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Progress report of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee on human rights and issues related to terrorist hostage-taking (A/HRC/AC/9/CRP.1)

The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council 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, and has the honour to refer to the progress report of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee on human rights and terrorist hostage-taking (A/HRC/AC/9/CRP.1).

In its resolution 18/10 of 29 September 2011, entitled "Human rights and issues related to terrorist hostage-taking", the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a study on the topic, for the purposes of promoting awareness and understanding, paying particular attention to its impact on human rights and the role of regional and international cooperation in this field.

The Advisory Committee at its ninth session took note of the progress report and requested the drafting group to continue its work in the light of the discussions held by the Committee. It further agreed to invite Member States, intergovernmental organizations, national human rights institutions, non-governmental organisations and all other relevant stakeholders to provide contributions to the study, and in particular, to share:

- a) an overview of actions or measures against terrorist hostage-taking, especially successful strategies aimed at diminishing the occurrence of such crimes;
- b) related priority human rights issues which require further discussion; and
- c) good practices of States and intergovernmental organizations or other stakeholders, including in regional and international cooperation.

The progress report is accessible at the following link:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/AdvisoryCommittee/Session9/Pages/Documentation.aspx>

The Secretariat wishes to invite Member States, intergovernmental organizations and all other relevant stakeholders to submit views and comments on the progress report by **14 September 2012**, to the following address:

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The Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew 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, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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