



Human Rights Council

Decision 1/104. Implementation of paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 60/251

At its 23rd meeting, on 30 June 2006, the Human Rights Council adopted, without a vote, the following text:

“The Human Rights Council,

“Underlining the importance of a comprehensive implementation of General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006,

“1. Decides to establish an open-ended intergovernmental working group to formulate concrete recommendations on the issue of reviewing and, where necessary, improving and rationalizing all mandates, mechanisms, functions and responsibilities in order to maintain a system of special procedures, expert advice and a complaint procedure, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 60/251, through open-ended, intersessional, transparent, well-scheduled and inclusive consultations, with the participation of all stakeholders;

“2. Decides that the Working Group shall have at its disposal twenty days (or forty 3-hour meetings) of fully serviced meetings and that it shall allow sufficient time and flexibility for the fulfilment of its mandate;

“3. Requests the President of the Council to chair the Working Group with the assistance, if necessary, of one or more facilitators from among permanent missions in Geneva, to undertake these open-ended, intersessional, transparent, well-scheduled and inclusive consultations with the participation of all stakeholders;

“4. Decides that informal consultations could begin immediately through an open-ended consultative process in order to compile proposals and relevant information and experiences, and to facilitate open-ended discussions appropriately scheduled by the Chairperson with the involvement of all

stakeholders;

“5. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the Working Group with background information on the functioning of the mandates and mechanisms and to compile the contributions of all stakeholders, including the inputs of the special procedures, the Sub-Commission for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and non-governmental organizations;

“6. *Requests* the Working Group to report to it regularly, starting in September 2006, on progress made to allow for the completion of the review, as requested in paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 60/251.”
