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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Pursuant to the General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006 entitled “Human Rights Council”, all mandates, mechanisms, functions and responsibilities of the Commission on Human Rights, including the Sub-Commission, were assumed, as of 19 June 2006, by the Human Rights Council.
2. In its decision 2006/102 of 30 June 2006, the Human Rights Council decided that the final session of the Sub-Commission should be convened “starting 31 July for a period of up to four weeks, if so decided by the Sub-Commission, including its pre-sessional and in-sessional working groups”. The Council also decided that “the working groups and the Social Forum of the Sub-Commission shall be convened to hold their annual sessions in accordance with current practices”.

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3. The schedule of meetings of the Sub-Commission and its subsidiary bodies as announced on 30 June 2006, during the first session of the Human Rights Council, is as follows:

From 31 July to 4 August: Working Group on Indigenous Populations;

From 3 to 4 August: the Social Forum;

- The following weeks would be dedicated to other working groups of the Sub-Commission and to its plenary meetings as follows:

The Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery and the Working Group on Minorities will meet alternatively in parallel to the plenary during the first week of the session of the Sub-Commission (7 to 11 August);

The Sub-Commission should decide whether to use the remaining two weeks or to complete its work within the week of 14 to 18 August.

4. When adopting the agenda and the programme of work for its fifty-eighth session, the Sub-Commission should also be guided by the request of the Human Rights Council contained in its decision 2006/102 that the Sub-Commission “shall give due priority to preparing:

- (i) A paper on the Sub-Commission’s record that gives its own vision and recommendations for future expert advice to the Council, to be submitted to the Council in 2006;
- (ii) A detailed list describing the status of all the Sub-Commission’s ongoing studies as well as an overall review of its activities, to be submitted to the Council in 2006”.

5. At its fifty-seventh session, the Sub-Commission took note of the draft provisional agenda for its fifty-eighth session prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII) of 1 August 1974. That document, which also included an indication of documents to be submitted under each agenda item and the legislative authority for their preparation and consideration, is contained in the report of the Sub-Commission on its fifty-seventh session (E/CN.4/2006/2-E/CN.4/Sub.2/2005/44, para. 222).

6. The preparation and issuance of documentation for the fifty-eighth session of the Sub-Commission has been carried out by the Secretariat in accordance with this provisional agenda, which is reproduced below for reference. Annotations to the items listed in the provisional agenda will be issued as an addendum to the present document.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Organization of work.
2. Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including policies of racial discrimination and segregation, in all countries, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories: report of the Sub-Commission under Commission on Human Rights resolution 8 (XXIII).
3. Administration of justice, rule of law and democracy.
4. Economic, social and cultural rights.
5. Prevention of discrimination:
 - (a) Racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia;
 - (b) Prevention of discrimination and protection of indigenous peoples;
 - (c) Prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities.
6. Specific human rights issues:
 - (a) Women and human rights;
 - (b) Contemporary forms of slavery;
 - (c) Terrorism and counter-terrorism;
 - (d) New priorities.
7. Draft provisional agenda and adoption of the report:
 - (a) Draft provisional agenda for the fifty-ninth session of the Sub-Commission;
 - (b) Adoption of the report on the fifty-eighth session.
