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The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations, intergovernmental and regional organizations, national human rights institutions, and civil society organizations, including non-governmental organizations. Further to its note verbale of 4 November 2008 transmitting on behalf of the Advisory Committee a questionnaire on the issue of the draft declaration on human rights education and training, the Secretariat has the pleasure to inform them that the Advisory Committee at its second session held from 26 to 30 January 2009 has recommended to extend the deadline for the submission of views and inputs from all relevant stakeholders.

The Secretariat of the Advisory Committee has therefore the honour to transmit the questionnaire prepared by the Advisory Committee and invites all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations, intergovernmental and regional organizations, national human rights institutions, and civil society organizations, including non-governmental organizations, to submit responses by **15 March 2009** to the following address:

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or

Secretariat of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee,
c/o Ms. Elena Kountouri Tapiero
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By way of background, it is recalled that pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 6/10 of 28 September 2007 the Advisory Committee has been requested "to prepare a draft declaration on human rights education and training" and, to this end, seek the views and inputs from all relevant stakeholders on the possible elements of the content of the declaration, taking into account existing relevant instruments.

In implementing Council resolution 6/10, the Advisory Committee, at its first session (held from 4 to 15 August 2008), entrusted a five-member drafting group with the task of undertaking preparatory work for consideration by the Advisory Committee, with a view to submit further elements to the Advisory Committee at its second session, and also requested the Secretariat to disseminate the questionnaires addressed to the various stakeholders (see recommendation 1/1 of 14 August 2008). At its second session, the Advisory Committee adopted recommendation 2/1 on the same issue.

All relevant documentation, including the afore-mentioned recommendations of the Advisory Committee, is available on the website of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights at the following link:

http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/advisorycommittee/HR_education_training.htm

All responses to the questionnaire received to date are posted on the Advisory Committee extranet page (user name: ac_user and password: 123ohchr).

The Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations, intergovernmental and regional organizations, national human rights institutions and civil society organizations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Attachments:

1. Questionnaires to Governments and National Human Rights Institutions.
2. Questionnaires to International and Regional Organizations and civil society organizations, including non-governmental organizations.