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## **Thirty-third special session of the Human Rights Council Geneva, 17 December 2021**

The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations, intergovernmental organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and has the honour to inform them that on 13 December 2021 at 3:25 p.m., the President of the Human Rights Council received a letter from the Permanent Representative of Slovenia and the Permanent Observer of the European Union containing a request to convene a special session of the Council on the grave human rights situation in Ethiopia.

In order for a special session to be convened, in conformity with operative paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 60/251, the support of one-third of the membership of the Council (16 members or more) is required. According to the above-mentioned letter, the request was supported by the following 17 States Members of the Council: **Austria, Bulgaria, Czechia, Denmark, Fiji, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Korea, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay**. The request was also supported by the following 35 observer States: Albania, Australia, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Paraguay, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United States of America. Subsequently, the Secretariat was informed that Costa Rica has joined the list of States supporting the session.

The thirty-third special session shall be held on **Friday, 17 December 2021, at 10 a.m.**

Pursuant to paragraph 124 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, the President shall hold an open-ended informative consultation before the special session on its conduct and organization on **Wednesday, 15 December 2021, at noon**.

The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva, United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations, intergovernmental organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council the assurances of its highest consideration.

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