

STATEMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION

At the informal consultations on the Universal Periodic
Review (UPR)
Room XVIII, Palais des Nations, Geneva
08 September 2006

President
Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, allow me to express our appreciation of the presentations yesterday and this afternoon of existing review mechanisms from which we may draw certain principles and guidelines for our own UPR.

The Philippine delegation
We ~~also~~ wish to express our support for the statement by the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia on behalf of the Asian Group.

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Further to the proposed modalities for UPR, which are contained in a working paper submitted by the Philippine Delegation and which is now posted on the HRC extranet, *a number of key points of our working paper* we wish to present today further elaboration on our proposal.

- Today, we would like to highlight*
1. UPR should ~~ideally~~ be held every 5-6 years *for each* country, *in principle*;
 2. UPR may consist of 3 phases, namely, preparatory stage, dialogue and outcome. This demarcation could help clarify the required modalities and actors ~~to be~~ involved in each phase;
 3. The preparatory phase could involve the drafting of a questionnaire and transmittal of said questionnaire to the country under review ~~well~~ in advance of the interactive dialogue, to give ~~that~~ country *we believe* sufficient time to prepare ~~its~~ *and* replies;
 4. The interactive dialogue, *the cornerstone of UPR*, should be a ~~peer review~~ *peer* review *to be* held in a private session, ~~not a formal plenary~~, which could last between 2 to 3 hours, by experts to be designated by HRC member states. Discussion of the state's replies to the questionnaire shall form the core of the interactive dialogue. ~~NGOs and other stakeholders may be present as observers,~~ *and*
 5. The outcome phase of the review should take the form of a summary of proceedings, recommendations emanating from the interactive dialogue focused on capacity-building and/or voluntary pledges and
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- non-discrimination
- cooperation w/ state concerned
- capacity building
- equal treatment