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22/15.

Contribution of parliaments to the work of the Human Rights Council and its universal periodic review

The Human Rights Council,

Acknowledging the crucial role that parliaments play in, inter alia, translating international commitments into national policies and laws, and hence in contributing to the fulfilment by each State Member of the United Nations of its human rights obligations and commitments and to the strengthening of the rule of law,

Considering that the Human Rights Council and parliaments stand to gain considerably from exploring possible synergies to ensure that the universal periodic review has the greatest impact at the national level,

Taking note of the successive resolutions adopted by the General Assembly since 2010, in particular its resolutions 65/123 of 13 December 2010 and 66/261 of 29 May 2012, in which the Assembly recognized the importance of continued parliamentary support for the work of the Human Rights Council and encouraged the Inter-Parliamentary Union, as the world organization of national parliaments, to strengthen its contribution to the Human Rights Council, particularly with regard to the universal periodic review,

1. *Decides* to convene, at its twenty-third session, a panel discussion on the contribution of parliaments to the work of the Human Rights Council and its universal periodic review;

2. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize the panel discussion from within existing resources, and to liaise with the Inter-Parliamentary Union, States Members of the United Nations and relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, as well as with civil society, including non-governmental organizations, and national human rights institutions, with a view to ensuring their participation;

* The resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council will be contained in the report of the Council on its twenty-second session (A/HRC/22/2), chap. I.

3. *Also requests* the Office of the High Commissioner to prepare a conference room paper on the outcome of the panel discussion in the form of a summary.

*48th meeting
21 March 2013*

[Adopted without a vote.]
