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## Human Rights Council

### Twenty-first session

Agenda item 5

### Human rights bodies and mechanisms

**Congo, Cuba, Djibouti, Ecuador, Guatemala, Nicaragua\*, Palestine\*, South Africa\*, Sri Lanka\*, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)\*: draft resolution**

### **21/... Promotion of the human rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas**

*The Human Rights Council,*

*Recalling* Human Rights Council resolutions 13/4 of 24 March 2010 and 16/27 of 25 March 2011,

*Determined* to foster strict respect for the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations,

*Alarmed* that 80 per cent of people suffering from hunger live in rural areas, and 50 per cent are small-scale and traditional farm holders, and that these people are especially vulnerable to food insecurity,

*Taking note* of the draft declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas prepared by the Advisory Committee and submitted to the Human Rights Council,<sup>1</sup>

1. *Decides* to establish an open-ended intergovernmental 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, on the basis of the draft submitted by the Advisory Committee, and without prejudging relevant past, present and future views and proposals;

2. *Also decides* that the working group shall hold its first session for five working days in 2013, before the twenty-third session of the Human Rights Council;

3. *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 fulfil its mandate;

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\* Non-Member State of the Human Rights Council.

<sup>1</sup> A/HRC/19/75, annex.

4. *Requests* the President of the Human Rights Council to invite the Rapporteur of the Advisory Committee drafting group on the draft declaration to participate in the first session of the working group;
  5. *Invites* States, civil society and all relevant stakeholders to contribute actively and constructively to the work of the working group;
  6. *Requests* the working group to submit a report on progress made to the Human Rights Council for its consideration at its twenty-sixth session.
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