

**STATEMENT BY THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION
AT THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE HRC**

Introduction of progress reports from the institution building Working Groups

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Mr President,

At the outset, my delegation would like to express our appreciation to all the Facilitators of the various institutional building Working Groups of the Council for their tireless efforts in facilitating the work to establish the modalities and architecture our new body. In this regard, we would like to thank them for their respective revised non-papers outlining the progress that has been achieved to date.

We believe that their role at this stage has become more important in ensuring the completion of the institutional building process within the one year time frame as stipulated by the founding GA resolution 60/251. In this vein, my delegation would like to call on all the stakeholders to do their best to help them discharge their mandates and to complete these huge tasks by June 2007.

Furthermore, recalling the recent decision adopted by the Council yesterday which decided that the Council would convene its Fifth session in the second week of June of this year - for which my delegation joined the consensus - we would like to express our profound hope that the upcoming session will be mainly devoted to the completion of our important institutional building process as mandated by the founding GA Resolution.

We simply cannot risk allowing the Council to overshoot the deadline set for the completion of its institutional building work, especially those concerning the UPR and review of mandates. If we allow this to happen, it will seriously undermine and affect the work as well as the credibility of this esteemed institution. Hence, it was our understanding when going along with the said decision that the Council would not merely consider the progress of its institutional building constructions but would also conclude their work.

Before proceeding further, we would like to associate with the statements made by the NAM, OIC and the Asian Group. We also take this opportunity to comment on a number of selective aspects in a general manner as follows;

We are quite concerned with the difference in the pace between the work of the various Working Groups, in particular, between the one on UPR and on the Review of Mandates. We note with satisfaction the speed of the UPR is currently sufficient to finalise its work in the given deadline. This positive progress is due largely to all our contributions in this regard. While a number of outstanding issues remain to be resolved, my delegation is quite confident that this mechanism will be operational within the time scheduled.

However, the WG on review of mandates does not, unfortunately, enjoy the same pace as that of the UPR. The WG should work towards reviewing and when necessary rationalising all mandates. Therefore, we all need to work extremely hard in this regard. We suggest that we should start reviewing all mandates created by the late Commission and rationalise them in its final phase. In this connection, my delegation is of the view that bold and dire measures must be undertaken by this Working Group in order for it to be able to review the existing 44 mandates.

Being one of the staunch supporters for the establishment of a code of conduct for the work of special procedures, my delegation would like to reiterate its call for the importance of this WG to start discussing this important guiding document in its next session. We would like to assure those who think that this tool would restrict the work and independence of special procedures, to consider looking at this proposal in a more positive light.

While we prefer to make further substantive comments on many aspects mentioned in the non-paper of the Facilitator of the Review of Mandates at another time, we would like to know, for example, his view concerning the direct election of mandate holders by the Council which was proposed by many delegations.

The Council should also strengthen and spearhead its efforts to conclude the discussions on the draft agenda and the methods of work of the Council. Indeed, we cannot afford to allow the Council to work without a clear and solid method of work and agenda any longer. Much has been said about this principle of predictability and flexibility, however, we should now put these two important principles in perspective for the benefit and the credibility of the Council.

Mr President,

In conclusion, Indonesia stands ready to continue and to strengthen its active and constructive participation in this process. It is in the best interest of the Council to have all of these mechanisms fully functioning in its second year.

Thank you.