

# **Fifteenth Annual Meeting of Special Rapporteurs, Representatives, Independent Experts and Chairpersons of Working Groups of the Human Rights Council**

Geneva, 23 to 27 June 2008

## **Draft agenda Rev. 1**

### **Opening of the meeting**

#### **Item I: Organization of work**

- (a) Election of the Chairperson and Rapporteur of the 15<sup>th</sup> annual meeting
- (b) Adoption of the agenda
- (c) Election of three members of the Coordination Committee
- (d) Adoption of the report of 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

#### **Item II: Activities of the Coordination Committee**

Report by the former Chairperson

#### **Item III: The Human Rights Council and the Special Procedures system**

- (a) Update by the Secretariat on recent developments: Review of mandates, Universal Periodic Review mechanism (UPR), selection of mandate holders
- (b) Exchange of views with the former HRC President
- (c) Exchange of views with the HRC President and members of the HRC Bureau
- (d) The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and the Special Procedures

#### **Item IV: Working Methods**

- (a) Draft revised Manual of Special Procedures mandate holders
- (b) Code of conduct and interim Internal Advisory Procedure to review practices and working methods
- (c) Strengthening the effectiveness of the Special Procedures: Follow-up and Communications
- (d) Cooperation with regional human rights mechanisms
- (e) Cooperation with the United Nations system: engagement with United Nations Country Teams (UNCTs) and United Nations agencies, programmes and funds.
- (f) Developing a preventative approach to special human rights situations
- (g) Legal issues (amicus curiae briefs and other)

#### **Item V: Exchange of views with the High Commissioner**

**Item VI: Integrating human rights approaches and mechanisms into the work of the Special Procedures**

- (a) Enhancing the integration of gender perspectives
- (b) The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol
- (c) Follow-up to the Study on violence against children

**Item VII: Joint session with Chairpersons of Human Rights Treaty Bodies**

Strengthening follow-up, including in relation to the Universal Periodic Review mechanism (UPR)

**Item VIII: Consultation with Non-Governmental Organizations and National Human Rights Institutions**

Follow-up to recommendations and conclusions of Special Procedures, including in relation to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) mechanism

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