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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The tenth inter-committee meeting of the human rights treaty bodies will be held from 30 November to 2 December 2009, pursuant to a recommendation of the chairpersons of the human rights treaty bodies made during their twentieth meeting held on 26 and 27 June 2008.

2. The present document contains the provisional agenda and annotations for the tenth inter-committee meeting.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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ANNOTATIONS

Item 1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will convene at the United Nations Office at Geneva (Palais Wilson) on Monday, 30 November 2009, at 10 a.m.

Item 2. Election of officers

The meeting will confirm its Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons who have acted in these capacities for the ninth inter-committee meeting.

Item 3. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting will adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda contained in the present document.

Item 4. Organizational matters

Under this agenda item, the meeting will consider and adopt a programme of work.

Item 5. Enhancing the effectiveness of the treaty bodies: a coordinated approach to the work of the treaty bodies

The participants will discuss the working methods of treaty bodies, including coordination and possibilities for harmonization. Further to the decision of the ninth intercommittee meeting, the agenda items for the tenth inter-committee meeting will be:

- (a) Follow-up to concluding observations, views, inquiries and visits of treaty bodies in order to, inter alia, identify best practices in respect of follow-up and consider possible areas of harmonization in this respect; and
- (b) The universal periodic review mechanism of the Human Rights Council.

The meeting will have before it background documentation on follow-up prepared by the Secretariat. The meeting will also have before it the report of the twenty-first meeting of chairpersons of human rights treaty bodies (A/64/276) (report of the eighth and ninth inter-

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committee meetings annexed) and the report on the working methods of the human rights treaty bodies (HRI/MC/2009/4).

Item 6. Meeting with non-governmental organizations

Under this agenda item, non-governmental organizations will provide information on interaction with human rights treaty bodies, and their views on efforts to reform the treaty body system, including possibilities for the harmonization of working methods. Suggested topics of discussion include follow-up to concluding observations, views, inquiries and visits of treaty bodies and the universal periodic review mechanism of the Human Rights Council.

Item 7. Adoption of the report

Participants will adopt a report on their meeting, including conclusions and recommendations which will be transmitted to the twenty-second meeting of chairpersons of human rights treaty bodies, to be held in Geneva from 28 June to 2 July 2010.
