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**Subject: The role of technical assistance and capacity-building in fostering mutually beneficial cooperation in promoting and protecting human rights**

 The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, on behalf of the Advisory Committee, has the honour to refer to resolution 37/23 of the Human Rights Council entitled “The role of technical assistance and capacity-building in fostering mutually beneficial cooperation in promoting and protecting human rights”. The resolution is attached for ease of reference.

 In paragraph 5 of the resolution, the Council “requests the human Rights Council Advisory Committee to conduct a study on the role of technical assistance and capacity-building in fostering mutually beneficial cooperation in promoting and protecting human rights, and to submit a report thereon to the Human Right Council before its forty-third session”.

 In this regard, the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee welcomes inputs from Member States and other stakeholders, including international organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations on the role of technical assistance and capacity-building in fostering mutually beneficial cooperation in promoting and protecting human rights, particularly concrete data, statistics, best practices and major challenges, in order to integrate the information in the study thereof.

 We would be grateful if any information you wish to provide could be sent to the Secretariat of the Advisory Committee by **30 November 2018** to the following address:

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 The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

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