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Statement of the Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Algeria in the name of the African Group

Item concerning the Review of mandates And mechanisms (OP6 of GA Res.60/251) (Extension of all mechanisms and mandates)

Geneva, 28 June 2006.

Mr. President,

I am making this statement in the name of the African Group.

The review of mandates is a broad subject encompassing a wide range of issues to be discussed in an open-ended inter-governmental inter-sessional working group including the review of mandates and rationalization of the work of the stakeholders, special procedures and the inter-relationship between the Council and the Office of the High Commissioner. At this stage, the Group would like to limit its remarks to the following urgent issues:

- The extension of the mandate of the Special Procedures for one year and the extension of the terms of the mandates holders which will expire during this period ;
- The need to maintain the role now played by the Sub-Commission and its mechanisms which have been of high quality and relevance ;
- The need to extend the Sub-Commission's mandate pending review and to extend accordingly the mandates of the current members of the Sub-Commission whose term of office expire before that date ;
- A strong support is provided by the Group to the proposal for enabling the Sub-Commission to hold a full session as initially scheduled.

I thank you.