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Draft statement proposed by the President of the Human Rights Council

The entry into force of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

1. The Human Rights Council welcomes the entry into force, on 22 June 2006, of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, which was adopted on 18 December 2002 by the General Assembly in its resolution 57/199.
2. The Human Rights Council congratulates the first 20 States to have ratified the Optional Protocol.
3. The Human Rights Council calls upon all States parties to the Convention against Torture to give early consideration to signing and ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention, providing further measures for use in the fight against and prevention of torture.
4. The Human Rights Council requests the Secretary-General to ensure, within the overall budgetary framework of the United Nations, the provision of adequate staff and facilities for the bodies and mechanisms involved in combating torture and assisting victims of torture commensurate with the strong support expressed by Member States for combating torture and assisting victims of torture.
