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26/... Promotion and protection of the human rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas

The Human Rights Council,

PP 1. *Recalling* Human Rights Council resolutions 13/4 of 24 March 2010, 16/27 of 25 March 2011 and 19/7 of 22 March 2012 on the right to food, and in particular Council Resolution 21/19 of 27 September 2012 on the Promotion and protection of the human rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, (updated PP1- Res 21/19)

PP2. *Determined* to foster strict respect for the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, (PP2 - Res 21/19) and other relevant human rights international instruments,

PP3. *Underlining* the imperative need to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015 in order to contribute to making the right to development a reality for everyone, (PP3 - Res 21/19)

PP4. *Welcoming* General Assembly resolution 66/222 that declared 2014 Year of International Family Farming, (new)

PP5. *Gravely concerned* that hunger, like poverty, is still predominantly a rural problem, and that in the rural population it is those who produce food who suffer disproportionately, and alarmed that 80 per cent of people suffering from hunger live in rural areas, particularly in developing countries, and 50 per cent are small-scale, and traditional farm holders as well as subsistence farmers, and that these people are especially vulnerable to food insecurity, malnutrition, discrimination and exploitation, (updated) (PP4 - 21/19)

PP6. *Recognizing* that livelihoods in rural areas are disproportionately affected by poverty, climate change, lack of development and lack of access to scientific progress, (PP5 - Res 21/19)

PP7. *Taking note* of the draft declaration prepared by the Advisory Committee contained in its study submitted to the Human Rights Council, (PP6 - Res 21/19)

PP8. *Convinced* of the need to strengthen the protection and realization of the human rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, (PP7 - Res 21/19)

PP9. *Welcoming* the report of the first session of the open-ended intergovernmental working group, held from 15 to 19 July 2013, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 21/19, and in particular the inputs from governments, regional groups, civil society and relevant stakeholders, (new)

PP 10. *Taking note* of the holding of the expert seminar on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas on 8-9 April 2014 at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, with the participation of experts from academia, international organizations and civil society and States as observers, and other relevant stakeholders, (new)

Bearing in mind the development of this issue, (new)

1. *Decides* that the working group with the mandate of negotiating, finalizing and submitting to the Human Rights Council a draft United Nations declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, shall hold its second session for 5 working days before the 29th session of the Human Rights Council, (updated OP 1 - Res 21/19)

2. *Requests* the Chairperson Rapporteur of the Working Group to conduct informal consultations with Governments, relevant Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council regional groups, intergovernmental organizations, United Nations mechanisms, civil society and representatives of peasants and other people working in rural areas, as well as other relevant stakeholders and other relevant United Nations Special agencies before the second session of the working group; (new)

3. *Further requests* the Chairperson - Rapporteur of the Working Group to prepare a new text on the basis of the Draft Declaration presented by the Advisory Committee and the discussions held during the first session of the working group and on the basis of the informal consultations to be held, to be presented to the working group at its second session for consideration and further discussion; (new)

4. *Invites* States, civil society and all relevant stakeholders to contribute actively and constructively to the work of the working group; (OP5 - Res 21/19)

5. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the working group with the human, technical and financial assistance necessary for it to fulfill its mandate; (OP3 - Res 21/19)

6. *Further requests* the working group to submit a report on progress made to the Human Rights Council for consideration at its 30th session which should be published as official documents, and in all UN official languages. (updated OP 6 - Res 21/19)
