Human Rights Council

Resolution 14/... Freedom of religion or belief: Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief

The Human Rights Council,

- *PP1.* Recalling General Assembly resolution 36/55 of 25 November 1981, in which the Assembly proclaimed the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief,
- PP2. Recalling also article 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, article 2 (2) of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and other relevant human rights provisions,
- *PP3.* Recalling further its resolution 6/37 of 14 December 2007 and the resolutions on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief adopted by the General Assembly and by the former Commission on Human Rights,
- <u>PP4.</u> Recalling its resolutions 5/1 on institution-building of the United Nations Human Rights Council and 5/2 on the Code of Conduct for Special Procedures Mandate-holders of the Human Rights Council of 18 June 2007 and stressing that the mandate-holder shall discharge his/her duties in accordance with those resolutions and their annexes.
- 1. Welcomes the report presented by the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief (A/HRC/13/40);
- 2. Welcomes the work of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief and concludes that there is a need for the continued contribution of the Special Rapporteur to the protection, promotion and universal implementation of the right to freedom of religion or belief;
- 3. Decides therefore to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief for a further period of three years;
- 4. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Special Rapporteur receives the necessary resources to enable her/him to discharge her/his mandate fully;
- 5. Urges all Governments to cooperate fully with the Special Rapporteur and to respond favorably to her/his requests to visit their countries and to provide her/him with all necessary information so as to enable her/him to fulfill her/his mandate even more effectively;
- 6. Requests the Special Rapporteur to submit her/his reports to the Council in accordance with its annual programme of work and the next annual report in 2011;
- 7. Decides to remain seized of this question under the same agenda item and to continue consideration of measures to implement the Declaration.