



Human Rights Council

Resolution 9/3. The right to development

The Human Rights Council,

Recalling the Charter of the United Nations and the core human rights instruments,

Reaffirming the United Nations Declaration on the Right to Development, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/128 of 4 December 1986,

Reaffirming also its resolution 4/4 of 30 March 2007 and recalling all Commission on Human Rights, Human Rights Council and General Assembly resolutions on the right to development,

Emphasizing the urgent need to make the right to development a reality for everyone,

Taking note of the efforts under way in the framework of the Working Group on the Right to Development with the support of the high-level task force on the implementation of the right to development to develop a set of criteria for the periodic evaluation of global partnerships as identified in Millennium Development Goal 8,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Working Group on the Right to Development (A/HRC/9/17);

2. *Decides*:

(a) To continue to act to ensure that its agenda promotes and advances sustainable development and the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and, in this regard, to lead to raising the right to development, as set out in paragraphs 5 and 10 of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, to the same level and on a par with all other human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(b) To endorse the work plan for the task force for the period 2008-2010, outlined in paragraph 43 of the report of the Working Group, which would ensure that the criteria for the

periodic evaluation of global partnerships, as identified in Millennium Development Goal 8, to be submitted by the task force to the Working Group at its eleventh session in 2010, is extended to other components of Millennium Development Goal 8;

(c) That the above criteria, once considered, revised and endorsed by the Working Group, should be used, as appropriate, in the elaboration of a comprehensive and coherent set of standards for the implementation of the right to development;

(d) That, upon completion of the three phases of the road map, the Working Group will take appropriate steps to ensure respect for and practical application of these standards, which could take various forms, including guidelines on the implementation of the right to development, and evolve into a basis for consideration of an international legal standard of a binding nature, through a collaborative process of engagement;

(e) To renew the mandate of the Working Group until it completes the tasks entrusted to it by Council in its resolution 4/4, and that the Working Group shall convene annual sessions of five working days and submit its reports to the Council;

(f) To renew also the mandate of the high-level task force on the implementation of the right to development, established within the framework of the Working Group, until the eleventh session of the Working Group in 2010, and that the task force will convene annual sessions of seven working days and submit its reports to the Working Group;

(g) To request the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to continue to take all necessary measures and allocate necessary resources for the effective implementation of the present resolution, taking into account the needs for the effective implementation of the work plan referred to in paragraph 2 (b) above;

3. *Also decides* to review the progress of the implementation of the present resolution as a matter of priority at its future sessions.
