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### **IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 60/251 OF 15 MARCH 2006 ENTITLED “HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL”**

**Intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group on the agenda,  
annual programme of work, methods of work and rules of procedure of  
the Human Rights Council established pursuant to Council resolution 3/4**

**Non-paper on the agenda and annual programme of work\***

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\* The present document is circulated as received.

## **I. PRINCIPLES**

- Universality
- Impartiality
- Objectivity
- Non-selectiveness
- Constructive dialogue and cooperation
- Predictability
- Flexibility
- Transparency
- Accountability
- Balance
- Inclusive/comprehensive

## **II. DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL**

### **Item 1 Organizational and procedural matters**

- Election of the bureau of the Human Rights Council
- Adoption of the annual work programme
- Adoption of the work programme of the session
- Adoption of the report of the session
- Adoption of the yearly report

### **Item 2 Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the OHCHR and the Secretary-General**

### **Item 3 Promotion and protection of human rights**

- Economic, social and cultural rights
- Civil and political rights
- Rights of peoples and specific groups and individuals

- Cross-cutting thematic human rights issues\*
- Human rights situations that require the Council's attention\*

**Item 4     Right to development**

**Item 5     Human Rights bodies and mechanisms**

- Expert advice body
- Complaint procedure

**Item 6     Universal Periodic Review**

**Item 7     Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories\***

- Human rights violations and implications of the Israeli occupation of Palestine and other occupied Arab territories
- Right to self-determination of the Palestinian people

**Item 8     United Nations conferences and summits related to Human Rights**

- Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance, follow-up and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action
- The Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

**Item 9     Technical assistance and capacity-building**

**Item 10    Follow-up of decisions of the Human Rights Council**

**Item 11    Other issues\***

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### Non-paper - Draft annual programme of work

Organizational session 1/2 day	1st. Session (3 weeks)	2nd. Session (3 weeks)	3rd. Session March/April (4 weeks) -Main session-
<b>Item 1: Organizational and procedural matters:</b>  - Election of the Bureau of the Human Rights Council.  - Adoption of the annual work programme.	<b>Item 1: Organizational and procedural matters:</b>  - Adoption of the work programme of the session.  - Adoption of the report of the session.	<b>Item 1: Organizational and procedural matters:</b>  - Adoption of the work programme of the session.  - Adoption of the report of the session.	<b>Item 1: Organizational and procedural matters:</b>  - Adoption of the work programme of the session.  - High-level segment and general debate.  - Adoption of the report of the session.  - Adoption of the yearly report.
	<b>Item 2: Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Secretary-General.</b>	<b>Item 2: Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Secretary-General.</b>	<b>Item 2: Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Secretary-General.</b>  - Presentation of the annual report.
	<b>Item 3: Promotion and protection of human rights:</b>  • <b>Economic, social and cultural rights:</b> - Right to food. - Poverty. • <b>Civil and political rights:</b> - Trafficking in persons. - Prevention of genocide. - Enforced or involuntary disappearances. • <b>Rights of peoples, and specific groups and individuals:</b> - Child. - Women and gender perspective. • <b>Cross-cutting thematic human rights issues:*</b> - Toxic wastes.	<b>Item 3: Promotion and protection of human rights:</b>  • <b>Economic, social and cultural rights:</b> - Health. - Housing. - Education. - Economic reform policies and foreign debt. • <b>Civil and political rights:</b> - Torture. - Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions. - Right to truth, justice and reparation. • <b>Rights of peoples, and specific groups and individuals:</b> - Indigenous peoples.	<b>Item 3: Promotion and protection of human rights:</b>  • <b>Economic, social and cultural rights:</b> - Cultural rights. - Human rights and the environment. - Work. - Report of the President of the working group on an Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. • <b>Civil and political rights:</b> - Independence of judges and lawyers. - Impunity. - Freedom of belief, conscience and religion.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Human rights situations that require the Council's attention:*</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities.</li> <li>- Migrants.</li> <li>• <b>Cross-cutting thematic human rights issues:*</b></li> <li>- Transnational corporations.</li> <li>• <b>Human rights situations that require the Council's attention.*</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Freedom of opinion and expression.</li> <li>- Freedom of association.</li> <li>• <b>Rights of peoples, and specific groups and individuals:</b></li> <li>- Persons with disabilities.</li> <li>- Human rights defenders.</li> <li>- Internally displaced persons.</li> <li>• <b>Cross-cutting thematic human rights issues:*</b></li> <li>- Human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism.</li> <li>• <b>Human rights situations that require the Council's attention.*</b></li> </ul>
		<b>Item 4. Right to development:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Report of the President of the working group.</li> <li>- International Solidarity.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Item 5: Human rights bodies and mechanisms:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expert advice body.</li> </ul>	<b>Item 5: Human rights bodies and mechanisms:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complaint procedure.</li> <li>- Expert advice body.</li> </ul>	<b>Item 5: Human rights bodies and mechanisms:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complaint procedure.</li> </ul>
	<b>Item 6: Universal Periodic Review.</b>	<b>Item 6: Universal Periodic Review.</b>	<b>Item 6: Universal Periodic Review.</b>
			<b>Item 7: Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories:*</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Human rights violations and implications of the Israeli occupation of Palestine and other occupied Arab territories.</li> <li>- Right to self-determination of the Palestinian people.</li> </ul>

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	<b>Item 8: United Nations conferences and summits related to human rights.</b>	<b>Item 8: United Nations conferences and summits related to human rights:</b>  - Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance, follow-up and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.  - Reports of the Presidents of the working groups.	<b>Item 8: United Nations conferences and summits related to human rights:</b>  - Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.
	<b>Item 9: Technical assistance and capacity-building.</b>	<b>Item 9: Technical assistance and capacity-building.</b>	<b>Item 9: Technical assistance and capacity-building.</b>
	<b>Item 10: Follow-up of decisions of the Human Rights Council.</b>	<b>Item 10: Follow-up of decisions of the Human Rights Council.</b>	<b>Item 10: Follow-up of decisions of the Human Rights Council.</b>
	<b>Item 11: Other issues.*</b>	<b>Item 11: Other issues.*</b>	<b>Item 11: Other issues.*</b>

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