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Belarus,¹* China,* Iran (Islamic Republic of),* Iraq,* Qatar,² Russian Federation,* and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): draft decision**

43/... Methods of work of the Consultative Group of the Human Rights Council

At its ... meeting, on ... 2020, the Human Rights Council decided to adopt the text below:

“The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1 of 18 June 2007, on institution-building of the Council, and 16/21 of 25 March 2011, on the review of the work and functioning of the Council,

Taking note with appreciation of the work of the Consultative Group of the Human Rights Council in selecting candidates for mandate holder positions of the Council,

Recalling the important role of Member States in raising awareness and promoting Human Rights Council mechanisms and the special procedures, and in sharing information regarding the vacancies for mandate holder positions of the Council,

Reaffirming that all candidates for mandate holders shall meet the general criteria of (a) expertise, (b) experience in the field of the mandate, (c) independence, (d) impartiality, (e) personal integrity and (f) objectivity, and particular requirements as defined by the Human Rights Council in paragraphs 39, 40 and 41 of its resolution 5/1 and section II, subsection C of its decision 6/102 of 27 September 2007,

Reaffirming also that due consideration should be given to gender balance, equitable geographic representation and appropriate representation of different legal systems among mandate holders, and noting with concern the current lack of gender

1 _____ * State not a member of the Human Rights Council.

2 _____ ** On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of Arab States.



balance, equitable geographic representation and appropriate representation of different legal systems among mandate holders,

Stressing the importance of clearly defining the methods of work of the Consultative Group in order to ensure the transparent, objective and independent selection of candidates for mandate holder positions of the Council,

1. *Requests* the President of the Human Rights Council to conduct before the ~~forty-fifth session of the Council~~[end of 2020](#) no fewer than two and no more than five rounds of open consultations of a maximum of five days with States and relevant stakeholders, aiming to formulate draft methods of work of the Consultative Group of the Human Rights Council, in full compliance with Council resolutions 5/1 and 16/21;

2. *Invites* the President of the Human Rights Council to broadly consult with all relevant stakeholders before the last round of open consultations;

3. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide all necessary resources and assistance to the President of the Human Rights Council in conducting the consultations;

4. *Requests* the President of the Human Rights Council to [to update the Council on progress at its forty-fifth session and](#) submit the draft methods of work of the Consultative Group to the Human Rights Council for consideration [of the Council at its forty-fifth session before the end of 2020.](#)”
