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

**Intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group on the agenda,
annual programme of work, methods of work and rules of procedure of
the Human Rights Council established pursuant to Council resolution 3/4**

Non-paper on the agenda and annual programme of work*

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I. PRINCIPLES

- Universality
- Impartiality
- Objectivity
- Non-selectiveness
- Constructive dialogue and cooperation
- Predictability
- Flexibility
- Transparency
- Accountability
- Balance
- Inclusive/comprehensive

II. DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Item 1 Organizational and procedural matters

- Election of the bureau of the Human Rights Council
- Adoption of the annual work programme
- Adoption of the work programme of the session
- Adoption of the report of the session
- Adoption of the yearly report

Item 2 Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the OHCHR and the Secretary-General

Item 3 Promotion and protection of human rights

- Economic, social and cultural rights
- Civil and political rights
- Rights of peoples and specific groups and individuals

- Cross-cutting thematic human rights issues*
- Human rights situations that require the Council's attention*

Item 4 Right to development

Item 5 Human Rights bodies and mechanisms

- Expert advice body
- Complaint procedure

Item 6 Universal Periodic Review

Item 7 Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories*

- Human rights violations and implications of the Israeli occupation of Palestine and other occupied Arab territories
- Right to self-determination of the Palestinian people

Item 8 United Nations conferences and summits related to Human Rights

- Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance, follow-up and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action
- The Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Item 9 Technical assistance and capacity-building

Item 10 Follow-up of decisions of the Human Rights Council

Item 11 Other issues*

* These items were the most discussed and require more negotiation.

Non-paper - Draft annual programme of work

Organizational session 1/2 day	1st. Session (3 weeks)	2nd. Session (3 weeks)	3rd. Session March/April (4 weeks) -Main session-
<p>Item 1: Organizational and procedural matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Election of the Bureau of the Human Rights Council. - Adoption of the annual work programme. 	<p>Item 1: Organizational and procedural matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adoption of the work programme of the session. - Adoption of the report of the session. 	<p>Item 1: Organizational and procedural matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adoption of the work programme of the session. - Adoption of the report of the session. 	<p>Item 1: Organizational and procedural matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adoption of the work programme of the session. - High-level segment and general debate. - Adoption of the report of the session. - Adoption of the yearly report.
	<p>Item 2: Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Secretary-General.</p>	<p>Item 2: Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Secretary-General.</p>	<p>Item 2: Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Secretary-General.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the annual report.
	<p>Item 3: Promotion and protection of human rights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic, social and cultural rights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Right to food. - Poverty. • Civil and political rights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trafficking in persons. - Prevention of genocide. - Enforced or involuntary disappearances. • Rights of peoples, and specific groups and individuals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child. - Women and gender perspective. • Cross-cutting thematic human rights issues:* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Toxic wastes. 	<p>Item 3: Promotion and protection of human rights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic, social and cultural rights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health. - Housing. - Education. - Economic reform policies and foreign debt. • Civil and political rights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Torture. - Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions. - Right to truth, justice and reparation. • Rights of peoples, and specific groups and individuals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indigenous peoples. 	<p>Item 3: Promotion and protection of human rights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic, social and cultural rights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cultural rights. - Human rights and the environment. - Work. - Report of the President of the working group on an Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. • Civil and political rights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Independence of judges and lawyers. - Impunity. - Freedom of belief, conscience and religion.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human rights situations that require the Council's attention:* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities. - Migrants. • Cross-cutting thematic human rights issues:* - Transnational corporations. • Human rights situations that require the Council's attention.* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Freedom of opinion and expression. - Freedom of association. • Rights of peoples, and specific groups and individuals: - Persons with disabilities. - Human rights defenders. - Internally displaced persons. • Cross-cutting thematic human rights issues:* - Human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism. • Human rights situations that require the Council's attention.*
		<p>Item 4. Right to development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report of the President of the working group. - International Solidarity. 	
	<p>Item 5: Human rights bodies and mechanisms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expert advice body. 	<p>Item 5: Human rights bodies and mechanisms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complaint procedure. - Expert advice body. 	<p>Item 5: Human rights bodies and mechanisms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complaint procedure.
	<p>Item 6: Universal Periodic Review.</p>	<p>Item 6: Universal Periodic Review.</p>	<p>Item 6: Universal Periodic Review.</p>
			<p>Item 7: Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories:*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Human rights violations and implications of the Israeli occupation of Palestine and other occupied Arab territories. - Right to self-determination of the Palestinian people.

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	Item 9: Technical assistance and capacity-building.	Item 9: Technical assistance and capacity-building.	Item 9: Technical assistance and capacity-building.
	Item 10: Follow-up of decisions of the Human Rights Council.	Item 10: Follow-up of decisions of the Human Rights Council.	Item 10: Follow-up of decisions of the Human Rights Council.
	Item 11: Other issues.*	Item 11: Other issues.*	Item 11: Other issues.*

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