



Human Rights Council

Resolution 4/7. Rectification of the legal status of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

The Human Rights Council,

Bearing in mind that the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights is established by Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/17 of 28 May 1985, while all other treaty bodies are established in terms of provisions in the relevant treaties,

Underlining the principles of the World Conference on Human Rights held in Vienna in 1993 that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated and that they must be treated on an equal footing and with the same emphasis,

Decides:

(a) To initiate a process to rectify, in accordance with international law, in particular the law of international treaties, the legal status of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, with the aim of placing the Committee on a par with all other treaty monitoring bodies;

(b) To request, in the above context, the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to present a report outlining views, proposals and recommendations on this issue to the last session of the Human Rights Council in 2007 in order to assist in the achievement of the above aim;

(c) To request the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to seek the views of States and those of all other stakeholders on this issue, and to prepare a report containing these views, as well as an input from the Office of Legal Affairs in this regard, for submission to the last session of the Human Rights Council in 2007;

(d) To convene at the same session, in relation to the above process and its objectives, an interactive dialogue highlighting the importance of the principles of

universality and indivisibility and the primacy of equal treatment of all human rights,
with a view to deciding on the future direction of this process.

Adopted without a vote
31st meeting
30 March 2007
