

## Terms of reference for the Voluntary Fund for Financial and Technical assistance

Pursuant to Resolution 6/17 of the Human Rights Council, a Fund is hereby established by the Secretary-General to provide a source of financial and technical assistance to help countries implement recommendations emanating from the Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

The Voluntary Fund is established to provide funding for:

- a) The integration of UPR outcomes into United Nations common country programming documents and the dissemination of information on such outcomes with a view to mobilizing support for the countries concerned.
- b) The exchange of information and the sharing of best practices including through the organization of seminars, meetings and other interactions.

Contributions to the Fund are to be made voluntarily by States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations or private institutions and individuals. A pledge may only be accepted by the Controller or by officials having the authority to do so.

Independent internal audits of the Trust Fund are to be conducted in accordance with regulation 5.8 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and in conformity with generally accepted standards. The Board of Auditors shall perform jointly and severally such audit of the accounts of the United Nations, including all funds, as it deems necessary in order to satisfy itself on the administration of the Trust Fund. No other additional audit arrangements shall be made with donor.