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## Human Rights Council

### Twenty-first session

Agenda item 3

**Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development**

#### **Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council\***

**21/29.**

### **Open-ended intergovernmental working group to consider the possibility of elaborating an international regulatory framework on the regulation, monitoring and oversight of the activities of private military and security companies**

*The Human Rights Council,*

*Guided by the Charter of the United Nations,*

*Recalling* all previous resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, the Human Rights Council and the Commission on Human Rights on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination,

*Recalling also* Human Rights Council resolution 15/26 of 1 October 2010, in which the Council established the open-ended intergovernmental working group to consider the possibility of elaborating an international regulatory framework on the regulation, monitoring and oversight of the activities of private military and security companies,

*Welcoming* the convening of the first and second sessions of the open-ended intergovernmental working group, held from 23 to 27 May 2011 and 13 to 17 August 2012, respectively, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 15/26,

1. *Requests* the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the open-ended intergovernmental working group to consider the possibility of elaborating an international regulatory framework on the regulation, monitoring and oversight of the activities of private military and security companies to present to the Human Rights Council, at its twenty-second session, the report of the working group;

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\* The resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council will be contained in the report of the Council on its twenty-first session (A/HRC/21/2), chap. I.

2. *Decides* to consider the conclusions and recommendations of the open-ended intergovernmental working group at its twenty-second session.

*39th meeting  
28 September 2012*

[Adopted without a vote.]

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