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## Human Rights Council

### Twenty-fourth session

Agenda item 3

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

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

**24/2.**

#### **Local government and human rights**

*The Human Rights Council,*

*Recalling* Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1 of 18 June 2007 and 16/21 of 25 March 2011, and Council decision 6/102 of 27 September 2007,

*Recalling also* the mandate of the Human Rights Council, as set forth by the General Assembly in its resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006,

*Taking note* of Advisory Committee action 9/1 of 10 August 2012 on research proposals,<sup>1</sup> which includes a research proposal on local government and human rights, presented to the Human Rights Council for its consideration and approval in accordance with its functions as described in paragraphs 75 to 78 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1,

*Bearing in mind* that human rights and fundamental freedoms are the birthright of all human beings, and that their protection and promotion is the first responsibility of Governments,

*Recognizing* the role of local government in the promotion and protection of human rights, without any prejudice to the primary responsibility of the national government in this regard,

*Recognizing also* that local government has different forms and functions in every State in accordance with its constitutional and legal system,

*Taking note* of relevant international and regional initiatives to promote human rights at the local level,

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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 twenty-fourth session (A/HRC/24/2), Part One.

<sup>1</sup> See A/HRC/AC/9/6.

1. *Requests* the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee to prepare, from within existing resources, a research-based report on the role of local government in the promotion and protection of human rights, including human rights mainstreaming in local administration and public services, with a view to compiling best practices and main challenges, and to present a progress report on the requested research-based report to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-seventh session, for its consideration;

2. *Also requests* the Advisory Committee to seek the views and inputs of Member States, relevant international and regional organizations, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and relevant special procedures, as well as national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations, in order to prepare the above-mentioned research-based report;

3. *Encourages* the Advisory Committee, when elaborating the above-mentioned report, to take into account, as appropriate, the recommendations made by the human rights treaty bodies, at the universal periodic review and by the special procedures, as well as the work done on the issue by relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes within their respective mandates.

*34th meeting  
26 September 2013*

[Adopted without a vote.]

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