Item 10

Draft Decision tabled on behalf of Australia, Austria, Djibouti, Italy, Somalia, Sweden, Qatar, Ethiopia, Norway, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Yemen,

Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Acknowledging that peace and security, development and human rights are the pillars of the United Nations system,

Reaffirming Human Rights Council resolutions on Somalia,

Acknowledging the commitment of the Federal Government of Somalia after an eight year transition process to work towards a more stable, representative system of governance, with a special focus on the promotion and protection of human rights,

Recognising that serious human rights and humanitarian concerns remain in Somalia,

Acknowledging the cooperation of the Federal Government of Somalia with the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia and with the wider UN system,

Welcoming the new UN Assistance Mission in Somalia and its mandate to support the Federal Government of Somalia in developing their human rights capacity and monitor the situation in Somalia.

Recalling the intention of the Federal Government of Somalia to adopt a Human Rights Road Map and affirming the importance of adopting it before September 2013,

Welcoming the decision of the Federal Government of Somalia to establish their Directorate General for Human and Minority Rights and Rule of Law within the Office of the Prime Minister,

Acknowledging the Federal Government of Somalia's commitment to establish a National Human Rights Commission in due course,

Reaffirming international commitments to support Somalia's progress and development as shown during the 07 May 2013 London Conference and its communiqué, noting especially the commitments to create sustainable and accountable security forces which respect human rights, to ensure protection of women and children in conflict, to ensure equal access for all to a robust, impartial and effective justice system and to ensure press and media safety and freedom,

Further reaffirming the signing on 7 May 2013 of the UN-Somali Joint Communiqué on tackling the root causes of sexual violence in a sustainable manner,



Commending the sustained and vital commitment of the African Union Mission in Somalia, the sacrifices they have made, and affirming the importance of continued efforts to provide human rights training to their and Somali security forces with the support of UNSOA,

Recognising the role of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development in working towards peace and stabilisation in Somalia,

Recognising the international community's role, including across the UN system, in facilitating Somalia's progress and development through coordinated support to Somalia and in particular to support the implementation of their Human Rights Road Map and facilitate monitoring of its effectiveness,

Decides to hold, within existing resources, at its twenty fourth session, a standalone high level interactive dialogue with the aim of exploring how all stakeholders can work effectively towards the implementation of the Road Map and the realisation of Human Rights in Somalia,

Further decides to invite to the high level interactive dialogue the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, high level representation from the Federal Government of Somalia, the United Nations Secretary General's Special Representative for Somalia, the Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Somalia, ,senior representatives of relevant UN agencies and other relevant stakeholders,

Requests the Office of the High Commissioner to provide a summary of the key conclusions of the high level dialogue pertaining to how to ensure maximum effectiveness of technical and other assistance in implementing the Road Map at the national and sub-national level in Somalia.