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

#### **Rights of the child: draft President’s statement**

*The Human Rights Council,*

1. *Reaffirms* the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Optional Protocols thereto on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, and on the involvement of children in armed conflict;
2. *Recalls* resolution 2005/44 of 19 April 2005 of the Commission on Human Rights;
3. *Stresses* that effective and enforced criminalization, educational programmes and awareness-raising activities are important in preventing and combating the sexual exploitation of children and in reducing the demand for services deriving from their sexual exploitation;
4. *Reaffirms* the need to continue to address the question of the demand factor in the commercial sexual exploitation of children as well as aspects related to prevention and rehabilitation of child victims of sexual exploitation;

5. *Also reaffirms* the need to continue to incorporate specific rights of the child concerns in relation to armed conflict into the Council's discussions and resolutions, and into technical cooperation programmes, including increased awareness of the six grave child rights violations identified by the Secretary-General (S/2005/72, para. 68) and specified in the monitoring and reporting mechanism;

6. *Emphasizes* that the United Nations human rights system plays an essential role in ensuring the protection of the rights of war-affected children on the ground, including in the prevention of child recruitment, the release of abducted children, their reintegration and rehabilitation, taking into account the rights and the specific needs and capacities of girls;

7. *Welcomes* the participatory and consultative process in preparation of the Secretary-General's study on violence against children (A/61/299) in close collaboration with Member States and United Nations bodies and organizations, other relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and, in particular, the unprecedented level and quality of participation by children;

8. *Decides* to continue to consider the question of violence against children and to hold a substantive discussion on the Secretary-General's study on violence against children during its fourth session.

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