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Mr. Chairman

The African Group is grateful to the President of the Human Rights Council and the entire staff for their engagement and for their efforts on the promotion and protection of human rights in the world. The Group is very much aware of how challenging her task is. Each country in the world has its own issues that require attention. It is for this reason that the African Group would like to express its support to her and her team and to re-affirm its commitment to the work of the Human Rights Council. The African Group would also like to underscore and emphasize that continued engagement on this subject with all stakeholders is key to arriving at an understanding on the issues of divergence among Member States and advance those that members agree on.

Mr. Chairman

The African Group welcomes the opportunity to participate in this discussion. The Group has taken note of the efforts of the President of the Human Right Council to lead the Council towards a successful outcome in the review process. In particular, we appreciate the open format for the second session of the Working Group, allowing for effective participation of both members and observers, and other stakeholders.

Mr. Chairman,

The African Group believes that the Human Rights Council, as a subsidiary body of the General Assembly, plays a crucial role in the worldwide protection and mainstreaming of human rights. Last year, the General Assembly carried out within its mandate negotiations on the review of the Council with a view to strengthening the Council's functions and methods of work. The African Group welcomes the consensual approach and outcome that resulted from these negotiations, as well as the coordinated approach between Geneva and New York during the review process. This practice should be strengthened. The African Group is confident that we will all benefit from the new practice of holding an interactive dialogue between the Third Committee and the President of the Human Rights Council.

Mr. Chairman,

The African Group reaffirms its support to the General Assembly decision to allocate the agenda item on "Report of the Human Rights Council" to the plenary meeting and to the Third Committee. We are pleased that the the President of the Human Rights Council is now able to present the report in her/his capacity as President to the plenary meetings of the General Assembly and the Third Committee. These bodies are now able to consider and act on all recommendations of the Human Rights Council to the General Assembly, including those that deal with the development of international law in the field of human rights.

Lastly, **Mr. Chairman**, the African Group recognizes the need for adequate modalities for financing unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising from resolutions and decisions of the Human Rights Council and requests the President to make suggestions on how refinancing will be done.

I thank you.