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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY-BUILDING

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

**6/... Technical cooperation and advisory services in
the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

The Human Rights Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006,

Recalling also its resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007, by which it renewed the mandate of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo until such time as it would be considered by the Council according to its programme of work,

Recalling further that in its resolution 5/1, it decided that decisions to create, review or discontinue country mandates should also take into account the principles of cooperation and genuine dialogue aimed at strengthening the capacity of Member States to comply with their human rights obligations,

Taking into account the discussions held at the present session of the Council on the mandate of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in the context of review, rationalization and improvement of the mandates of the Human Rights Council,

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Expressing its appreciation for the role undertaken by the African Union and the European Union in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which contributed to improving the situation on the ground, including the holding of the recent presidential elections, and bearing in mind the challenges still faced by the Democratic Republic of the Congo,

1. *Decides* to discontinue the mandate of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
2. *Invites* the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to inform and update the Council, at its future sessions, on the human rights situation on the ground, identifying the challenges it may still encounter as well as its needs in this regard;
3. *Welcomes* the cooperation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo with the thematic special procedures of the Council, and calls upon it to continue this cooperation, including by considering inviting a number of special procedures to undertake a visit in the eastern region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, with a view to making recommendations on how best to assist the Democratic Republic of the Congo in addressing this situation;
4. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, through its presence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, to increase and enhance its technical assistance activities and programmes in consultation with the authorities of the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
5. *Invites* the Office of the High Commissioner to report to the Council, at its session in March 2008, on the human rights situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the activities it has undertaken in the country;
6. *Calls* on the international community to provide the Democratic Republic of the Congo with the various forms of assistance the Democratic Republic of the Congo requests with a view to improve the human rights situation;
7. *Decides* to pursue this matter at its session in March 2008 under the same agenda item.
