



## **Human Rights Council**

### **Resolution 9/19. Advisory services and technical assistance for Burundi**

*The Human Rights Council,*

*Guided* by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and international human rights treaties,

*Reaffirming* that all Member States have an obligation to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms as stated in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights and other applicable human rights instruments,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006,

*Bearing in mind* Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/82 of 21 April 2004 and Council resolution 6/5 of 29 September 2007,

*Recognizing* the efforts made by the United Nations, the African Union, the European Union, the Political Directorate, South Africa, in its capacity as facilitator, and the countries of the Regional Peace Initiative to help Burundi to fully re-establish peace and security in its national territory,

*Cognizant* of the commitment of the Government of Burundi to engage in dialogue with its political partners,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Burundi (A/HRC/9/14);
2. *Welcomes* the cooperation established between the independent expert and the Government of Burundi;

3. *Calls upon* the Government and the Palipehutu-Forces nationales de libération (FNL) to continue to work through all the mechanisms established under the Comprehensive Ceasefire Agreement to ensure its full and immediate implementation, in accordance with the timetable established in the revised Programme of Action and the mutual commitments undertaken in June 2008 in Magaliesberg, South Africa;

4. *Welcomes* the launching of a project to support the national consultations on transitional justice mechanisms in the context of the peacebuilding process and of Burundi's international commitments to this end, and urges the Government to continue its efforts in this area in collaboration with the United Nations and civil society;

5. *Commends* the efforts of the Government of Burundi and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and expresses its support for the Peacebuilding Fund aimed at the establishment of a national human rights commission, in accordance with the Paris Principles, and calls for this national institution to be established as soon as possible;

6. *Urges* the international community to increase its technical and financial assistance to the Government of Burundi with a view to supporting its efforts to respect and promote human rights, in particular in the areas of economic and social rights and justice system reform, and to provide assistance in the preparation of elections;

7. *Requests* the Office of the High Commissioner, through its presence in Burundi, to continue its activities and technical assistance programmes in consultation with the Burundi authorities;

8. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the independent expert until an independent national human rights commission has been established;

9. *Invites* the independent expert to report on his activities to the Council at the session following the establishment of the above-mentioned commission;

10. *Invites* the Office of the High Commissioner to report to the Council at its twelfth session on the progress achieved in the situation of human rights in Burundi and on its activities

in the country, and to make recommendations on suitable independent mechanisms necessary for the promotion and protection of human rights in Burundi.

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