

**Draft OIC Statement by Ambassador Masood Khan of Pakistan on the Report on the Working Group on the Review of Mandates, Geneva, 3 October, 2006**

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*of the* *and* *has* *an Ambassador* *of* *Barakat* *of* *Jordan* *for* *their* *report.*  
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As stipulated in the Commission on Human Rights Resolution 1993/2, the duration of mandate of the Special Rapporteur of human rights in Palestine occupied since 1967 has been established until the end of occupation. All thematic special procedures should focus on the situation of human rights in Palestine and other Occupied Arab Territories.

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