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Draft report of the Council**

[Note: The present draft report only reflects the proceedings up to the conclusion of the 30th meeting, on Friday 6 October 2006. As the Council has not concluded its work and will continue to take action on draft resolutions and draft decisions, the proceedings and texts of the resolutions and decisions adopted will be included in the final report of the Council when it reconvenes at its resumed second session.]

* The format of the present report is based on the agenda and “draft framework for a programme of work” for the second session as adopted by the Council in its decision 1/105 of 30 June 2006. It should therefore not serve as a precedent for future sessions of the Council.

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**I. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS AND DRAFT DECISIONS RECOMMENDED
TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR APPROVAL**

[To be included in the final report (A/HRC/2/L.11)]

**II. RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL AT
ITS SECOND SESSION, AS WELL AS PRESIDENT'S STATEMENTS
AGREED UPON BY THE COUNCIL AT THAT SESSION**

[To be included in the final report (A/HRC/2/L.11)]

**III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION
OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION**

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Human Rights Council held its second session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 18 September to 6 October 2006 (see also paragraphs 10 and 11 below). It held 30 meetings (see A/HRC/2/SR.1-31)¹ during the session.
2. The session was opened by Mr. Luis Alfonso de Alba, President of the Human Rights Council.
3. At the 1st meeting, on 18 September 2006, Ms. Louise Arbour, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, read a message from Mr. Kofi Annan, the United Nations Secretary-General.
4. At the 24th meeting, on 2 October 2006, Mr. Youssouf Bakayoko, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Côte d'Ivoire, made a statement to the Council.

B. Attendance

5. The session was attended by representatives of States members of the Council, by observers for other States Members of the United Nations, by observers for non-member States

¹ Summary records of each of the meetings are subject to correction. They are considered final with the issuance of a consolidated corrigendum (A/HRC/2/SR.1-30/Corrigendum).

and Palestine and by representatives of the specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations, other entities, national human rights organizations and non-governmental organizations. An attendance list is given in annex III to the present report.

C. Adoption of the agenda

6. At the 1st meeting, on 18 September 2006, the Council considered the provisional agenda as proposed by the President. The agenda (A/HRC/2/1) was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see annex I to the report.

D. Organization of work

7. Also at its 1st meeting, on 18 September 2006, the Council considered the organization of its work, including modalities for time management. At the same meeting, the Council adopted the timetable for its second session, based on the “draft framework for a programme of work” as contained in decision 1/105 adopted on 30 June 2006. The aforementioned timetable was subsequently revised at its 4th meeting, on 19 September 2006.

8. At the 29th meeting, on 6 October 2006, the President on behalf of the Council circulated a revised version of draft decision A/HRC/2/L.35. The text of the decision, as orally revised, was agreed upon by the Council without a vote. For the text as adopted, see chapter II.

9. At the same meeting, on 6 October 2006, the President proposed a draft decision, in which the Council decided, without a vote, to add a segment on “Follow-up to decisions of the Human Rights Council” to the programme of work as contained in Council decision 1/105 of 30 June 2006.

10. At the same meeting, the Council also decided, without a vote, to defer all draft proposals submitted for its consideration to a resumed second session of the Council, to be convened on 27 November, immediately before the opening of its third session.

E. Meetings and documentation

11. As indicated in paragraph 1 above, the Council held 30 fully serviced meetings.
12. The 12th meeting, on 25 September, and the 17th meeting, on 27 September 2006, were additional meetings without additional financial implications.
13. Draft decisions recommended for adoption by the General Assembly are contained in chapter I of the present report.
14. The texts of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council, as well as President's statements agreed upon by consensus, are contained in chapter II of the present report.
15. Annex I contains the agenda of the second session of the Council as adopted.
16. Annex II contains the estimated administrative and programme budget implications of Council resolutions and decisions, as well as of President's statements.
17. Annex III contains the list of attendance. Annex IV contains the list of documents issued for the second session of the Council.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 60/251 OF 15 MARCH 2006 ENTITLED "HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL"

A. Update by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

18. At the 1st meeting, on 18 September 2006, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Louise Arbour, gave an update of her activities and the activities of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.
19. At the same meeting, in the ensuing interactive dialogue, the following made statements and posed questions to the High Commissioner:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Canada, Cuba, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Indonesia, Jordan, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Peru, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka and Switzerland;

(b) Observer for Member States of the United Nations: Colombia, Iraq, Nepal, Sudan and United States of America;

(c) Observer for the Holy See;

(d) Observer for Palestine;

(e) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Amnesty International, Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (also on behalf of Pax Romana), Colombian Commission of Jurists and the International Service for Human Rights.

20. At the same meeting, the High Commissioner responded to questions and made her concluding remarks.

B. Reports of the special procedures considered in accordance with Council decision 1/102

1. Thematic reports

Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance/People of African descent/Migrants

21. At the 2nd meeting, on 18 September 2006, Mr. Doudou Diène, Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, presented his reports (E/CN.4/2006/16 and Add.1 and Add.2 and Add.2/Corr.1 and Add.3-4; E/CN.4/2006/17; and E/CN.4/2006/54). The representatives of Brazil, Japan, the Russian Federation and Switzerland made statements, as concerned countries, on the relevant mission reports.

22. At the same meeting, Mr. Peter Lesa Kasanda, Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, presented the report of the fifth session of the Working Group (E/CN.4/2006/19 and Add.1). The observer for Belgium made a statement, as a concerned country, in connection with the relevant mission report.

23. At the same meeting, Mr. Jorge A. Bustamante, Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, presented his report (E/CN.4/2006/73 and Add.1 and 2). The observer for Burkina Faso made a statement, as a concerned country, on the relevant mission report.

24. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, the following made statements and posed questions to Mr. Bustamante, Mr. Diène and Mr. Kasanda:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Argentina, Azerbaijan, China, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and acceding countries - Bulgaria and Romania), Germany, Guatemala, Indonesia, Jordan, Mali, Mexico, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Peru, the Philippines, Poland and Uruguay;

(b) Observers for Member States of the United Nations: Armenia, Chile, Nicaragua, Norway and Spain;

(c) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Amnesty International, Association for World Education, Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations (also on behalf of B'nai B'rith International), Franciscans International (also on behalf of Human Rights Watch), Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru (also on behalf of World Peace Council), International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism and Movement against Racism and for Friendship among Peoples.

25. At the same meeting, Mr. Bustamante, Mr. Diène and Mr. Kasanda responded to questions and made their concluding remarks.

26. Also at the same meeting, a statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the observer for the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Enforced or involuntary disappearances/Minority issues/Indigenous peoples

27. At the 3rd meeting, on 19 September 2006, Mr. Stephen J. Toope, member of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, presented the report of the Working Group (E/CN.4/2006/56 and Add.1 and Corr.1). The observer for Colombia made a statement, as a concerned country, on the report.

28. At the same meeting, Ms. Gay McDougall, the independent expert on minority issues, presented her report (E/CN.4/2006/74).

29. At the same meeting, Mr. Rodolpho Stavenhagen, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples, presented his report (E/CN.4/2006/78 and Add.1-5). The representatives of Ecuador and South Africa and the observer for New Zealand made statements as concerned countries, on the relevant mission reports.

30. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, the following made statements and posed questions to Ms. McDougall, Mr. Stavenhagen and Mr. Toope:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria, Argentina, Canada, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and its acceding countries - Bulgaria and Romania), France, Guatemala, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Switzerland;

(b) Observers for Member States of the United Nations: Armenia, Austria, Chile, Costa Rica, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Nicaragua, Norway and the United States of America;

(c) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Amnesty International, Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action, Interfaith International, International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (also on behalf of International Indian Treaty Council), Minority Rights Group International (also on behalf of Baha'i International Community, International Federation for the Protection of the Rights of Ethnic, Religious, Linguistic and Other Minorities, International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism, and Pax Romana), Movement against Racism, and for Friendship among Peoples (also on behalf of

Asian Forum For Human Rights and Development, Asian Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Network, Interfaith International, International Federation for the Protection of the Rights of Ethnic, Religious, Linguistic and Other Minorities, International Fellowship of Reconciliation, Pax Romana, Society for Threatened Peoples and Transnational Radical Party).

31. At the same meeting, Ms. McDougall, Mr. Stavenhagen and Mr. Toope responded to questions and made their concluding remarks.

32. Also at the same meeting, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the observer for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and the representatives of Japan and the Philippines. A second statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the observer for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the representative of Japan.

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions/Internally displaced persons

33. At the 4th meeting, on 19 September 2006, Mr. Philip Alston, Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, presented his report (E/CN.4/2006/53 and Add.1-5). The representatives of Nigeria and Sri Lanka made statements, as concerned countries, on the relevant mission reports.

34. Also at the 4th meeting, on 19 September 2006, Mr. Walter Kälin, the Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons, presented his report (E/CN.4/2006/71 and Add.1-7). The observers for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Nepal, Serbia and the Sudan made statements, as concerned countries, on the relevant mission reports.

35. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, the following made statements and posed questions to Mr. Alston and Mr. Kälin:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria (on behalf of the African Group), Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Canada, China, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Guatemala, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, the Russian Federation, Sri Lanka and Switzerland;

(b) Observer for Member States of the United Nations: Albania, Armenia, Australia, Austria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Liechtenstein and Norway;

(c) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network (also on behalf of the International Federation for the Protection of the Rights of Ethnic, Religious, Linguistic and Other Minorities), Human Rights Watch, the International Buddhist Foundation, the International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples (also on behalf of Europe-Third World Centre and Movement against Racism and for Friendship Among Peoples) and Pax Romana.

36. At the 5th meeting, on 20 September 2006, Mr. Alston and Mr. Kälin responded to questions and made their concluding remarks.

37. At the same meeting, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representative of Algeria, the observer for Georgia, the representatives of the Philippines and Sri Lanka and the observer for Zimbabwe.

Violence against women/Trafficking in persons, especially women and children

38. At the 5th meeting, on 20 September 2006, Ms. Yakin Ertürk, Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, presented her report (E/CN.4/2006/61 and Add.1-5). The observers for Afghanistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran, the representatives of Mexico and the Russian Federation made statements, as concerned countries, on the relevant mission reports.

39. At the same meeting, Ms. Sigma Huda, Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, presented her report (E/CN.4/2006/62 and Add.1-3). The observers for Bosnia and Herzegovina and Lebanon made statements, as concerned countries, on the relevant mission reports.

40. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the 5th and 6th meetings, on 20 September 2006, the following made statements and posed questions to Ms. Ertürk and Ms. Huda:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and acceding countries - Bulgaria and Romania), Indonesia, Japan, Morocco, the Netherlands, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Switzerland and Uruguay;

(b) Observers for States Members of the United Nations: Australia, Belarus, Chile, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Iceland, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Norway, Sudan, Thailand and the United States of America;

(c) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Franciscans International (also on behalf of Human Rights Watch), Global Alliance against Traffic in Women, Human Rights Watch, Inter-African Committee on Traditional Practices Affecting the Health of Women and Children (also on behalf of Femmes Africa solidarité, International Alliance of Women, International Federation of University Women, International Movement for Fraternal Union Among Races and Peoples, Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Women's International Zionist Organization, Women's World Summit Foundation, World Movement of Mothers and Worldwide Organization for Women), International Educational Development (also on behalf of Interfaith International and United Nations Association of San Diego), Movement pour l'abolition de la prostitution et de la pornographie et de toutes formes de violences sexuelles et de discriminations sexistes (also on behalf of Coalition against Trafficking in Women).

41. At the 6th meeting, on 20 September 2006, Ms. Ertürk and Ms. Huda responded to questions and made their concluding remarks.

42. At the same meeting, a statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the observer for Singapore.

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions/Arbitrary detention/Independence of judges and lawyers

43. At the 6th meeting, on 20 September 2006, Mr. Manfred Nowak, Special Rapporteur on the question of torture presented his report (E/CN.4/2006/6 and Add.1-6). The representative of China, the observer for Georgia, the representative of Jordan and the observer for Nepal made statements, as concerned countries, on the report.

44. At the same meeting, Ms. Leila Zerrougui, the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, presented her report (E/CN.4/2006/7 and Add.1-3). The representatives of Canada and South Africa made statements, as concerned countries, on the report.

45. Also at the same meeting, Mr. Leandro Despouy, Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, presented his report (E/CN.4/2006/52 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1 and Add.2-4). The representative of Ecuador made a statement, as a concerned country, on the report.

46. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the 6th meeting and at the 7th meeting, on 21 September 2006, the following made statements and posed questions to Mr. Nowak, Ms. Zerrougui and Mr. Despouy:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, China, Cuba, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and acceding countries - Bulgaria and Romania), Indonesia, Mali, Switzerland, Tunisia and Uruguay;

(b) Observer for Member States of the United Nations: Austria, Belarus, Chile, Denmark, Hungary, Iraq, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Norway, the United States of America and Uzbekistan;

(c) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Friends World Committee for Consultation, Interfaith International, International Commission of Jurists, International Federation of Human Rights Leagues (also on behalf of Baha'i International Community) and the World Organization Against Torture.

47. At the same meeting, Mr. Nowak, Ms. Zerrougui and Mr. Despouy responded to questions and made their concluding remarks.

48. At the 7th and 8th meetings, on 21 September 2006, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of China, Indonesia, the observer for the Islamic Republic of Iran and the representative of Jordan.

Freedom of religion or belief/Freedom of opinion and expression

49. At the 7th meeting, Ms. Asma Jahangir, Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, presented her report (E/CN.4/2006/5 and Add.1-4). The representatives of Azerbaijan, France, Nigeria and Sri Lanka made statements, as concerned countries, on the report.

50. At the same meeting, Mr. Ambeyi Ligabo, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, presented his report (E/CN.4/2006/55 and Add.1).

51. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the 7th and 8th meetings, on 21 September 2006, the following made statements and posed questions to Ms. Jahangir and Mr. Ligabo:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria, Canada, the Czech Republic, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Ghana, Indonesia, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Peru, Tunisia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

(b) Observer for Member States of the United Nations: Armenia, Croatia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kenya, Norway and the United States of America;

(c) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Association for World Education (also on behalf of World Union for Progressive Judaism), Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, International Commission of Jurists (also on behalf of Human Rights Watch), International Educational Development, Inc., Reporters without Borders and the Society for Threatened Peoples (also on behalf of Movement against Racism and for Friendship among Peoples and International Fellowship of Reconciliation).

52. At the 8th meeting, on 21 September 2006, Ms. Jahangir and Mr. Ligabo responded to questions and made their concluding remarks.

53. At the same meeting, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representative of Cuba and the observer for Singapore.

Situation of detainees at Guantánamo Bay

54. At the 8th meeting, on 21 September 2006, Ms. Leila Zerrougui, Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, presented the joint report (E/CN.4/2006/120) prepared by herself, Mr. Leandro Despouy, Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, Mr. Manfred Nowak, Special Rapporteur on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, Ms. Asma Jahangir, Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief and Mr. Paul Hunt, Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health.

55. The observer for the United States of America made a statement, as a concerned country, on the joint report.

56. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, the following made statements and posed questions to Ms. Zerrougui, Mr. Despouy, Mr. Nowak, Ms. Jahangir and Mr. Hunt:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria, China, Cuba, Ecuador, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Malaysia, Peru and Switzerland;

(b) Observer for Member States of the United Nations: the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of);

(c) Observer for non-governmental organizations: International Commission of Jurists (also on behalf of International Federation of Human Rights Leagues and Human Rights Watch).

57. At the same meeting, Ms. Zerrougui, Mr. Despouy, Mr. Nowak, Ms. Jahangir and Mr. Hunt responded to questions and made their concluding remarks.

Right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health/Right to food/Situation of human rights defenders

58. At the 9th meeting, on 22 September 2006, Mr. Paul Hunt, Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, presented his report (E/CN.4/2006/48 and Corr.1 and Add.1-2). The observer for Uganda made a statement, as a concerned country, on the report.

59. At the same meeting, Mr. Jean Ziegler, Special Rapporteur on the right to food, presented his report (E/CN.4/2006/44 and Add.1-2). The representatives of Guatemala and India made statements, as concerned countries, on the report.

60. At the same meeting, Ms. Hina Jilani, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights defenders, presented her report (E/CN.4/2006/95 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1 and 2 and Add.2-5). At the 9th and 10th meetings, on 22 September 2006, the representatives of Brazil, the observer for Israel, the representative of Nigeria and the observer for Palestine made statements, as concerned countries, on the report.

61. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the 10th meeting, on 22 September 2006, the following made statements and posed questions to Mr. Hunt, Mr. Ziegler and Ms. Jilani:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria, Algeria (on behalf of the African Group), Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Cuba, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Germany, Ghana, Indonesia, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka and Switzerland;

(b) Observers for Member States of the United Nations: Austria, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Sudan, the United Republic of Tanzania and the United States of America;

(c) Observer for specialized agencies and related organizations: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(d) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Amnesty International, Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (also on behalf of Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development and World Organization Against Torture), Colombian Commission of Jurists, Foodfirst Information and Action Network, International Federation of Human Rights Leagues (also on behalf of Pax Romana), International PEN, the International Service for Human Rights, the International Women's Rights Action Watch and the Worldwide Organization for Women;

(e) Observer for national human rights institutions: Human Rights Advisory Council of Morocco (also on behalf of the International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions).

62. At the 10th meeting, on 22 September 2006, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Ziegler and Ms. Jilani responded to questions and made their concluding remarks.

63. At the same meeting, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Algeria (on behalf of the African Group), China, the observer for Colombia and the representative of Indonesia.

Sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography/Effects of economic reform policies and foreign debt on the full enjoyment of all human rights/Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

64. At the same meeting, Mr. Juan Miguel Petit, Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, presented his report (E/CN.4/2006/67 and Add.1-3). At the 12th meeting, on 25 September 2006, the observers for Albania and Greece made statements, as concerned countries, on the report.

65. At the 12th meeting, on 25 September 2006, Mr. Bernards Andrew Nyamwaya Mudho, independent expert on the effects of economic reform policies and foreign debt on the full enjoyment of all human rights, presented his report (E/CN.4/2006/46 and Add.1). The observer for Mozambique made a statement, as a concerned country, on the report.

66. At the 13th meeting, on 25 September 2006, Ms. Amada Benavides de Pérez, Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, presented the report of the Working Group (E/CN.4/2006/11 and Add.1). At the same meeting, the representative of Ecuador and the observer for Honduras made statements, as concerned countries, on the report.

67. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the 12th and 13th meetings, on 25 September 2006, the following made statements and posed questions to Mr. Petit, Mr. Mudho and Ms. Benavides de Pérez:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Argentina, Bangladesh, Cuba, Ecuador, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, Mali, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, the Russian Federation, Sri Lanka and Uruguay;

(b) Observers for Member States of the United Nations: Costa Rica, Iraq, Slovenia, the Sudan and the United States of America;

(c) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru (also on behalf of World Peace Council), World Organization against Torture (also on behalf of Defence for Children International, International Alliance of Women, International Save the Children Alliance, Plan International, Inc., Women's World Summit Foundation and World Movement of Mothers), World Young Women's Christian Association (also on behalf of United Nations Watch and World Alliance of Young Men's Christian Association).

68. At the 12th and 13th meetings, on 25 September 2006, Mr. Mudho and Ms. Benavides de Pérez responded to questions and made their concluding remarks.

Adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living/Right to education/Human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises/Promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism

69. At the 13th meeting, on 25 September 2006, Mr. Miloon Kothari, Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, presented his reports (E/CN.4/2006/41 and Add.1-3 and E/CN.4/2006/118). At the same meeting, the observers for Australia, Cambodia and the Islamic Republic of Iran made statements, as concerned countries, on the reports.

70. At the same meeting, Mr. Vernor Muñoz Villalobos, Special Rapporteur on the right to education, presented his report (E/CN.4/2006/45 and Add.1). At the same meeting, the observer for Botswana made a statement, as a concerned country, on the report.

71. Also at the same meeting, Mr. John Ruggie, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, presented his report (E/CN.4/2006/97).

72. At the same meeting, Mr. Martin Scheinin, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, presented his report (E/CN.4/2006/98 and Add.1-2). At the same meeting, the observer for Turkey made a statement, as a concerned country, on the report.

73. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the 13th meeting, on 25 September 2006 and at the 14th meeting, on 26 September 2006, the following made statements and posed questions to Mr. Khotari, Mr. Muñoz Villalobos, Mr. Ruggie and Mr. Scheinin:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Canada, China, Cuba, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), France, Germany, Indonesia, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Switzerland, Tunisia and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

(b) Observer for Member States of the United Nations: Belgium, Chile, Costa Rica, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Liechtenstein, Nicaragua, Norway, Portugal, Slovenia, the United States of America and Yemen;

(c) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Europe-Third World Centre, Friends World Committee for Consultation, Habitat International Coalition, Human Rights Watch (also on behalf of Centre On Housing Rights And Evictions), Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru (also on behalf of World Peace Council), Interfaith International, International Educational Development, Inc., the International Federation of Human Rights Leagues, the International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples, International Women's Rights Action Watch, Women's World Summit Foundation (also on behalf of Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, Femmes Africa solidarité, the International Council of Women, the International Federation of University Women, Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and Zonta International).

74. At the 14th meeting, on 26 September 2006, Mr. Khotari, Mr. Muñoz Villalobos, Mr. Ruggie and Mr. Scheinin responded to questions and made their concluding remarks.

75. At the same meeting, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the observers for Cambodia and Zimbabwe.

Extreme poverty

76. At the 17th meeting, on 27 September 2006, Mr. Arjun Sengupta, independent expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty, presented his report (E/CN.4/2006/43 and Add.1). The observer for the United States of America made a statement, as a concerned country, on the report.

77. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the same meeting, the following made statements and posed questions to Mr. Sengupta:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria, Brazil, Cameroon, China, Cuba, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), India, Indonesia, Mali, Morocco, Peru, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia and Senegal;

(b) Observer for a Member State of the United Nations: Ecuador;

(c) Observers for non-governmental organizations: the Center on Housing Rights and Evictions, Interfaith International and International Movement ATD Fourth World (also on behalf of International Council of Women, International Federation of Social Workers and World Organization against Torture).

78. At the same meeting, Mr. Sengupta responded to questions and made his concluding remarks.

Children and armed conflict

79. At the 21st meeting, on 29 September 2006, Ms. Radika Coomaraswamy, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for children and armed conflict, presented Karin Sham-poo's report (E/CN.4/2006/66).

80. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, the following made statements and posed questions to Ms. Coomaraswamy:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Argentina, Azerbaijan, Canada, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation, Sri Lanka and Switzerland;

(b) Observers for Member States of the United Nations: Australia and the Sudan;

(c) Observers for non-governmental organizations: International Educational Development, Inc., North South XXI and World Young Women's Christian Association (also on behalf of United Nations Watch, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, World Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations and World Organization against Torture).

81. At the same meeting, Ms. Coomaraswamy responded to questions and made her concluding remarks.

82. Also at the same meeting, a statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of Sri Lanka.

International solidarity

83. At the 27th meeting, on 4 October 2006, Mr. Rudi Muhammad Rizki, independent expert on human rights and international solidarity, presented his report (E/CN.4/2006/96).

84. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, the following made statements and posed questions to Mr. Rizki:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Argentina, Cuba, Ecuador, Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and Indonesia;

(b) Observers for non-governmental organizations: the International Service for Human Rights and Pax Romana.

85. At the same meeting, Mr. Rizki responded to questions and made his concluding remarks.

2. Country reports

Somalia

86. At the 14th meeting, on 26 September 2006, Mr. Ghanim Alnajjar, independent expert appointed by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Somalia, presented his report (A/HRC/2/CRP.2).

87. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the same meeting, the following made statements and posed questions to Mr. Alnajjar:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Djibouti and Finland (on behalf of the European Union);

(b) Observers for Member States of the United Nations: Italy, the Sudan and the United States of America.

88. At the same meeting, Mr. Alnajjar responded to questions and made his concluding remarks.

Cuba

89. At the 14th meeting, on 26 September 2006, Ms. Christine Chanet, Personal Representative of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Cuba, presented her report (E/CN.4/2006/33). The representative of Cuba made a statement, as a concerned country, on the report.

90. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the 15th meeting, on 26 September 2006, the following made statements and posed questions to Ms. Chanet:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria, China, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Germany and the Russian Federation;

(b) Observers for Member States of the United Nations: Belarus, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United States of America, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

91. At the same meeting, Ms. Chanet responded to questions and made her concluding remarks.

92. Also at the same meeting, a statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of Cuba.

Palestinian territories occupied since 1967

93. At the 15th meeting, on 26 September 2006, Mr. John Dugard, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, presented his reports (E/CN.4/2006/29 and A/HRC/2/5). The observers for Israel and Palestine made statements, as concerned countries, on the report.

94. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, also at the same meeting, the following made statements and posed questions to Mr. Dugard:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Ecuador, Finland (on behalf of European Union), India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mali, Morocco, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Saudi Arabia, Senegal and Tunisia;

(b) Observers for Member States of the United Nations: the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic and the United States of America.

95. At the same meeting, Mr. Dugard responded to questions and made his concluding remarks.

Cambodia

96. Also at the 15th meeting, Mr. Yash Ghai, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Cambodia, presented his report (E/CN.4/2006/110 and Add.1). The observer for Cambodia made a statement, as a concerned country, on the report.

97. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the same meeting, the following made statements and posed questions to Mr. Ghai:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Bangladesh, Canada, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, the Republic of Korea and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

(b) Observers for Member States of the United Nations: New Zealand and the United States of America.

98. Also at the same meeting, Mr. Ghai responded to questions and made his concluding remarks.

99. Also at the same meeting, a statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the observer for Cambodia.

Haiti

100. Also at the 15th meeting, Mr. Louis Joinet, independent expert appointed by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Haiti, presented his report (E/CN.4/2006/115). The observer for Haiti made a statement, as a concerned country, on the report.

101. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the 16th meeting, on 27 September 2006, the following made statements and posed questions to Mr. Joinet:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), France, Guatemala, Nigeria and Peru;

(b) Observers for Member States of the United Nations: Chile and the United States of America.

102. At the same meeting, Mr. Joinet responded to questions and made his concluding remarks.

103. Also at the same meeting, a statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the observer for Haiti.

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

104. At the 16th meeting, on 27 September 2006, Mr. Vitit Muntarbhorn, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, presented his report (E/CN.4/2006/35). The observer for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a statement, as a concerned country, on the report.

105. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the same meeting, the following made statements and posed questions to Mr. Muntarbhorn:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Canada, China, Cuba, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Indonesia, Japan, Peru and the Republic of Korea;

(b) Observers for Member States of the United Nations: Australia, New Zealand, the United States of America and Zimbabwe.

106. At the same meeting, Mr. Muntarbhorn responded to questions and made his concluding remarks.

107. Also at the same meeting, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the observer for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the representative of China. A second statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the observer for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the representative of Japan.

Burundi

108. Also at the 16th meeting, Mr. Akich Okola, independent expert on the human rights situation in Burundi, presented his report (E/CN.4/2006/109). The observer for Burundi made a statement, as a concerned country, on the report.

109. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the same meeting, the following made statements and posed questions to Mr. Okola:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria (on behalf of the African Group), Canada and Finland (on behalf of the European Union);

(b) Observers for Member States of the United Nations: Belgium, the Sudan and the United States of America.

110. At the same meeting, Mr. Okola responded to questions and made his concluding remarks.

111. Also at the same meeting, a statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the observer for Burundi.

Myanmar

112. Also at the 16th meeting, Mr. Paolo Sérgio Pinheiro, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, presented his report (E/CN.4/2006/34). The observer for Myanmar made a statement, as a concerned country, on the report.

113. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the 16th and 17th meetings, on 27 September 2006, the following made statements and posed questions to Mr. Pinheiro:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Canada, China, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), India, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan and Peru;

(b) Observers for Member States of the United Nations: Australia, New Zealand and the United States of America.

114. Also at the 17th meeting, Mr. Pinheiro responded to questions and made his concluding remarks.

The Sudan

115. At the same meeting, Ms. Sima Samar, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan, presented her report (E/CN.4/2006/111). The observer for the Sudan made a statement, as a concerned country, on the report.

116. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the same meeting, the following made statements and posed questions to Ms. Samar:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bahrain (on behalf of the Arab Group), Bangladesh, Canada, China, Cuba, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), India, Japan, Jordan, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), the Republic of Korea, Senegal and Tunisia;

(b) Observers for Member States of the United Nations: Australia (on behalf of Canada and New Zealand), Belarus, Egypt and the United States of America;

(c) A representative of an intergovernmental organization: African Union.

117. At the same meeting, Ms. Samar responded to questions and made her concluding remarks.

118. Also at the same meeting, a statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the observer for the Sudan.

Belarus

119. At the 18th meeting, on 27 September 2006, Mr. Adrian Severin, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus, presented his report (E/CN.4/2006/36). The observer for Belarus made a statement, as a concerned country, on the report.

120. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the same meeting, the following made statements and posed questions to Mr. Severin:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria (on behalf of the African Group), Bangladesh, Canada, China, Cuba, the Czech Republic, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Ghana, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Peru, Poland, the Russian Federation and Tunisia;

(b) Observers for Member States of the United Nations: Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Lithuania, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States of America and Yemen.

121. At the same meeting, Mr. Severin responded to questions and made his concluding remarks.

122. At the same meeting, a statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of Algeria.

Liberia

123. At the 21st meeting, on 29 September 2006, Ms. Charlotte Abaka, independent expert on technical cooperation and advisory services in Liberia, presented her report (E/CN.4/2006/114). The observer for Liberia made a statement, as a concerned country, on the report.

124. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the same meeting, the following made statements and posed questions to Ms. Abaka:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria (on behalf of the African Group), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Ghana, Peru and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

(b) An observer for a Member State of the United Nations: the United States of America.

125. At the same meeting, Ms. Abaka responded to questions and made her concluding remarks.

126. At the 15th meeting, on 26 September 2006, and at the 18th meeting, the following observers for non-governmental organizations made statements:

Amnesty International, Centrist Democratic International (also on behalf of Freedom House and Transnational Radical Party), Federation of Cuban Women, Freedom House, Human Rights Watch, Indian Council of South America, Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru (also on behalf of World Peace Council), International Federation of Human Rights Leagues, International League for Human Rights, International Peace Bureau, International Youth & Student Movement for the United Nations, Liberal International, Movement against Racism and for Friendship Among Peoples (also on behalf of International Youth & Student Movement for the United Nations, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, World Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations and World Young Women's Christian Association), National Union of Jurists of Cuba,

the Organization for the Solidarity of the Peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America, Pax Romana (also on behalf of Asian Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Network), Transnational Radical Party, United Nations Watch and World Federation of Trade Unions.

127. At the 19th meeting, on 28 September 2006, a statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the observer for Thailand.

C. Reports of the procedure established in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolutions 1503 (XLVIII) and 2000/3 (confidential procedure)

128. The Council considered the reports of the procedure established in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolutions 1503 (XLVIII) and 2000/3 in two closed meetings, at its 11th meeting on 25 September, and at its 23rd meeting on 2 October 2006, pursuant to paragraph 7 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/3 of 16 June 2000. The Council had before it for consideration the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

129. At the 24th meeting, on 2 October 2006, the President announced publicly that the Council had decided to discontinue the human rights situation in Kyrgyzstan. For the text of the decision, see chapter II.

130. The President reminded the members of the Council that, in conformity with paragraph 9 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/3, they should not make any reference in public debate to the confidential decisions taken under that resolution or to any confidential material relating thereto.

D. Reports of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights

131. At the 18th meeting, on 27 September 2006, Mr. Marc Bossuyt, Chairperson of the fifty-eighth session of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, introduced the reports of the Sub-Commission (E/CN.4/2006/2-E/CN.4/Sub.2/2005/44 and A/HRC/2/2-A/HRC/Sub.1/58/36).

132. During the ensuing discussion, at the 18th and 19th meetings, on 28 September 2006 the following made statements and posed questions to Mr. Bossuyt:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China, Ecuador, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), India, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Peru, the Russian Federation and Zambia;

(b) Observers for Member States of the United Nations: the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States of America;

(c) Observers for non-governmental organizations: International Indian Treaty Council (also on behalf of Asian Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Network and Indian Council of South America).

133. Also at the 18th meeting, Mr. Bossuyt responded to questions and made his concluding remarks.

E. Reports, studies and other documents prepared by the Secretariat, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Office of the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General requested by the Commission on Human Rights

134. At the 19th and 20th meetings, on 28 September 2006, the Council considered various reports by the Secretariat, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Office of the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General, pursuant to its decision 1/102 adopted on 30 June 2006 during its first session, “to consider all outstanding reports referred by the Commission on Human Rights to the Human Rights Council”.

135. At the same meetings, the High Commissioner updated the Council in connection with the introduction of the above-mentioned reports. The Council heard statements by the following guest speakers:

Mr. Vitit Muntarbhorn, in his capacity as President of the Coordination Committee of the Special Procedures and in his capacity as Member of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for technical cooperation in the field of human rights;

Mr. Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, in his capacity as independent expert appointed by the Secretary-General to prepare a study on violence against children; Mr. Nadir Bekirov, in his capacity as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations; Mr. Juan Luis Larrabure, in his capacity as Vice-Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit; Ms. Rachel Mayanja, in her capacity as Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women; and Ms. Carmen María Gallardo Hernández, in her capacity as Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women.

136. Also at the same meetings, the representative of Guatemala, and the observers for Afghanistan, Colombia, Cyprus, the Syrian Arab Republic and Uzbekistan made statements, as concerned countries, on the reports.

137. During the ensuing discussion, at the same meetings, the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria (on behalf of the African Group), Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China, Cuba, Ecuador, Finland (on behalf of the European Union, acceding countries - Bulgaria and Romania, candidate countries - Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, as well as countries in the process of stabilization and association and potential candidates - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia and Ukraine) and the Republic of Moldova, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Peru, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Switzerland and Uruguay;

(b) Observers for Member States of the United Nations: Armenia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Greece, the Islamic Republic of Iran, New Zealand, Portugal, Singapore and Sweden;

(c) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Action Canada for Population and Development, Action internationale pour la paix et le développement dans la région des Grands lacs, Agir ensemble pour les droits de l'homme, Amnesty International, Centrist Democratic International, Colombian Commission of Jurists (also on behalf of World Organization Against Torture), Franciscans International, Human Rights Watch, Interfaith International, the International Commission of Jurists, the International Human Rights

Association of American Minorities, the International Institute of Non-Aligned Studies, the International Islamic Federation of Student Organizations, International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism, the International Union of Socialist Youth, Liberal International and World Federation of Trade Unions.

138. Also at the same meetings, statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Algeria, the observers for Armenia, Colombia and Cyprus, representatives of the Czech Republic, Guatemala and Morocco and the observer for Turkey. A second statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the representatives of Algeria and Morocco and by observers for Cyprus and Turkey.

F. Follow-up to decisions of the Human Rights Council

Follow-up to decision 1/107: Incitement to racial and religious hatred and the promotion of tolerance

139. At the 8th meeting, on 21 September 2006, pursuant to Council decision 1/107 of 30 June 2006, Ms. Mehr Khan Williams, the United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, presented the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/HRC/2/6), and Ms. Asma Jahangir, Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, and Mr. Doudou Diène, Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, presented their joint report (A/HRC/2/3).

140. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the 8th meeting, on 21 September 2006, and at the 9th meeting, on 22 September 2006, the following made statements and posed questions to Ms. Williams, Ms. Jahangir and Mr. Diène:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Canada, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Poland, Senegal, Switzerland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

(b) Observers for Member States of the United Nations: Armenia, Australia, Belgium, Costa Rica, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Spain, Turkey and the United States of America;

(c) Observer for the Holy See;

(d) Observer for the Order of Malta;

(e) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Agir ensemble pour les droits de l'homme (also on behalf of the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights), Association for World Education (also on behalf of World Union for Progressive Judaism), Friends World Committee for Consultation, the International Service for Human Rights and United Nations Watch.

141. Also at the 9th meeting, Ms. Williams, Ms. Jahangir and Mr. Diène responded to questions and made their concluding remarks.

142. At the same meeting, a statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the observer for Viet Nam.

Follow-up to decision 1/106: Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories

143. At the 22nd meeting, on 29 September 2006, Mr. John Dugard, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, pursuant to Council decision 1/106 of 30 June 2006, made a statement in connection with his report (A/HRC/2/5). (See also paragraph 93 above.)

Follow-up to resolution S-1/1: Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory

144. At the 22nd meeting, on 29 September 2006, pursuant to Council resolution S-1/1 of 6 July 2006, Mr. John Dugard, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, presented his update. At the same meeting, the observers for Israel, the Syrian Arab Republic and Palestine made statements, as concerned countries, on the update.

145. During the ensuing discussion, at the same meeting, the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria, Bahrain (on behalf of the Arab Group), Bangladesh, Canada, China, Cuba, Finland (on behalf of the European Union, acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania and candidate countries, Croatia, Turkey and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as well as countries in the process of stabilization and associate and potential candidates - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova), Indonesia, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal and Tunisia;

(b) Observers for Member States of the United Nations: the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Sudan, the United States of America and Yemen;

(c) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Al-Haq, Law in the Service of Man, Amnesty International (also on behalf of Human Rights Watch), B'nai B'rith International, Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru (also on behalf of World Peace Council), the International Organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Organization for the Solidarity of the Peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America (also on behalf of the Federation of Cuban Women and National Union of Jurists of Cuba), United Nations Watch, Women's International Zionist Organization.

146. Also at the same meeting, the statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the observers for Israel and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Follow-up to resolution S-2/1: The grave situation of human rights in Lebanon caused by Israeli military operations

147. At the 22nd meeting, on 29 September 2006, the President presented the progress report (A/HRC/2/4) of the Commission of Inquiry, established pursuant to Council resolution S-2/1 of 11 August 2006. The observer for Lebanon made a statement.

148. At the 27th meeting, on 4 October 2007, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution S-2/1 of 11 August 2006, Mr. Philip Alston, Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial,

summary or arbitrary execution, presented the joint report (A/HRC/2/7) prepared by himself, Mr. Paul Hunt, Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, Mr. Walter Kälin, Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons, and Mr. Miloon Kothari, Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living on their mission to Israel and Lebanon. At the same meeting Mr. Jean Ziegler, Special Rapporteur on the right to food, presented his complementary report (A/HRC/2/8) on his mission to Lebanon. The observers for Israel and Lebanon made statements, as concerned countries, on the relevant reports.

149. During the ensuing interactive dialogue, at the same meeting, the following made statements and posed questions to Mr. Alston, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Kälin, Mr. Kothari and Mr. Ziegler:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain (on behalf of the Arab Group), Bangladesh, Canada, China, Cuba, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland and Tunisia;

(b) Representatives of observer States: Chile, Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Palestine, Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Arab Emirates and the United States of America.

150. Also at the 27th meeting, Mr. Alston, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Kälin, Mr. Kothari and Mr. Ziegler responded to questions and made their concluding remarks.

151. At the same meeting, a statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the observer for Lebanon.

152. At the 28th meeting, on 4 October 2007, the following observers for non-governmental organizations made statements: Human Rights Watch, Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru (also on behalf of World Peace Council), North South XXI (also on behalf of Arab NGO Network for Development) and United Nations Watch.

G. Progress report of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review

153. At the 24th meeting, on 2 October 2006, Mr. Mohammed Loulichki, Vice-President (Morocco) of the Council, in his capacity as facilitator of the Working Group on the universal periodic review, presented an update on the progress made during the various informal consultations that took place prior to the second session of the Council.

154. During the ensuing discussion, at the same meeting, the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, candidate countries Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, and countries in the process of stabilization and association Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Ukraine and the EFTA countries and member of the European Economic Areas - Iceland), India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Peru, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia (on behalf of the Asian Group) and Switzerland;

(b) Observers for Member States of the United Nations: Australia, Chile, Colombia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Liechtenstein, Maldives, Norway, Singapore, Thailand and the United States of America;

(c) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Human Rights Watch (also on behalf of Amnesty International, the International Commission of Jurists, the International Federation of Human Rights Leagues, International Women's Rights Action Watch and World Organization Against Torture), the International Federation of University Women (also on behalf of the African Commission of Health and Human Rights Promoters, the Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas, Femmes Africa solidarité, Institute for Planetary Synthesis, Inter-African Committee on Traditional Practices Affecting the Health of Women and Children, Interfaith International, International Alliance of Women, International Council of Women, the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association, Soroptimist International, the Women's Federation for World Peace

International, Women's International Zionist Organization, Women's World Summit Foundation, the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women, World Movement of Mothers, World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations, Worldwide Organization for Women and Zonta International), the International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples, International Women's Rights Action Watch (also on behalf of the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, Center for Women's Global Leadership, International Alliance of Women, Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association, Pax Romana, World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations, Worldwide Organization for Women and Zonta International), Japan Federation of Bar Associations, Lutheran World Federation (also on behalf of Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development, International Alliance of Women, International Council of Jewish Women, International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism, the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women, the World Federation of United Nations Associations and World Union of Catholic Women's Organization), Movement against Racism and for Friendship among Peoples, Pax Romana (also on behalf of Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development, International Alliance of Women, the International Federation of University Women and International Women's Rights Action Watch) and United Nations Watch.

H. Progress report of the Open-ended intergovernmental Working Group on the Review of Mandates

155. At the 25th meeting, on 3 October 2006, Mr. Tomáš Husák, Vice-President (Czech Republic), Mr. Musa Burayzat, Vice-President (Jordan), and Mr. Blaise Godet, Vice-President (Switzerland), of the Council, in their capacity as facilitators of the above-mentioned Working Group presented updates on the progress made during the various informal consultations on the review of mandates, the future expert advice mechanism and the complaint procedure, respectively, that took place prior to the second session of the Council.

156. During the ensuing discussion, at the same meeting, the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Algeria (on behalf of the African Group), Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China (on behalf of the Like-Minded Group), Cuba, Ecuador, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), India, Indonesia, Malaysia,

Mexico, Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Peru, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia (on behalf of the Asian Group), Switzerland and Tunisia;

(b) Observers for Member States of the United Nations: Chile, Colombia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Norway, Palestine, Singapore and Thailand;

(c) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Action Canada for Population and Development, Amnesty International (also on behalf of Association for the Prevention of Torture, Human Rights Watch, the International Federation of Human Rights Leagues, International Service for Human Rights, Lutheran World Federation and World Organization Against Torture), the International Association of Democratic Lawyers, the International Federation of University Women (also on behalf of African Commission of Health and Human Rights Promoters, Inter-African Committee on Traditional Practices Affecting the Health of Women and Children, International Alliance of Women, International Council of Women, the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, International Women's Rights Action Watch, Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association, Solar Cookers International, Women's Federation for World Peace International, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Women's International Zionist Organization, Women's World Summit Foundation, the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women, World Movement of Mothers, World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations, Worldwide Organization of Women and Zonta International) and United Nations Watch.

(d) Observers for national human rights institutions: International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions.

I. Other issues related to the promotion and protection of human rights, including initiatives, decisions and resolutions

157. At the 26th meeting, on 3 October 2006 and at the 28th meeting, on 4 October 2006, the following made statements:

(a) Representatives of States members of the Council: Argentina, Algeria, Brazil, China, Cuba, Finland (on behalf of the European Union, acceding countries - Bulgaria and Romania, candidate countries - Croatia, Turkey and The former Yugoslav Republic of

Macedonia, as well as countries in the process of stabilization and association and potential candidates - Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia and Ukraine, and Republic of Moldova) and Switzerland;

(b) Observers for non-governmental organizations: Association for World Education (also on behalf of World Union for Progressive Judaism), Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (also on behalf of FoodFirst Information and Action Network, Franciscans International, Human Rights Advocates, Inc., and International Commission of Jurists), Coalition of Activists Lesbians-Australia (also on behalf of Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network), Interfaith International, the International Association of Democratic Lawyers, the International Humanist and Ethical Union and People's Decade of Human Rights Education.

158. At the same meeting, a statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of Sri Lanka.
