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IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 60/251 OF 15 MARCH 2006 ENTITLED “HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL”

Draft decision submitted by the President

2006/... Extension by the Human Rights Council of all mandates, mechanisms, functions and responsibilities of the Commission on Human Rights

The Human Rights Council,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006, entitled “Human Rights Council”, and in particular its paragraph 6,

Stressing the importance of avoiding any protection gap during the transitional period, in accordance with paragraph 6 of that Assembly resolution,

1. *Decides* to extend exceptionally for one year, subject to the review to be undertaken by the Council in conformity with General Assembly resolution 60/251, the mandates and the mandate-holders of all the Commission’s special procedures, of the

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Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights as well as the procedure established in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII) (1503 procedure), as listed in the annex to the present resolution;

2. *Requests*, in this regard, the special procedures, the Sub-Commission and the 1503 procedure to continue with the implementation of their mandates and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to continue to provide the necessary support to them;

3. *Decides* to approve the following arrangements for the transitional period:

(a) To consider at its next session the reports of all special procedures submitted to the sixty-second session of the Commission on Human Rights;

(b) That the final session of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights shall 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, and 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;

4. *Also decides* 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 in order to contribute to the Sub-Commission's paper as described in subparagraph 3 (b) (i) above;

5. *Further decides* to consider at its forthcoming session all outstanding reports referred by the Commission on Human Rights to the Human Rights Council.

Annex

**IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 60/251:
EXTENSION BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL OF ALL MANDATES,
MECHANISMS, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Group of independent eminent experts on the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Independent expert appointed by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Haiti

Independent expert appointed by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Somalia

Independent expert on the situation of human rights in Burundi

Independent expert on the situation of human rights in Liberia

Independent expert to provide assistance to the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the field of human rights

Independent expert on the situation of human rights in Uzbekistan (1503 confidential procedure)

Independent expert on human rights and international solidarity

Independent expert on minority issues

Independent expert on the effects of economic reform policies and foreign debt on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights

Independent expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty

Personal Representative of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Cuba

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Special Rapporteur to establish direct contacts with the Government and with the people of Belarus

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967¹

Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living

Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief

Special Rapporteur on the adverse effects of the illicit movement and dumping of toxic and dangerous products and wastes on the enjoyment of human rights

Special Rapporteur on the human rights aspects of the victims of trafficking in persons, especially women and children

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers

Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism

Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression

¹ The duration of this mandate has been established until the end of the occupation (cf. Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/2).

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health

Special Rapporteur on the right to education

Special Rapporteur on the right to food

Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people

Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences

Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises

Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia

Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights defenders in all parts of the world and on possible means to enhance their protection in full compliance with the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

Representative of the Secretary-General on human rights of internally displaced persons

Working Group of experts on people of African descent

Working Group on Arbitrary Detention

Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances

Working Group on the question of the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

Working Group on Communications of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights

Working Group on Situations

SUB-COMMISSION ON THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Special Rapporteur entrusted with preparing a detailed study on the difficulties of establishing guilt and/or responsibilities with regard to crimes of sexual violence

Special Rapporteur to conduct a detailed study of discrimination in the criminal justice system

Special Rapporteur to conduct a detailed study of the universal implementation of international human rights treaties

Special Rapporteur to prepare a comprehensive study on corruption and its impact on the full enjoyment of human rights, in particular economic, social and cultural rights

Special Rapporteur to undertake a study on human rights and the human genome

Special Rapporteur to undertake a study on non-discrimination as enshrined in article 2, paragraph 2, of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Special Rapporteur with the task of preparing a comprehensive study on the prevention of human rights violations committed with small arms and light weapons

Special Rapporteurs with the task of preparing a comprehensive study on discrimination based on work and descent

Social Forum

Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery

Working Group on Indigenous Populations

Working Group on Minorities
