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Agenda item 4

Human rights situations that require the Council's attention

Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council*

16/9

Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights and other relevant international human rights instruments,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 65/226 of 21 December 2010, and regretting the lack of cooperation of the Islamic Republic of Iran with the requests of the Assembly made in that resolution,

Welcoming the interim report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran submitted to the Human Rights Council,¹ and expressing serious concern at the developments noted in that report,

Recalling Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1, on the institution-building of the Council, and 5/2, on the code of conduct for special procedures mandate holders of the Council, of 18 June 2007, and stressing that mandate holders are to discharge their duties in accordance with those resolutions and the annexes thereto,

1. *Decides* to appoint a special rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, to report to the Human Rights Council and to the General Assembly, to present an interim report to the Assembly at its sixty-sixth session and to submit a report to the Council for its consideration at its nineteenth session;

2. *Calls upon* the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to cooperate fully with the Special Rapporteur and to permit access to visit the country as well as all information necessary to allow the fulfilment of the mandate;

* 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.

¹ A/HRC/16/75.

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with the resources necessary to fulfil the mandate.

*45th meeting
24 March 2011*

[Adopted by a recorded vote of 22 to 7, with 14 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, France, Guatemala, Hungary, Japan, Maldives, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Senegal, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Zambia

Against:

Bangladesh, China, Cuba, Ecuador, Mauritania, Pakistan, Russian Federation

Abstaining:

Bahrain, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Djibouti, Gabon, Ghana, Jordan, Malaysia, Mauritius, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Uganda, Uruguay]
