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**Statement of  
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**In**

**the informal consultations of the General Assembly**

**On**

**The status, size and composition of the Human Rights  
Council**

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Thank you Mr. Co-Chairman

Let me once again commend the transparent and interactive manner in which you are leading our discussions. My delegation associates itself with the statement of Namibia on behalf of the African Group and would like to emphasize the following on the status, size, composition and membership of the Human Rights Council:

**First: The status**

The Human Rights Council should be a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly, based in Geneva, and as such, it should present its reports and recommendations to the General Assembly. The Council meets annually in two sessions and could convene emergency sessions if the member states so decide. In this regards, we strongly caution from the idea of a standing council, as it will deprive developing countries that are not represented in Geneva from the full and equal participation in the activities of the council. We sincerely appreciate the offer by some member states to provide assistance. But the issue here is a matter of sovereignty that goes beyond the good intentions.

**Second: The Size**

As agreed by our Heads of States in the Syrte Declaration, the size of the new Council should be equal to the current CHR.

**Third: The Composition**

The composition of the 53 member's council should be based on the principle of the equal geographical representation and the equitable proportional representation of all the geographical regions.

**Fourth: Membership**

According to the provisions of the charter, all members of the United Nations have the right to serve in the Human Rights Council. No discrimination or criteria, whatsoever, should deprive a member state from its right to serve in a UN organ. We have , in previous meetings, made our position very clear on the subjective and illegal nature of any criteria, so, for the benefit of time, I will not repeat our arguments.

I thank you Mr. Co-Chairman.