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Nota verbal de fecha 25 de octubre de 2010 dirigida a la secretaría del Consejo de Derechos Humanos por el Representante Permanente de Bélgica en nombre de la Unión Europea

La Unión Europea desea expresar su agradecimiento a la secretaría del Consejo de Derechos Humanos por su apoyo diario a la labor y el funcionamiento del Consejo.

La Unión Europea solicita que sus observaciones generales hechas el 1º de octubre de 2010 en relación con la declaración del Presidente del Consejo con respecto al diálogo entre la Oficina del Alto Comisionado de las Naciones Unidas para los Derechos Humanos y el Consejo* se publiquen en el sitio web del Consejo como documento del 15º período de sesiones.

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Annex

Fifteenth session of the Human Rights Council: general comments of the European Union in relation to the statement of the President on the dialogue between OHCHR and the Human Rights Council

Mr. President,

I am taking the floor on behalf of the European Union and would like to comment on the statement you have just made.

The mandate of the High Commissioner is set out in UNGA resolution 48/141. Her sole line of accountability is to the UN Secretary-General. The Office of the High Commissioner is independent.

The EU attaches great importance to the ongoing dialogue between the UN Human Rights Council and the Office of the High Commissioner. We also attach great importance to respecting UN rules and procedures.

High Commissioner Pillay has made considerable efforts to further strengthen the dialogue between her Office and all stakeholders in Geneva, which the EU welcomes and comments. In this regard, we note her recent initiative to share the Secretary-General's Proposed Strategic Framework for Programme 19 with all delegations in Geneva, prior to its submission to the Committee for Programme and Coordination. We also note that no State responded to her invitation to pass on comments.

There is already a clear process in place within the UN to agree on the Strategic Framework of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. And as part of the UN Secretariat, the Strategic Framework for the OHCHR is agreed under the auspices of the UN Secretary General and through the Committee for Programme Coordination in New York. The Human Rights Council has no role in these internal management policies.

The EU notes your statement Mr. President in the understanding that it does not alter in any way the independence of the High Commissioner or her accountability to the UN Secretary-General alone. It can not infringe on established UN rules and procedure.

The EU requests that this statement is reflected in the official report of the session.

Thank you Mr. President.
