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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
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Agenda item 6

UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW

Egypt (on behalf of the African Group): draft resolution

**6/… Establishment of funds for the universal periodic
review mechanism of the Human Rights Council**

The Human Rights Council,

Bearing in mind that the universal periodic review is a cooperative mechanism with the full involvement of the country concerned and with consideration given to its capacity-building needs in accordance with General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006,

Underlining the fact that the institution-building text adopted on 18 June 2007 states that a universal periodic review Voluntary Trust Fund should be established to facilitate the participation of developing countries, particularly least developed countries, in the universal periodic review,

Recalling that institution-building text also requests the Council to decide on the question whether to resort to existing financing mechanisms or to create new ones,

1.   *Decides* to establish universal periodic review Voluntary Trust Fund to facilitate the participation of developing countries, particularly least developing countries, in the universal periodic review mechanism;

2.   *Also decides* to establish a new financial mechanism called the Voluntary Fund for Financial and Technical Assistance to be administered jointly with the universal periodic review Voluntary Trust Fund, for the provision of financial and technical assistance;

3.   *Urges* all member States, observers and other stakeholders of the Council to support the operationalization of the above funds;

4.   *Requests* the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to take the necessary measures with a view to expeditiously operationalizing the mechanisms, and to authorize the Office to accept and administer voluntary contributions from Governments and other stakeholders for the purpose;

5.   *Decides* to consider the matter under the same agenda item at its seventh session.