

Comments by Nigeria on behalf of the African Group on Advisory Committee/Complaint Procedure, Agenda and Programme of Work

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Mr. President,

I have the honour to make this intervention on behalf of the African Group.

We begin by commending the Ambassadors of Romania and India for their efforts in producing the elements under their facilitation.

Advisory Committee

The African Group considers the nomination and election procedure of members of the Advisory Committee as provided for in paragraphs 70 – 74 of the IB Package is adequate and clear enough. For this reason, we seek the deletion of paragraph 42 in its entirety.

Complaint Procedure

Paragraph 48 on admissibility criteria as it is currently formulated is antithetical to paragraph 87 (f) of the IB Package. Therefore we request the deletion of the paragraph because our Group completely subscribes to the principle of non-duplication.

On paragraph 49, the African Group does not see the value addition by the Working Group on Situations briefing the Council on the proceeding of each of its meetings.

Agenda and Framework for Programme of Work

The African Group fully subscribes to the idea contained in paragraph 51 that the Council shall continue to maintain its agenda and framework for programme of work as contained in the annex to Council resolution 5/1.

On paragraph 52 (b), we seek the deletion of the word *regular* and add the word *exclusively* after *shall be*. So the sentence now reads: *The Council's programme of work for its remaining session(s) shall be exclusively devoted to the adoption of the reports of the UPR Working Group.*
