

Non-paper on the review, rationalization and improvement of special procedures mandates

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1. Equal treatment of RRI for all mandates in accordance with the provisions of resolution 5/1;
 2. Mandates would be reviewed without prejudice to the RRI of special procedures as mandates by resolution 5/1 and its completion;
 3. It is the expectation of the Council that sponsors and delegations would adhere to the provisions of resolutions 5/1 and 60/251;
 4. The President of the Human Rights Council shall continue the consultations between now and December to refine the approach and methodology for RRI.
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Rolling check-list for RRI of mandates as follow up of the above non paper

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The process is member-states driven, with the main sponsor(s) of the mandate leading the discussion and providing the necessary information and data. The main co-sponsor (s) may wish to consider the issuing of a non paper explaining the history (a brief introduction on the mandate, including references to its establishing resolution and amendments that followed, if any), development and best practices of the mandate as well as the ways it cooperates with other mandates.

While addressing mandates individually, the process of RRI may also explore their interrelation with other mandates in cooperation with the co-sponsor(s) of the concerned mandates.

In accordance with the IB text and in light of the HRC's completed reviews of mandates, a RRI of a given mandate would take into consideration the following:

- General Assembly Resolution 60/251 (OP 6 and OP 2);
- HRC Resolution 5/1, in particular Chapter II section B of its annexe (A/62/53);
- HRC Resolution 5/2 (Code of Conduct; A/62/53);
- Commission on human rights resolution (s) establishing and developing the mandate;
- Mandate holder's report(s) in particular the one(s) which analyse(s) the mandate;
- Relevance, scope, contents of the mandate (HRC resolution 5/1, Chapter II section B of its annexe, OP56, A/62/53); Due consideration will be given to possible improvements and/or additional elements to the mandate;
- Open-ended consultation(s) on the relevant draft resolution (a meeting with the mandate-holder in order to have his/her views on the mandate would be organized if possible but preferably outside the session while negotiating the relevant draft resolution).