

## Universal Periodic Review (UPR)

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- The General Assembly Resolution 60/251 decided that the HRC shall:  
*"undertake a universal periodic review based on objective and reliable information, of the fulfilment by each State of its human right obligations and commitments in a manner which ensures universality of coverage and equal treatment with respect to all States; the review shall be a cooperative mechanism, based on an interactive dialogue, with the full involvement of the country concerned and with consideration given to its capacity-building needs; such a mechanism shall complement and not duplicate the work of treaty bodies; the Council shall develop the modalities and necessary time allocation for the UPR within one year after the holding of its first session"*.
- It also decided that members elected to the Council shall *"be reviewed under the universal periodic review mechanism during their term of membership."*
- The June session of the HRC will need to focus on priority transitional decisions including the establishment of an appropriate mechanism to *"develop the modalities and necessary time allocation for the universal periodic review mechanism within one year after the holding of its first session"*, as called for in GA 60/251 OP5e.
- An appropriate flexible yet structured mechanism to establish these modalities would be the appointment by the HRC President of a facilitator to undertake open and transparent, informal and formal consultations with all stakeholders.
- These consultations would include ten days (or twenty 3-hour meetings) of scheduled, open-ended, fully serviced meetings which would allow sufficient time and flexibility for the development and consideration of this new review mechanism.
- Preliminary consultations by the facilitator could begin immediately, to be followed by formal, open-ended discussions appropriately scheduled by the facilitator in consultation with stakeholders, taking into account the needs of those delegations bringing representatives from capital.
- The HRC should be updated on progress by the facilitator during its regular sessions, starting in September 2006.
- A final report setting out the agreed modalities and time allocation for the UPR should be submitted to the HRC, ideally by December 2006, and a decision by the HRC would then be taken on the UPR modalities so as to allow for the first review to be completed as mandated in GA60/251 OP5e and OP9.