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Revision, rationalization and improvement of mandates:

Working Group on arbitrary detention

Statement by Mr. Idriss Jazaïry, Ambassador,
Permanent Representative of Algeria

Geneva, 17 September 2007

Mr. President,

I don't think any delegation present here would oppose the renewal of the mandate of the Working Group on arbitrary detention. But we must remember that the purpose of the present exercise is not just to rubber-stamp an extension decision but to see if the mandate can be improved as indicated in resolution 60/251.

Unfortunately, the Working Group report does not mention the difficulties it encountered in terms of absence of response to, or refusal of, its requests to make field visits as well as refusals to allow it to discuss with detainees. This could have helped us in indicating how problems encountered could be overcome.

New circumstances may warrant new priorities or areas of focus that could be spelt out in the terms of reference pertaining to the mandate. Perhaps the sponsor of the resolution, France, could kindly suggest a draft text in this regard.

Finally, if resolution 5/1 of the HCR is mentioned in the extension resolution, there is no reason not to mention resolution 5/2 as well (Code of conduct for special procedures).

I thank you.