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IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 60/251 OF 15 MARCH 2006 ENTITLED “HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL”

Draft decision submitted by the President

Implementation of paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 60/251

The Human Rights Council,

Underlining the importance of a comprehensive implementation of General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006,

1. *Decides* to establish an open-ended intergovernmental working group to formulate concrete recommendations on the issue of reviewing and, where necessary, improving and rationalizing all mandates, mechanisms, functions and responsibilities in order to maintain a system of special procedures, expert advice and a complaint procedure, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 60/251, through open-ended, intersessional, transparent, well scheduled and inclusive consultations, with the participation of all stakeholders;
2. *Decides* that the Working Group shall have at its disposal twenty days (or forty 3-hour meetings) of fully serviced meetings and that it shall allow sufficient time and flexibility for the fulfilment of its mandate;

3. *Requests* the President of the Council to chair the Working Group with the assistance, if necessary, of one or more facilitators, to undertake these open-ended intersessional, transparent, well scheduled and inclusive consultations with the participation of all stakeholders;

4. *Decides* that informal consultations could begin immediately through an open-ended consultative process in order to compile proposals and relevant information and experiences, and to facilitate open-ended discussions appropriately scheduled by the Chairperson with the involvement of all stakeholders;

5. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the Working Group with background information on the functioning of the mandates and mechanisms and to compile the contributions of all stakeholders, including the inputs of the special procedures, the Sub-Commission for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and non-governmental organizations;

6. *Requests* the Working Group to regularly report to the Council, starting in September 2006, on progress made to allow for the completion of the review, as requested by paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 60/251.
