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The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations, intergovernmental and regional organizations, national human rights institutions, and civil society organizations, including non-governmental organizations, and has the honour to transmit, on behalf of the Advisory Committee, a questionnaire on possible elements for a draft declaration on the right of peoples to peace.

Pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 14/3, the Advisory Committee has been requested, in consultation with Member States, civil society, academia and all relevant stakeholders, to prepare a draft declaration on the right of peoples to peace, and to report on the progress thereon to the Council at its seventeenth session. At its sixth session (17 – 21 January 2011), the Committee adopted a progress report, which is submitted to the Council for its consideration at the seventeenth session (A/HRC/17/39). The report is available at:

http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/advisorycommittee/right_to_peace.htm

The attached questionnaire will assist the Committee in furthering its work on the issue. Responses to the questionnaire should be sent to the Secretariat by **2 May 2011** to the following address:

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or

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The Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations, intergovernmental and regional organizations, national human rights institutions and civil society organizations the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 1 April 2011

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. Dolci-Kanaan', written over the date.

Attachment:
Questionnaire



Right of Peoples to Peace

Questionnaire

as part of the consultations undertaken by the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee with all relevant stakeholders, at the request of the Human Rights Council pursuant to resolution 14/3 of 17 June 2010, on the possible elements for a draft declaration on the right of peoples to peace.

Background:

In its resolution 11/4, the Human Rights Council reaffirmed that “the peoples of our planet have a sacred right to peace, and that the preservation of the right of peoples to peace and the promotion of its implementation constitute a fundamental obligation of all States” and stressed the importance of peace for the promotion and protection of all human rights for all.

In its resolution 14/3, the Council requested the Advisory Committee to work on a draft declaration on the right of peoples to peace, in consultation with Member States, civil society, academia and all relevant stakeholders. In January 2011, the Advisory Committee adopted a **progress report** (A/HRC/17/39), to be submitted to the 17th session of the Human Rights Council.

QUESTION 1: What do you see as **core components** of the right of peoples to peace, which should be taken into account in the draft declaration?

QUESTION 2: With regard to the implementation of the right of peoples to peace at **the national level**:

- What mechanisms are necessary for the State to better enhance this right? Could you provide observations/proposals and/or examples of good practices?
- What should be the role of civil society?
- Experiences of international and regional organisations?

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QUESTION 3: With regard to the implementation of the right of peoples to peace at the **international and regional level:**

-What mechanisms are necessary to better enhance this right? Could you provide observations/proposals and/or examples of good practices?

- Experiences of international and regional organisations?

QUESTION 4: With regard to **peace education:**

- What is your Government doing to provide peace education during primary, secondary and tertiary education?

- What should be the role of civil society?

- Experiences of international and regional organisations?

QUESTION 5: Do you have any comments on progress report A/HRC/17/39, in particular with regard to the proposed standards for a draft declaration on the right of peoples to peace?

QUESTION 6. Further comments?

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