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## Human Rights Council

### Twenty-first session

Agenda item 5

### Human rights bodies and mechanisms

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

#### 21/1.

#### Situation of human rights in Eritrea

*The Human Rights Council,*

*Having considered* the material relating to the situation of human rights in Eritrea, brought under the complaint procedure established in accordance with the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007, alleging widespread and systematic human rights violations in Eritrea, in particular regarding cases of arbitrary arrest and detention, torture, summary executions, violence against women, forced labour, forced conscription and restrictions on the liberty of movement and the rights to freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and of thought, conscience and religion,

*Noting* the efforts of the Government of Eritrea to cooperate with the Human Rights Council,

*Regretting* the inadequate and incomplete information provided in written form and orally during the closed meeting, held on 17 September 2012, by the representative of the Government of Eritrea concerning the questions raised in the communications,

*Considering* that the allegations made in the submitted complaints are a cause for grave concern to the extent that they may reveal a consistent pattern of gross and reliably attested violations of human rights,

*Welcoming* the establishment of the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 20/20 of 6 July 2012,

1. *Decides*, in accordance with paragraph 109 (d) of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, to discontinue reviewing the matter under the confidential complaint procedure in order to take up public consideration of the same in the context of the implementation of Council resolution 20/20;

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\* Reissued for technical reasons on 12 October 2012.

\*\* The resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council will be contained in the report of the Council on its twenty-first session (A/HRC/21/2), chap. I.

2. *Also decides* that the documentation considered by the Human Rights Council under its complaint procedure relating to the situation of human rights in Eritrea should no longer be considered confidential, with the exception of the names or any other identifying information of specific individuals who have not consented, and should therefore be transmitted to the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea;

3. *Invites* the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea to investigate further the allegations contained in the submitted complaints and the circumstances of the individuals mentioned in the submitted communications whose names may be disclosed consistent with provisions of paragraph 2 above, and to report thereon to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-third session and in accordance with its programme of work;

4. *Urges* the Government of Eritrea to cooperate fully with the Special Rapporteur, in particular to permit access to visit all parts of the country and to provide the information necessary for the fulfilment of the mandate, as reflected in Human Rights Council resolution 20/20;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to communicate the present resolution to the Government of Eritrea;

6. *Decides* to make public the present resolution;

7. *Also decides* to remain seized of the matter under agenda item 4.

*35th (closed) meeting  
26 September 2012*

[Adopted without a vote.]

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