ITEM 3

Ensuring use of remotely piloted aircraft or armed drones in counterterrorism and military operations in accordance with international law, including international human rights and humanitarian law

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular Article 2, paragraph 4 thereof,

Reaffirming the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which recognizes the right to life, liberty and security of person, among other rights,

Reaffirming also the principles enshrined in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action,

Reaffirming further the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,


Taking note with appreciation of the reports of the Special Rapporteur on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism presented to the 25th Session of Human Rights Council contained in document A/HRC/25/59 as well as of the Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions to the 68th Session of UN General Assembly;

1. Welcomes the holding of the panel discussion on 22 September 2014 on the use of remotely piloted aircraft or armed drones in compliance with international law and takes note with appreciation of the summary report thereof,
2. *Invites* the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council and the human rights treaty bodies to pay attention, within the framework of their mandates, to violations of international law as a result of the use of remotely piloted aircraft or armed drones;

3. Decides to remain seized of the matter