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**Human Rights Council**

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Agenda item 10

**Technical assistance and capacity-building**

**Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group): draft resolution**

**17/... Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights**

*The Human Rights Council,*

*Guided* by the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

*Acknowledging* that peace and security, development and human rights are the pillars of the United Nations system,

*Reaffirming* its respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence and unity of Somalia,

*Recalling* its resolutions 5/1 and 5/2 of 18 June 2007,

*Recalling* its previous resolutions on the situation of human rights in Somalia and its decision 14/119 of 18 June 2010,

*Acknowledging* the commitment and efforts made by the African Union, especially the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM), to support efforts to achieve security, reconciliation and stability, and the efforts made by the international community and regional stakeholders to help Somalia re-establish stability, peace and security in its national territory,

*Acknowledging* the constructive engagement of the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) of Somalia and its sub-national authorities in the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and

its decision to hold a special meeting of the Council of Ministers before the end of June 2011 to consider its acceptance of numerous UPR recommendations,

*Deeply concerned* about the steep rise in the number of children under five years old who have been wounded in Mogadishu since May 2011,

*Noting* the unique challenges faced by the TFG at national and sub-national levels as it considers implementing these UPR recommendations and its expressed desire to receive additional technical support and assistance from the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and any willing country including through the role of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia and of the Independent Consultant on the elaboration of Somalia's UPR report,

1. *Expresses its serious concern* at the human rights and humanitarian situation in Somalia;

2. *Strongly condemns* and calls for the immediate cessation of the grave and systematic human rights abuses perpetrated against the civilian population by Al Shabab and its affiliates;

3. *Calls* on Somalia to fulfill its obligations under international human rights and international humanitarian law;

4. *Urges* all parties to assist in effecting unhindered humanitarian access, by opening up humanitarian corridors and humanitarian spaces;

5. *Calls* on the TFG and encourages AMISOM to provide international human rights and international humanitarian law training to their security forces with the support of the international community;

6. *Encourages* the TFG and its sub-national authorities to favorably consider the recommendations presented during the UPR Working Group and implement those that enjoy its support;

7. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Independent Expert for one year from September 2011 with a view to maximizing the provision and flow of technical assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights, in order to support the

efforts of the TFG and its sub-national authorities to ensure the respect for human rights and strengthen the human rights regime in its work to complete the outstanding task of the transitional mandate, and requests him to report to the Council at its twenty first session on the situation of human rights and the implementation of technical cooperation in Somalia;

8. *Requests* the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to enhance its technical assistance to the TFG and its sub-national authorities, including through the role of the OHCHR independent consultant, in responding to and implementing the follow-up to Somalia's accepted UPR recommendations;

9. *Requests* the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the Independent Expert with all the human, technical and financial assistance necessary to carry out his mandate;

10. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

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