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**Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil,
political, economic, social and cultural rights,
including the right to development**

Decision adopted by the Human Rights Council*

16/117

Right to development

At its 47th meeting, on 25 March 2011, the Human Rights Council decided to adopt the following text:

“The Human Rights Council,

Recalling the Charter of the United Nations and the core human rights instruments,

Reaffirming Human Rights Council resolution 15/25 of 1 October 2010, and recalling all Commission on Human Rights, Council and General Assembly resolutions on the right to development,

Reaffirming also the Declaration on the Right to Development, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/128 of 4 December 1986, and bearing in mind that 2011 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Declaration,

1. *Decides* to hold a panel during the eighteenth session of the Human Rights Council to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Declaration on the Right to Development, on the theme “The way forward in the realization of the right to development: between policy and practice”, with the participation of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;

2. *Also decides* to request the Office of the High Commissioner to organize the panel, within existing resources, and to invite relevant United Nations human rights mechanisms, specialized agencies, funds and programmes, as well as civil society and national human rights institutions, to the panel session;

* The resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council will be contained in the report of the Council on its sixteenth session (A/HRC/16/2), chap. I.

3. *Further decides* to request the Office of the High Commissioner to prepare a summary of the panel discussions, to be submitted to the Working Group on the Right to Development at its twelfth session and to the Human Rights Council at its nineteenth session.”

*47th meeting
25 March 2011*

[Adopted by a recorded vote of 45 to none, with one abstention. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Angola, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, China, Cuba, Djibouti, Ecuador, France, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Hungary, Japan, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Zambia

Abstaining:

United States of America]
