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### ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

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

#### 12/1. Open-ended intergovernmental working group on the review of the work and functioning of the Human Rights Council

*The Human Rights Council,*

*Recalling* the Charter of the United Nations,

*Recalling also* the relevant provisions of the 2005 World Summit Outcome, in which the General Assembly underlined its resolve to strengthen the human rights mechanisms and institutions of the United Nations,

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006, in particular paragraph 16, in which the Assembly decided that the Council should review its work and functioning five years after its establishment and report back to the Assembly,

*Recalling* Council resolutions 5/1 and 5/2 of 18 June 2007, as well as General Assembly resolution 62/219 of 22 December 2007, including the annexes and appendices thereto,

1. *Decides* to establish an open-ended intergovernmental working group with the mandate to review the work and functioning of the Council;
2. *Also decides* that the working group will hold two sessions for five working days each, in Geneva, after its fourteenth session;

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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 twelfth session (A/HRC/12/50), chap. I.

3. *Requests* the President of the Council to chair the working group;
4. *Also requests* the President to undertake transparent and all-inclusive consultations prior to working group sessions on the modalities of the review, and to keep the Council informed thereof;
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present a report to the Council at its fifteenth session on how to improve conference and secretariat services for the Council;
6. *Requests* the working group to report to the Council at its seventeenth session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the working group with all the necessary resources and facilities in order for it to carry out its mandate.

*30th meeting  
1 October 2009*

[Adopted without a vote.]