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> Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, South Africa and Tunisia: draft resolution

## Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa

## The General Assembly,

*Recalling* its resolution 55/105 of 4 December 2000, concerning regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights,

*Recalling also* its resolution 59/183 of 20 December 2004 on the Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa,

*Recalling further* its resolutions 55/34 B of 20 November 2000 and 55/233 of 23 December 2000, section III of its resolution 55/234 of 23 December 2000 and its resolution 58/176 of 22 December 2003,

*Recalling* that the World Conference on Human Rights recommended that more resources be made available for the strengthening of regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights under the programme of technical cooperation in the field of human rights of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,<sup>1</sup>

*Recalling also* the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 36, addendum (A/56/36/Add.1).

*Taking note* of the holding of the twenty-second ministerial meeting of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa in Brazzaville from 14 to 18 March 2005,

Taking note also of the report of the Secretary-General on the Centre,<sup>3</sup>

*Welcoming* the 2005 World Summit Outcome,<sup>4</sup> in particular the decision confirmed therein to double the regular budget of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights over the next five years,

1. *Welcomes* the activities of the Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa at Yaoundé;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the support provided for the establishment of the Centre by the host country;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide additional funds and human resources to enable the Subregional Centre to respond positively and effectively to the growing needs in the promotion and protection of human rights and in developing a culture of democracy in the Central African subregion;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A/60/353.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Resolution 60/1.