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* The format of the present report should not serve as a precedent for any future organizational meeting of the Council.

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I. Resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its organizational meeting

A. Resolutions

OM/1/1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the follow-up to the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Lebanon

The Human Rights Council,

Recalling its resolution S-2/1 of 11 August 2006 on “The grave situation of human rights in Lebanon caused by Israeli military operations”,

Recalling also its resolution 3/3 of 8 December 2006 in which it requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to consult with the Government of Lebanon on the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Lebanon and its findings and on the relevant recommendations contained therein,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the follow-up to the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Lebanon (A/HRC/5/9),

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the factual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/HRC/5/9);
2. *Requests* the High Commissioner to extend support to the activities and programmes of the Government of Lebanon, in particular those consistent with her report.

*Organizational meeting 1,
20 June 2007*

[Adopted without a vote. See chap. III.]

OM/1/2. Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory: follow-up to Human Rights Council resolutions S-1/1 and S-3/1

The Human Rights Council,

Recalling its resolutions S-1/1 of 6 July 2006 and S-3/1 of 15 November 2006,

Noting with regret that Israel, the occupying Power, has not to date implemented these two resolutions and hindered the dispatching of the urgent fact-finding missions specified therein,

1. *Calls* for the implementation of its resolutions S-1/1 of 6 July 2006 and S-3/1 of 15 November 2006, including the dispatching of the urgent fact-finding missions;

2. *Requests* the President of the Human Rights Council and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to report to the Council at the next session to be held in September 2007, on their efforts for the implementation of Council resolutions S-1/1 and S-3/1 and on the compliance of Israel, the occupying Power, with these two resolutions.

*Organizational meeting 1,
20 June 2007*

[Adopted without a vote. See chap. III.]

OM/1/3. Follow-up to resolution 4/8 of 30 March 2007 adopted by the Human Rights Council at its fourth session entitled “Follow-up to decision S-4/101 of 13 December 2006, adopted by the Council at its fourth special session entitled ‘Situation of human rights in Darfur’”

The Human Rights Council,

1. *Welcomes* the report on the situation of human rights in Darfur prepared by the group of experts mandated by the Human Rights Council in resolution 4/8 (A/HRC/5/6);

2. *Requests* the group of experts to continue its work for six months and to submit an update to the session of the Council in September 2007 and a final report to the following session of the Council.

*Organizational meeting 1,
20 June 2007*

[Adopted without a vote. See chap. III.]

B. Decisions

OM/1/101. Postponement of consideration of pending draft resolution and decisions

At its organizational meeting, on 20 June 2007, the Human Rights Council decided, without a vote, to postpone action on the following draft resolution and decisions deferred from previous sessions to its September session, pursuant to its decision 4/105 of 30 March 2007:

- A/HRC/2/L.19 entitled “The use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination”;
- A/HRC/2/L.30 entitled “World Programme for Human Rights Education”;
- A/HRC/4/L.3 entitled “Israeli violations of religious and cultural rights in Occupied East Jerusalem”.

OM/1/102. Dates of the sixth session

At its organizational meeting, on 22 June 2007, the Human Rights Council decided, without a vote, to convene its sixth session from 10 to 28 September 2007.

OM/1/103. Postponement of the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference

At its organizational meeting, on 22 June 2007, the Human Rights Council decided, without a vote, to postpone the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

A. Opening and duration of the organizational meeting

1. In accordance with rule 8 of its rules of procedure as contained in the annex to resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007, the Human Rights Council held the organizational meeting of the second cycle at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 19 to 22 June 2007 (see also paragraph 13 below).
2. On 19 June, the organizational meeting was opened by Mr. Luis Alfonso de Alba, President of the Human Rights Council during its first year.
3. On 20 June, the observer for Spain addressed the Council. On the same day, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Louise Arbour, made a statement.

B. Attendance

4. The organizational meeting was attended by representatives of States members of the Council, observers for non-member States of the Council, observers for non-Member States of the United Nations and other observers, as well as observers for United Nations entities, specialized agencies, and related organizations, intergovernmental organizations and other entities, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations.

C. Election of officers

5. On 19 June 2007, the Council elected the following officers by acclamation:

<i>President:</i>	Mr. Doru Romulus Costea (Romania)
<i>Vice-Presidents:</i>	Mr. Mohamed-Siad Doualeh (Djibouti)
	Mr. Boudewijn van Eenennaam (Netherlands)
	Mr. Dayan Jayatilleka (Sri Lanka)
<i>Vice-President and Rapporteur:</i>	Mr. Alejandro Artucio (Uruguay)

6. On the same date, the President made a statement.
7. On 22 June 2007, the President made a closing statement.

D. Organization of work

8. On 19 June, the Council considered the organization of its work, including the speaking-time limits, which would be as follows: four minutes for statements by States members of the Council and concerned countries, and two minutes for statements by observers for non-member States of the Council and other observers, including United Nations entities, specialized agencies and related organizations, intergovernmental organizations and other entities, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations. The list of speakers would be drawn up in chronological order of registration and the order of speakers would be as follows: concerned countries, if any, followed by States members of the Council, observers for non-member States of the Council, and other observers.

9. On 22 June, the Council further considered the organization of its work, pursuant to rule 8 of its rules of procedure. On the same date, statements in connection with the organization of the Council's work were made by the representatives of Brazil, China, Germany (on behalf of the European Union), India, Italy, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Slovenia, South Africa, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Uruguay, and the observers for Algeria, Australia and Portugal.

10. On the same date, Ms. Gay McDougall, independent expert on minority issues and Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Meeting of Special Procedures Mandate-Holders, addressed the Council.

11. Also on the same date, the Council decided, without a vote, on the dates of its sixth session. For the text of the decision as adopted, see chapter I, section B, decision OM/1/102.

12. Also on the same date, the Council decided, without a vote, to hold its organizational meeting two weeks before the beginning of its sixth session, in accordance with rule 8 of its rules of procedure as contained in the annex to resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007.

13. Also on the same date, the President of the Council updated the Council on the implementation of resolution 3/2 of 8 December 2006 entitled "Preparations for the Durban Review Conference", in particular its paragraph 2 in which the Council decided, *inter alia*, that "the Preparatory Committee shall hold an organizational session of one week in May 2007". The organizational session of the Preparatory Committee was scheduled to take place from 25 to 29 June 2007, as requested by the main sponsors and agreed upon by the Bureau of the Council at the 32nd meeting, on 30 March 2007. On 22 June, the Council decided, without a vote, to postpone the organizational session of the Preparatory Committee to a future date. For the text of the decision as adopted, see chapter I, section B, decision OM/1/103.

E. Meeting and documentation

14. As indicated in paragraph 1 above, the Council met on 19, 20 and 22 June 2007 during its organizational meeting.

15. The texts of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council are contained in chapter I of the present report.

16. The annex to the present report contains the estimated administrative and programme budget implications of Council resolutions and decisions.

III. OTHER MATTERS

A. Follow-up to decisions of the Human Rights Council

Institution-building of the United Nations Human Rights Council/Draft code of conduct for special procedures mandate-holders of the Human Rights Council

17. On 19 June 2007, the Council proceeded with the necessary follow-up concerning the agreement on resolution 5/1 entitled “Institution-building of the United Nations Human Rights Council” and resolution 5/2 entitled “Code of Conduct for Special Procedures Mandate-Holders of the Human Rights Council”, adopted jointly at the 9th meeting on 18 June, pursuant to Council decision 5/101, also adopted at the 9th meeting. At the same meeting, on 18 June, the Council also decided to refer to its organizational meeting, starting on 19 June, the necessary follow-up concerning that agreement.

18. A point of order was raised by the representative of Canada, as to whether a decision had been taken at the 9th meeting of the fifth session, on 18 June.

19. The President ruled that a decision had been taken and that the Council needed to proceed with the necessary follow-up. The President’s ruling was put to the vote and approved by 46 votes to 1. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Angola, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Cameroon, China, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Zambia.

Against: Canada.

Abstaining: None.

20. On 19 and 20 June 2007, pursuant to decision 5/101, the following representatives of States members of the Council explained their vote after the vote on resolutions 5/1 and 5/2 adopted at the 9th meeting, on 18 June: Algeria (on behalf of the Group of African States),*

* Non-member State speaking on behalf of one or more member States.

Angola, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, China, Cuba, Egypt, France, Germany (on behalf of the European Union), Ghana, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Madagascar, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan (also on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Peru, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Zambia.

21. On the same dates, statements in connection with resolutions 5/1 and 5/2 were also made by the following:

(a) Observers for the following States: Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Chile, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Lebanon, Morocco, Poland, Singapore, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United States of America and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of);

(b) Observer for the Holy See;

(c) Observers for the following intergovernmental organizations: African Union and International Organization of la Francophonie;

(d) Observers for the following non-governmental organizations: Comité international pour le respect et l'application de la Charte africaine des droits de l'homme et des peuples; Indian Council of South America (also on behalf of International Federation for the Protection of the Rights of Ethnic, Religious, Linguistic and Other Minorities, and International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples); International Federation of University Women (also on behalf of 3HO Foundation, International Council of Women, Medical Care Development International, Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association, Temple of Understanding, and Worldwide Organization for Women); International Organization of Indigenous Resource Development (also on behalf of International Indian Treaty Council); International Service for Human Rights (also on behalf of Amnesty International, Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development, Asian Legal Resource Centre, Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, Conectas Direitos Humanos, Friends World Committee for Consultation, and Human Rights Watch); Movement Against Racism and for Friendship Among Peoples (also on behalf of Europe-Third World Centre, International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom); and United Nations Watch.

22. On 20 June, the representative of Mexico made a statement in connection with resolutions 5/1 and 5/2.

B. Consideration and action on draft proposals

23. On 20 June, the Council considered and took action on the draft proposals which had been deferred from the fifth session, pursuant to its decision 5/102 adopted at the 9th meeting, on 18 June.

24. On the same day, the Council decided, without a vote, to refer to its September session the following draft proposals deferred to the fifth session pursuant to Council decision 4/105 of 30 March 2007:

- A/HRC/2/L.19 entitled “The use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination”;
- A/HRC/2/L.30 entitled “World Programme for Human Rights Education”;
- A/HRC/4/L.3 entitled “Israeli violations of religious and cultural rights in Occupied East Jerusalem”.

25. For the text of the decision as adopted, see chapter I, section B, decision OM/1/101.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the follow-up to the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Lebanon

26. On 20 June, the representative of Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Group of Arab States) introduced draft resolution A/HRC/5/L.4, sponsored by Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference) and the Sudan (on behalf of the Group of Arab States). Cuba subsequently joined the sponsors.

27. The representative of Pakistan orally revised the draft resolution by deleting the word “factual” in the third preambular paragraph.

28. A statement in connection with the draft resolution was made by the representative of Germany (on behalf of the European Union).

29. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see chapter I, section A, resolution OM/1/1.

Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory: follow-up to Human Rights Council resolutions S-1/1 and S-3/1

30. On 20 June 2007, the representative of Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Group of Arab States) introduced draft resolution A/HRC/5/L.5, sponsored by Pakistan (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference) and the Sudan (on behalf of the Group of Arab States). Cuba subsequently joined the sponsors.

31. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by the observers for Israel and Palestine, as concerned countries, or parties.

32. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote.
33. Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Canada and Germany (on behalf of the European Union).
34. For the text of the draft resolution as adopted, see chapter I, section A, resolution OM/1/2.

Follow-up to resolution 4/8 of 30 March 2007 adopted by the Human Rights Council at its fourth session entitled “Follow-up to decision S-4/101 of 13 December 2006, adopted by the Council at its fourth special session entitled ‘Situation of human rights in Darfur’”

35. On 20 June 2007, the representatives of Germany (on behalf of the European Union) and Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States) introduced draft resolution A/HRC/5/L.6, sponsored by Germany (on behalf of the European Union) and Algeria (on behalf of the Group of African States). Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Turkey subsequently joined the sponsors.

36. In accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the attention of the Council was drawn to the estimated administrative and programme budget implications* of the draft resolution.

37. A statement in connection with the draft resolution was made by the observer for the Sudan as a concerned country.

38. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote.

39. A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of Canada.

40. For the text of the draft resolution as adopted, see chapter I, section A, resolution OM/1/3.

Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory

41. On 20 June, the President informed the Council that the main sponsors of draft decision A/HRC/4/L.4 entitled “Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory” (which had been deferred to the fifth session pursuant to Council resolution 4/105 of 30 March 2007) had decided to withdraw the draft decision.

* See annex.

IV. REPORTS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE FIFTH SESSION AND THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

42. On 20 June 2007, pursuant to Council decision 5/102 of 18 June, the Rapporteur and Vice-President of the Council during its first year, Mr. Mousa Burayzat (Jordan), read out a statement in connection with the draft report of the fifth session of the Council (A/HRC/5/L.10). The draft report was adopted *ad referendum*, and the Council decided to entrust the Rapporteur with the finalization of the report.

43. On 22 June, the Rapporteur and Vice-President of the Council during its second cycle, Mr. Alejandro Artucio (Uruguay), read out a statement in connection with the draft report of the organizational meeting of the Council (A/HRC/OM/1/L.10). The draft report was adopted *ad referendum*, and the Council decided to entrust the Rapporteur with the finalization of the report.

44. On the same date, the representative of Japan made a statement.

ANNEX

Estimated administrative and programme budget implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council at its organizational meeting

OM/1/3. Follow-up to resolution 4/8 of 30 March 2007 adopted by the Human Rights Council at its fourth session entitled “Follow-up to decision S-4/101 of 13 December 2006 adopted by the Council at its fourth special session entitled ‘Situation of human rights in Darfur’”

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution A/HRC/5/L.6, the Human Rights Council would decide to request the Experts Group to continue its work for six months and to submit an update to the session of the Council in September 2007 and a final report to the following session of the Council.
2. Should the draft resolution be adopted by the Human Rights Council, the total full costs for: (a) travel of the members of the Group (consisting of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for children and armed conflict, the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights defenders, the Representative of the Secretary-General on human rights of internally displaced persons, the Special Rapporteur on the question of torture and the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences) for two meetings in Geneva of three working days each; (b) travel of two representatives of the Group and two OHCHR staff for an eight-day mission to Sudan (three days Khartoum and five days Darfur); (c) travel to Geneva for a representative of the Group to present an update to the Human Rights Council in September 2007 and to present the final report to the following session of the Council; (d) staff costs for a coordinator at the P-4/5 level and one administrative assistant at the general service (other level) for six months; and (e) conference services to be provided to the Group for two meetings of three working days in 2007, are estimated in the amount of US\$ 360,100 for the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 as follows:

	United States dollars
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	80 100
Section 23, Human rights	276 000
Section 28E, Administration, Geneva	4 000
Total	360 100

3. Provisions have not been made under Sections 2, 23 and 28E of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 for the activities envisaged under operative paragraph 2. Should the draft resolution be adopted, additional resources of US\$ 360,100 would be required as reflected in paragraph 2 above.

4. The Secretariat has sought to identify areas in the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 from which resources can be redeployed to meet the requirements arising from the draft resolution. It is anticipated that the additional requirements can be accommodated to the extent possible within the resources already appropriated under the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. Should any additional expenditures arise in the implementation of the draft resolution, they would be reported accordingly in the context of the second performance report of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.
