation, preparations for, and observance of the International Year of the Family and its tenth and twentieth anniversaries, **(PP1 68/136 Updated)**

PP 4. Recognizing that the preparations for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family provide a useful opportunity to draw further attention to the objectives of the Year for increasing cooperation at all levels on family issues and for undertaking concerted actions to strengthen family-centred policies and programmes as part of an integrated comprehensive approach to development, **(PP2 68/136)**

PP 5. Reaffirming that the family, as the natural and fundamental group unit of society, has the primary responsibility for the nurturing, guidance, and protection of children and that children, for the full and harmonious development of their personality, should grow up in a family environment and in an atmosphere of happiness, love and understanding, **(PP 68/136)**

PP6 Reaffirming also that the family is entitled to widest possible protection and assistance by society and the State **(UDHR 16.3+ICCPR 23.1+ICESCR 10.1),**

OP 1. Decides to convene at its twenty-Seventh session, a panel discussion on the protection of the family to address the implementation of States' obligations under relevant provisions of international human rights law;

OP 2. Requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to liaise with States and all stakeholders, including the relevant United Nations bodies, agencies, and programs, treaty-bodies, and special procedures of the Human Rights Council, with a view to ensuring their participation in the panel discussion;

OP 3. Also requests the High Commissioner to prepare a report on the panel discussion in the format of a summary, and to present the report to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-eighth session;

OP 4. Decides to remain seized of the matter.