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Access to medicines and vaccines in the context of the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health

Note by the Secretariat

1. In its resolution 41/10 on access to medicines and vaccines in the context of the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, the Human Rights Council requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to convene, before the forty-sixth session of the Council, a full-day intersessional seminar on good practices, key challenges and new developments relevant to access to medicines and vaccines as one of the fundamental elements of the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, in coordination with the World Health Organization, and to submit to the Council at its forty-sixth session a report, in the form of a summary, on the seminar.
2. In its decision 45/113, the Human Rights Council decided that the intersessional seminar would be held before its forty-seventh session and that the report would be submitted to it at its forty-eighth session.
3. In the light of the ongoing financial constraints faced by the Organization, the High Commissioner has not been in a position to implement that mandate within the deadline. She aims to convene the intersessional seminar before the end of 2021 and to submit the report to the Human Rights Council at its forty-ninth session, as the financial situation permits.

