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**PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS,
CIVIL, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL
RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT**

**Argentina*, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile*, Colombia*, Ecuador*, Haiti*,
Honduras*, Nicaragua, Panama*, Paraguay*, Peru, Uruguay:
draft resolution**

**Creation of a working group to elaborate a set of human rights voluntary goals
to be launched on the occasion of the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of
the Universal Declaration of Human Rights**

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the purposes, principles and provisions of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

*Recognizing the relevance of the core human rights international instruments and their
optional protocols,*

*Bearing in mind the activities to be undertaken in celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of
the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948,*

* Non-member States of the Human Rights Council.

Taking note with appreciation of the proposal by Brazil, with the support of other member States of the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR), Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay, as well as Chile as associate member, to create a working group to elaborate a set of human rights goals to be pursued, inspired by the Millennium Development Goals,

Taking into account that the above initiative could bring more visibility and effectiveness to the United Nations human rights system with a view to the promotion and protection of human rights,

Considering that the Working Group might examine, inter alia, the following set of goals:

- (a) Universal ratification of the core international human rights instruments;
- (b) Elaboration, in each country, of a national human rights programme, and the creation of national bodies responsible for human rights issues, in accordance with the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action of 1993;
- (c) Adoption of a legal and institutional framework at the national level to ensure the promotion and protection of all human rights, including the elimination of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;
- (d) Definition, within the framework of national human rights programmes, of targets and actions in the field of capacity-building as well as a programme of human rights education and identification of needs and shortcomings related to international cooperation; and
- (e) Assessment of needs and actions to eliminate racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, including aggravated or multiple forms of discrimination.

1. *Decides* to establish an open-ended intergovernmental working group to elaborate, on a consensual basis, a proposal of human rights voluntary goals, to promote the effective implementation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and States' international obligations in the field of human rights, to be launched on 10 December 2008 during the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948;

2. *Requests* the Working Group to meet in a formal setting for 10 working meetings, as well as to hold informal meetings, as appropriate, and to report to the Council by September 2008;

3. *Welcomes* participation in the process, as appropriate, by representatives of the United Nations and of regional human rights systems, as well as all relevant stakeholders;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give the open-ended intergovernmental working group all necessary human and financial assistance for the effective fulfilment of its mandate.
