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Request for withdrawal of a written statement by non-governmental organization

Note by the Secretariat

1. On 4 May 2005, a letter was addressed to the Chairperson of the sixty-first session of the Commission on Human Rights by the Transnational Radical Party, a non-governmental organization in general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, indicating its wish to withdraw the written statement submitted by this non-governmental organization during the sixty-first session of the Commission and circulated as document E/CN.4/2005/NGO/260, and availing itself of the possibility to introduce it in the future, with the necessary modifications and under a different agenda item.
2. This letter was brought to the attention of the Expanded Bureau of the sixty-first session of the Commission on Human Rights at its first post-session meeting held on 13 May 2005. It was explained by the Secretariat that while it was not possible to withdraw the written statement after the session of the Commission had been closed, other options were still available to inform the Commission and other interested parties about that decision of the Transnational Radical Party, including the circulation of a note by the Secretariat on that subject.
3. On 20 May 2005, a note verbale was addressed by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, referring to the above letter from the Transnational Radical Party and requesting that this issue be brought to the attention of the Bureau of the sixty-first session of the Commission for the removal of E/CN.4/2005/NGO/260 as an official document of the Commission.
4. In view of the above requests, the Secretariat is circulating the letter from the Transnational Radical Party* and the note verbale from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran* in the annexes to the present document.

* Reproduced in the annexes as received, in the language of submission only.

Annex I



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New York, 4 May 2005

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Re: withdrawal of written statement

Mr. Wibisono:

The TRP understands that its written statement, submitted under item 5 "The right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation" (E/CN.4/2005/NGO/260) during the 61st session of the UN Commission on Human Rights concerning the situation in the Iranian province of Kuzhestan might have caused problems regarding its general interpretation.

The TRP wishes to withdraw the above mentioned document, availing itself of the possibility to introduce it in the future, with the necessary modifications, under a different agenda item.

Sincerely,

Marco Perduca
UN Representative

Annex II



*Mission Permanente
de la République Islamique d'Iran
auprès des Nations Unies
et des autres Organisations Internationales à Genève*

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and with reference to the allegations against the territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran, by Transnational Radical Party, contained in document E/CN.4/2005/NGO/260 and distributed during the 61st session of the Commission on Human Rights, has the honour to draw the attention of the latter that the concerned NGO, having realized the erroneous and offensive nature of the allegations, has decided to withdraw the above-mentioned document. In this regard, please find enclosed the letter of Transnational Radical Party, addressed to the Chairman of the 61st session of the Commission.

It would be appreciated if the issue be brought to the kind attention of the bureau of the 61st session of the Commission on Human Rights for the removal of E/CN.4/2005/NGO/260 as an official document of the 61st session of the Commission on Human Rights.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration. *S. H.S.*

Geneva, 20 May 2005

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