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### Technical assistance and capacity-building

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

**19/26**

### **Terms of reference for the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Support the Participation of Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States in the Work of the Human Rights Council**

*The Human Rights Council,*

*Recalling* Human Rights Council resolution 16/21 of 25 March 2011 and the outcome of the review of the work and functioning of the Council annexed thereto, and in particular paragraph 62 thereof,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 65/281 of 17 June 2011 on the review of the Human Rights Council,

1. *Decides* to establish the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Support the Participation of Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States in the Work of the Human Rights Council;

2. *Also decides* that the Trust Fund will support activities designed to enhance the institutional and human capacity of least developed countries and small island developing States, to enable their delegations to participate more fully in the work of the Human Rights Council, upon their request, and to encourage their effective and informed participation in consultative and decision-making processes, including negotiation sessions;

3. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to make arrangements for the operationalization of the Trust Fund;

4. *Decides* that the Trust Fund will be used to support the participation of least developed countries and small island developing States in the work of the Human Rights Council, by providing funding for:

(a) Training and capacity-building, including e-learning: in partnership with the Office of the High Commissioner and the United Nations Institute for Training and

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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 nineteenth session (A/HRC/19/2), chap. I.

Research and/or relevant academic/training institutions, the Trust Fund will support the development of, and the participation of least developed countries and small island developing States in, targeted training courses for officials on the international human rights system, international human rights law and the rules and functioning of the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms;

(b) Travel and accommodation for Government officials to participate in Human Rights Council sessions: the Trust Fund will help least developed countries and small island developing States, represented or not represented in Geneva, to participate in Council sessions or to bring in supplementary support;

(c) Fellowship programmes: such programmes will cover subsistence costs to allow officials from least developed countries and small island developing States to undertake three-month work placements in their respective delegations to the Human Rights Council;

(d) Induction training: the Trust Fund will support the organization, by the Office of the High Commissioner, of induction training sessions for diplomats from least developed countries and small island developing States assigned to cover the sessions of the Human Rights Council and the multilateral human rights system; training sessions will be organized to coincide with the main periods of arrival and departure from Geneva. During the sessions, diplomats will receive focused, practical training on the work procedure of the Council and its mechanisms.

*55th meeting  
23 March 2012*

[Adopted without a vote.]

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