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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS THERETO

Provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General

1. Opening of the informal meeting.
2. Implementation of Commission decision 2000/109.
3. Round-up of the meeting.

Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1. Opening of the informal meeting

1. The meeting will be opened by the Chairperson of the sixty-first session of the Commission. A statement will also be made by the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Item 2. Implementation of Commission decision 2000/109

Legislative authority

2. At its fifty-sixth session, in decision 2000/109 of 26 April 2000, entitled “Enhancing the effectiveness of the mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights”, the Commission requested the Chairperson to convene a one-day informal meeting of the Commission in late September each year to facilitate exchange of information in advance of the General Assembly.
3. In the same decision, the Commission decided to approve and implement comprehensively and in its entirety the report of its intersessional open-ended working group on enhancing the effectiveness of the mechanisms of the Commission (E/CN.4/2000/112). The attention of the Commission is drawn to paragraphs 33 and 34 of the above-mentioned report, which read as follows:

“The cycle of meetings (the Commission session in spring; the United Nations General Assembly in autumn) is such that the Third Committee of the General Assembly is well placed to consider developments in the interim since the Commission session. Given the significant overlap both in agenda and in attendance between the Commission and the Third Committee, the Working Group considers that there is scope for a more dynamic sense of connection between the two. In particular, the Group recognizes the rationale for some form of enhanced preparation in Geneva so as to ensure that all delegations have relevant information available to them in their preparations for the Third Committee.

“The Working Group therefore recommends that the Chairperson of the Commission should convene a one-day informal meeting of the Commission in late September each year specifically to facilitate exchange of information in advance of the General Assembly. The meeting, which would not have a formal outcome, would have an agenda comprising those issues which had been dealt with at the previous Commission session and which were also on the provisional agenda for the Third Committee. Each item would be focused on briefly, with information from the Secretariat on any developments since the Commission session, and an opportunity for comment by government representatives, including any indication of intentions for tabling resolutions in the Third Committee.”

Background information concerning the work of the Third Committee

4. According to preliminary information* provided by the secretariat of the Third Committee, the Committee will begin its work on [3 October 2005], at which time it will approve its draft programme of work (A/C.3/60/L.1, annex). The Third Committee will begin consideration of human rights items on [14 October 2005] with the item on the promotion and protection of the rights of children. General discussion on human rights items will conclude on [8 November 2005]. It is proposed that the High Commissioner will present her report on [25 October 2005].

5. The human rights items to be allocated to the Third Committee by the General Assembly this year are as follows:

Item [69]. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Item [70]. Indigenous issues

Item [71]. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination:

- (a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination;
- (b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

Item [72]. Right of peoples to self-determination

Item [73]. Human rights questions:

- (a) Implementation of human rights instruments;
- (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;
- (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;
- (d) Comprehensive implementation and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;
- (e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

* As the dates of the relevant meetings of the Third Committee and the numbers of agenda items are still subject to change, they are put in square brackets.

Proposed organization of work

6. A draft timetable for the informal one-day meeting prepared by the Secretariat will be placed on the web site of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) once it has been considered by the Expanded Bureau of the sixty-first session of the Commission.

Documentation

7. The following documentation has been prepared by OHCHR and by special rapporteurs and representatives, pursuant to pertinent General Assembly resolutions and resolutions adopted by the Commission on Human Rights, for consideration by the Third Committee:*

Item [69]. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (A/60/175 and Corr.1)
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 59/261;
- (b) Report of the independent expert for the United Nations study on violence against children (A/60/282);
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 59/261.

Item [70]. Indigenous issues

- (a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples (A/60/...) *Legislative authority: Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/51; Economic and Social Council decision 2005/270 .*

Item [71]. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination:

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

- (a) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on its sixty-sixth and sixty-seventh sessions (*Official records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth session, Supplement No. 18*) (A/60/18)
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolutions 2106 A (XX) and 59/175;

* The documents may be consulted on the OHCHR web site either in their final form or as edited advance versions.

- (b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (A/60/283)
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 59/177.

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General on global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/60/...)
 - Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 59/177.

Item [72]. Right of peoples to self-determination

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General on the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination (A/60/268)
 - Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 59/180;
- (b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the right of peoples to self-determination (A/60/263)
 - Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 59/178;
- (c) Note by the Secretariat concerning the Working Group of the Commission on Human Rights on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (A/60/319)
 - Legislative authority: Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/2; Economic and Social Council decision 2005/255.

Item [73]. Human rights questions:

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

- (a) Report of the Human Rights Committee (*Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 40*) (A/60/40),
 - Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI);
- (b) Report of the Committee against Torture (*Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 44*) (A/60/44)
 - Legislative authority: General Assembly resolutions 39/46, annex, and 59/182;

- (c) Report of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (*Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 48*) (A/60/48)
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 45/158;
 - (d) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery (A/60/273)
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 46/122;
 - (e) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenants on Human Rights and the Optional Protocols (A/60/...)
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/165;
 - (f) Report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on equitable geographical distribution in the membership of the human rights treaty bodies (A/60/...)
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 59/181;
 - (g) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (A/60/220)
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 59/182;
 - (h) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (A/60/...)
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 59/182;
 - (i) Report of the Secretary-General on the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (A/60/215)
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 59/182.
- (b) **Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms**
- (a) Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and cultural diversity (A/60/...)
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/167;
 - (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the question of human rights and mass exoduses (A/60/...)
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/169;
 - (c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health (A/60/...)
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/173; Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/24; Economic and Social Council decision 2005/261;

- (d) Report of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (A/60/...) Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/175;
- (e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Representatives of the Secretary-General on human rights of internally displaced persons (A/60/...) Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/177; Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/46;
- (f) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 58/182 on the effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (A/60/...) Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/182;
- (g) Report of the Secretary-General on the Sub-regional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa (A/60/...) Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 59/183;
- (h) Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (A/60/301 and Add.1) Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 59/184;
- (i) Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development (A/60/286) Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 59/185;
- (j) Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures (A/60/305) Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 59/188;
- (k) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity (A/60/134) Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 59/190;
- (l) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 59/191 on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (A/60/...) Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 59/191;
- (m) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on human rights defenders (A/60/...) Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 59/192;
- (n) Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of migrants (A/60/272) Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 59/194;

- (o) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the human rights of migrants (A/60/...) Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 59/194;
- (p) Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and terrorism (A/60/...) Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 59/195;
- (q) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief (A/60/...) Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 59/199;
- (r) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the right to food (A/60/...) Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 59/202;
- (s) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the independent expert of the Commission on Human Rights on the effects of economic reform policies and foreign debt on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly, economic, social and cultural rights (A/60/...); Legislative authority: Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/19; Economic and Social Council decision 2005/260;
- (t) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the independence of judges and lawyers (A/60/...); Legislative authority: Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/33; Economic and Social Council decision 2005/263;
- (u) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (A/60/...) Legislative authority: Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/80; Economic and Social Council decision 2005/279.

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Turkmenistan (A/60/...) Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 59/206;
- (b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report of the independent expert of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/60/...) Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 59/207;

- (c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/60/...) Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 59/263; Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/10; Economic and Social Council decision 2005/257;
- (d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel since 1967 (A/60/...) Legislative authority: Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/7; Economic and Social Council decision 2004/250;
- (e) Report of the High Commissioner on the issue of Palestinian pregnant women giving birth at Israeli checkpoint (A/60/...) Legislative authority: Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/7;
- (f) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (A/60/...), Legislative authority: Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/11; Economic and Social Council decision 2005/258;
- (g) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent Expert on technical cooperation and advisory services in Burundi, Legislative authority: Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/75; Economic and Social Council decision 2005/275;
- (h) Report of the High Commissioner on the assistance to Sierra Leone in the field of human rights (A/60/...) Legislative authority: Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/76; Economic and Social Council decision 2005/276;
- (i) Report of the High Commissioner on the human rights situation and the activities of the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights, including technical cooperation, in Nepal (A/60/...) Legislative authority: Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/78;
- (j) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan (A/60/..., Legislative authority: Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/82; Economic and Social Council decision 2005/280;

- (k) Report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan and on the technical assistance in the field of human rights (A/60/...),
Legislative authority: Statement of the Chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights of 21 April 2005;
Economic and Social Council decision 2005/293.
- (d) **Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action**

No advance documentation.
- (e) **Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**
 - (a) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/60/36)
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 48/141.

Item 3. Round-up of the meeting

- 8. Final remarks will be made by the Chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights.
