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ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

President: draft resolution

8/... Conference facilities and financial support for the Human Rights Council

The Human Rights Council,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006 and Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007,

Recalling Council decision 3/104 of 8 December 2006 on conference facilities and financial support for the Council and the report of the Secretary-General on its implementation (A/62/125),

1. *Reaffirms* the need to ensure the provision of necessary financial resources to the Council and its working groups in order to discharge its mandate fully, as stipulated in General Assembly resolution 60/251 and implemented by Council resolution 5/1;
2. *Expresses its concern* at the delays in the submission of documents to the Council, including those relating to the universal periodic review, and in particular the delays in the translation of documents into the six official languages of the United Nations, and in this context requests the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the

Conference Services Division at the United Nations Office at Geneva to make an assessment of the situation and to report back to the Council at its ninth session with proposals for adequate measures to address these problems;

3. *Reaffirms* that the Council will consider favourably the adoption of a decision on the webcasting of all public proceedings of its various working groups, taking into account the principles of transparency, equal treatment and non-selectivity and, in this context, requests the Department of Public Information of the United Nations Office at Geneva to make an assessment of the situation and to report back to the Council at its ninth session with proposals for adequate measures, including by identifying the necessary resources to establish a permanent capacity for webcasting.
