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### Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General

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political, economic, social and cultural rights,  
including the right to development

## Report of the Secretary-General on human rights in the administration of justice: analysis of the international legal and institutional framework for the protection of all persons deprived of their liberty

### Note by the Secretariat

1. The present note is submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 67/166, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly at its sixty-eighth session and to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-fourth session a report on the latest developments, challenges and good practices in human rights in the administration of justice, analysing the international legal and institutional framework for the protection of all persons deprived of their liberty, as well as activities undertaken by the United Nations system as a whole.

2. Pursuant to the above-mentioned request, the Secretariat refers the Human Rights Council to the report of the Secretary-General, submitted to the General Assembly, on human rights in the administration of justice: analysis of the international legal and institutional framework for the protection of all persons deprived of their liberty (A/68/261). In the report, the Secretary-General analyses the applicable international legal and institutional framework for the protection of all persons deprived of their liberty, and identifies major challenges in this regard. He concludes that, while a comprehensive international legal and institutional framework for the protection of all persons deprived of their liberty exists, the main challenge lies in the implementation of relevant norms and standards at the national level.