

SE statement in the interactive dialogue with Special Rapporteur Heyns, May 29th

Thank you Mister President,

Sweden associates itself with the statement made by the EU and would like to make a few additional comments.

The practice of extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions is abhorrent and represents a flagrant violation of the inherent right to life. As such the task given to the Special Rapporteur, to examine situations in all circumstances and for whatever reason, and to submit the findings on an annual basis to the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly, is of great importance.

As Special Rapporteur in this field you play an important role and we wish to thank you for your efforts and welcome your latest report. In addition we look forward to seeing you continue your important mission and wish to express our full support.

Traditionally Sweden has the special responsibility to present draft resolutions on the issue of extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions. We did so in 2008 and 2011, presenting resolutions that renewed the mandate of the SR while also containing operative paragraphs on the substance of the issue. We look forward to presenting a draft resolution on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions next year.

Finally, we see in your report that you intend to present a report on unmanned combat aerial vehicles (UCAVs) to the General Assembly in 2013. At this stage, would it be possible to say something about the focus of the report and when it would be available?

Thank you, Mister President