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Uruguay: Amendment to the United States Proposal on a Protocol on Petitions
from Individuals and Non-Governmental Organizations (E/CN.4/557)

Article 2

Add, in Article 2 (c), after the words "the States parties to this Protocol", the following words: "and the Attorney-General, referred to in the articles hereafter ...".

Article 3

There shall be established an office, known as the "Office of the United Nations Attorney-General for Human Rights" (hereinafter referred to as "the Attorney-General"), entrusted with the functions herein provided for with respect to the implementation of the provisions of this Protocol.

Article 4

1. The Attorney-General shall be appointed for a period of five years by the President of the International Court of Justice from a panel of candidates nominated by the States signatory to the Covenant.

2. Each State signatory to the Covenant shall submit to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, three months before the date of the opening of the General Assembly, the names of two persons of high moral character who possess, in the countries of which they are nationals, the qualifications required for appointment to the highest judicial office.

Article 5

1. The Attorney-General shall receive from the Secretary of the Human Rights Committee any petition which, in accordance with Article 2 of this Protocol, warrants detailed examination, together with any information supplied by the petitioner and the States parties to this Protocol. He shall be entitled to appear before the Human Rights Committee in connection with any case which, in his opinion, raises a problem of grave public interest, and to put to the Committee either orally or in writing, the arguments in defence of such public interest.

2. He may also request the Committee to summon and hear witnesses and to ask for the communication of the documents relevant to the case in question.

Article 6

Should the Attorney-General consider, after the Human Rights Committee has examined a petition, that the case calls for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice on a point of law arising therefrom, he shall request the Committee to seek such advisory opinion through the appropriate channels. He shall have full power, at the hearing of the request by the International Court of Justice, to appear as counsel for the defence of the public interest in the case in question and to put to the Court, either orally or in writing, the arguments in support of such public interest.
