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## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY-BUILDING

Burkina Faso\*, Ghana, Mauritius, Rwanda\*, Uganda\*, the United Republic of Tanzania\*, Zambia: draft resolution

6/... Advisory services and technical assistance in Burundi

The Human Rights Council,

Reaffirming that all Member States have an obligation to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms as stated in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights and other applicable human rights instruments,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006,

*Mindful of* Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/82 of 21 April 2004 and all the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly on Burundi,

\* Non-member States of the Human Rights Council.

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*Recognizing* the efforts by the United Nations, the African Union, the European Union and the countries of the Regional Peace Initiative to help provide backing to Burundi in its efforts to fully re-establish peace and security in its national territory,

Welcoming the efforts of the Burundi Government and the international community to encourage the FNL-Palipehutu and its leader Agathon Rwasa to return to the Joint Verification and Monitoring Mechanism envisaged in article 3.1 of the Global Ceasefire Agreement of 7 September 2006 and to resume negotiations,

Considering the expectations of the Burundi population following the elections of 2005 that led to the establishment of democratic institutions in Burundi,

*Mindful of* the willingness of the Government of Burundi to engage in dialogue with its political partners,

- 1. *Exhorts* the international community to provide the Burundi Government with appropriate funding to enable it better to consolidate human rights, peace and security in its national territory;
- 2. *Encourages* the Burundi Government to pursue its efforts to engage in dialogue with FNL-Palipehutu and its leader Agathon Rwasa;
- 3. *Also encourages* the Burundi Government to continue to give priority to dialogue, wherever necessary;
- 4. *Decides* to extend for one year the mandate of the independent expert to provide backing for the Burundi Government in its efforts to improve the human rights situation;
- 5. *Requests* the High Commissioner for Human Rights to increase the allocation for technical assistance for Burundi through her office in Bujumbura;
- 6. *Also requests* the High Commissioner to mobilize funding for, inter alia, a capacity-building programme for the national police and justice system in Burundi;
- 7. *Asks* the independent expert to submit a progress report to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session and a final report to the Council at its ninth session.

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