

## Agenda/Programme of Work of the First Session of the Council

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chairs
2. Adoption of agenda and Programme of work
3. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure in accordance with OP-11 of UNGA Resolution A/60/251.
4. Opening ceremony
5. High Level Segment
6. General Segment (Delegations that have not spoken in the HLS)
7. Consideration of urgent human rights issues:
  - (a) Violation of human rights in Palestine and other Occupied Arab Territories
  - (b) Promotion of tolerance and respect for and freedom of religion and belief/Combating incitement to racial or religious hatred and promotion of tolerance and dialogue among civilizations
  - (c) Consideration of reports of five intergovernmental working groups.
8. Implementation of the GA resolution A/60/251
  - (a) Assumption by the Council of the mandates, mechanisms, functions and responsibilities of the CHR in accordance with UNGA Resolution A/60/251 and 62<sup>nd</sup> CHR Resolution E/CN.4/2006/L.2 (See annexed schemata)
  - (b) Decision on Review of mandates, mechanisms, functions and responsibilities and, where necessary, improve and rationalize them:

Inter-governmental working groups may be established on:

    - (i) Review of mandates
    - (ii) Universal periodic review
9. Adoption of agenda and programme of work for the first year including inter-sessional arrangements.
10. Adoption of reports of the session.

**Schemata for Agenda of the Human Rights Council**  
**Derived from UNGA Resolution A/60/251**

Guiding principles contained in resolution A/60/251

- Principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations including developing friendly relations among nations based on the respect for the principle of equal rights and Self-determination of people and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms (PP1)
- UN Charter, UDHR, VDPOA, ICCPR and ICESCR (PP2 and 5)
- Universality and indivisibility of human rights (PP3)
- Non-discrimination and fair and equal treatment in promoting universal respect for human rights (PP-5 and OP-2)
- Promoting tolerance, respect for and freedom of religion or belief (PP-7)
- Universality, objectivity, impartiality, no-selectivity (OP-4)
- Dialogue, cooperation, promotion and protection of all rights including the RTD(OP4)
- Promote human rights education, advisory services, technical assistance capacity building through consultation and consent of the states. (OP- 5a)
- Promote implementation by states of human rights obligations (OP5d)
- Address situations of violations of human rights including gross and systematic violations (OP-3)
- Prevention of human rights violations and respond to emergencies (OP-5f)

Assumption of work:

- Assume, review and, where necessary, improve and rationalize all mandates, mechanisms, functions and responsibilities of the CHR to maintain a system of special procedures, expert advice and a complaint procedure. The council will complete this review in one year (OP-6)
- Assume responsibilities of the CHR relating to the work of the OHCHR (OP-5G)

Organization of Sessions:

- Council will schedule no fewer than three sessions in a year for a total duration of no less than ten weeks (OP-10)

Rules/procedures/working methods

- Rules of Procedure of the Committees of General Assembly unless subsequently decided otherwise. Arrangements for participation of observers, specialized agencies and intergovernmental organizations similar to CHR arrangements. NGOs' participation according to ECOSOC resolution 1996/31 (OP-11)
- Rules of Procedure for convening special sessions with one third vote of the members.

Universal Periodic Review

- Develop modalities of universal periodic review within one year after the first session – The mechanism of review should ensure: dialogue, cooperation and

capacity building needs, universality of coverage and equal treatment of all states, reliable and objective information (OP-5e).

- Member states will be reviewed once in their term (OP-9).

#### Reporting

- Make recommendations to the General Assembly on development of international law in the field of human rights (OP-5c)
- Make recommendations with regard to the promotion and protection of human rights (OP-5i)
- Submit an annual report to the General Assembly (OP-5j)

General Assembly to review the status of the Council in five years (OP-1)