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## Human Rights Council

### Eighteenth session

Agenda item 10

### Technical assistance and capacity-building

## Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council\*

### 18/24

### 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, 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 Human Rights Council resolutions 6/5 of 29 September 2007, 9/19 of 24 September 2008 and 16/34 of 25 March 2011,

1. *Commends* the efforts of the Government of Burundi to promote and protect human rights;
2. *Reaffirms* Human Rights Council resolution 9/19, by which the Council extended the mandate of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Burundi until the establishment of an independent national human rights commission;
3. *Welcomes* in this regard the adoption of Law 1/04 of 5 January 2011 creating an independent national human rights commission, and the effective establishment of a human rights institution on 23 May 2011;
4. *Takes note* of the holding during its seventeenth session of an interactive dialogue on the report of the independent expert and of his presentation on the completion of the mandate, in which he acknowledged the establishment of an independent national

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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 eighteenth session (A/HRC/18/2), chap. I.

human rights commission, in accordance with the Paris Principles, satisfying therefore the requirements of paragraph 8 of resolution 9/19;

5. *Encourages* the independent national human rights commission to submit a request for accreditation to the International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions;

6. *Strongly urges* the international community to increase its technical and financial assistance to the Government of Burundi with a view to supporting its efforts to promote and protect human rights.

*38th meeting*  
*30 September 2011*  
[Adopted without a vote.]

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