I. Introduction

1. The present report contains an overview in numbers of the system of special procedures and concrete examples of the activities undertaken by mandate holders in 2015. It also contains information on the work of the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures and on the main points of the discussions held and conclusions reached at the 22nd annual meeting of the special procedures. In particular, the report contains information on the steps taken to address the main issues of concern for mandate holders, namely, acts of intimidation and reprisal against those cooperating with the United Nations in the field of human rights, including the special procedures, and the issue of disclosure of external funds received by mandate holders. The examples provided in the report are indicative only and do not reflect the many activities carried out by all mandate holders in 2015.

II. Facts and figures

New mandates

2. The Human *Rights* Council established two new mandates in 2015; that of the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism (see Human Rights Council resolution 28/6) and of the Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy (see resolution 28/16). The special procedures system currently consists of 55 mandates, of which 41 have a thematic focus and 14 have a country-specific focus (see annex XI).

B. Mandate holders

3. The special procedures system currently includes 79 mandate holder positions, of which 12 were appointed in 2015. By its decision 30/115, the Council decided to adjust the terms of mandate holders on an exceptional one-time basis in order to better spread out the appointment process over time, extending the term of all Working Group members by two regular sessions of the Council.sakljdlasd

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