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

**Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada\*, Croatia\*, Guatemala, Norway, Peru\*, Spain\* (on behalf of European Union), Ukraine: draft resolution**

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### **Freedom of religion or belief: mandate of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief**

*The Human Rights Council,*

*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,

*Recalling also* article 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, article 2, paragraph 2, of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and other relevant human rights provisions,

*Recalling further* its resolution 6/37 of 14 December 2007 and other resolutions on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief adopted by the General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights,

*Recalling* its resolutions 5/1 on institution-building of the 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 the annexes thereto,

*Reaffirming* that everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion or belief, which includes the freedom to have or to adopt a religion or belief of one's choice, and the freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest one's religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance, and, in this regard, reaffirming that the freedom to manifest one's religion or beliefs may be subject only to such limitations as are prescribed by law and are necessary to protect public safety, order, health, or morals or the fundamental rights and freedoms of others,

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\* Non-member State of the Human Rights Council.

*Deeply concerned* about the overall rise in instances of intolerance and violence directed against members of many religious and other communities in various parts of the world,

*Deeply concerned also* by incidents of religious hatred, discrimination, intolerance and violence that may be manifested by the derogatory stereotyping and stigmatization of persons based on their religion or belief, and by acts directed against their religious places, sites and shrines,

*Emphasizing* the important role of media in the creation and promotion of an atmosphere of respect and tolerance for religious and cultural diversity, as well as for multiculturalism,

1. *Welcomes* the report presented by the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief (A/HRC/13/40);

2. *Also welcomes* the work of the Special Rapporteur, 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* to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur 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 favourably to her/his requests to visit their countries and to provide her/him with all necessary information to enable her/him to fulfil 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 on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief.

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