

Statement on behalf of the Asian Group at the 6th Session of the Human Rights Council on 18.09.2007 by Mr. O.L. Ameer Ajwad, ^{Counsellor} on the Facilitator's Non-papers on Technical requirements for eligible candidates for the Mandate Holders

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Asian Group.

Let me, first of all, thank you and your team on behalf of the Asian Group for the new revised Non-paper on Technical and objective requirements for eligible candidates for mandate holders, which is a good basis to work for a consensual outcome on this subject.

The Asian Group has already submitted its detailed comments on your ^{amendments and} previous revised Non-paper and wishes to reiterate the following ~~main~~ ^{concerns} comments and proposals: ~~of the Group~~ :

1. Under section 2: General Aspects in para 2.2, The Asian Group wishes to propose to add the following language in the first line after the words 'standardized form' **on the basis of the technical and objective requirements stipulated below** and therefore the para 2.2 should read as follows:

The Secretariat may provide a standardized form **on the basis of the technical and objective requirements stipulated below** for candidates to fill in, and ~~shall~~ ^{could} allow for highlighting any expertise..... the rest of the language ~~will~~ remain as it is.

2. As to para 2.4, the Asian Group wishes to reiterate that according to the HRC Resolution 5/1 on institution building it is the responsibility of the Consultative Group or the Council to determine any particular requirements and it is not the responsibility of the Secretariat. Therefore, the Group wishes to propose either to delete the para 2.4 or to revise the language as follows; *if necessary*;

Particular requirements could be determined for certain mandates by the Consultative Group or by the Council.

3. The Asian Group wishes to propose to delete the word 'extensive' on the second line under para 3.1 and the word 'sufficient' on the first line under para 3.2, since these qualifiers are subjective and cannot be determined by the Secretariat.

Mr. President,

These are main concerns of the Asian Group and the Group would highly appreciate if you could incorporate them in your next revised Non- paper.

The Asian Group would like to assure of its fullest cooperation to you, Mr. President, in achieving a consensual outcome on this subject.

I thank you