The Human Rights Council,

PP 1. Reaffirming the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

PP 2. Guided by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, and recalling the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and other relevant human rights instruments,


PP 4. Recognizing that the preparation for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family provide a useful opportunity for drawing further attention to the objectives of the Year for increasing cooperation at all levels on family issues and for undertaking concerted actions to strengthen family-centred policies and programmes as part of an integrated comprehensive approach to development,

PP 5. Reaffirming that the family, as the natural and fundamental group unit of society, has the primary responsibility for the nurturing, guidance, and protection of children and that children, for the full and harmonious development of their personality, should grow up in a family environment and in an atmosphere of happiness, love and understanding,

PP 6. Reaffirming that the widest possible protection and assistance should be accorded to the family by society and the State,

OP 1. Decides to convene, within existing resources, during its twenty-fourth session, a panel discussion on the protection of the family to address the implementation of States' obligations in this respect under relevant provisions of international human rights law;

OP 2. Requests the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to liaise with states and all stakeholders, including relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, with a view to ensuring their participation in the panel discussion;

OP 3. Also requests the Office of the High Commissioner to prepare a report on the outcome of the panel discussion in the form of a summary.