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Promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka

Report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Note by the Secretariat

In its resolution 25/1, the Human Rights Council requested the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (a) to monitor the human rights situation in Sri Lanka and to continue to assess progress on relevant national processes; (b) to undertake a comprehensive investigation into alleged serious violations of human rights during the period covered by the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission and to establish the facts and circumstances of such alleged violations and of the crimes perpetrated with a view to avoiding impunity and ensuring accountability, with assistance from relevant experts and special procedures mandate holders; and (c) to present an oral update to the Council at its twenty-seventh session, and a comprehensive report followed by a discussion on the implementation of that resolution at its twenty-eighth session.

At its organizational meeting, held on 16 February 2015, the Council, pursuant to the recommendation of the High Commissioner, requested the Office of the High Commissioner to continue its follow-up to resolution 25/1 but decided to defer, for one time only, its consideration of the comprehensive report of the Office on the implementation of the said resolution until its thirtieth session. The recommendation of the High Commissioner was made in the light of the changing context in Sri Lanka and the signals of broad cooperation received from the Government, as well as the possibility that new information would become available for the report.

* Late submission.

