

African Statement
In presentation of draft resolution
On the Establishment of Funds for the UPR Mechanism of the
Human Rights Council

Thank you Mr. President

On behalf of the African Group, I have the honor to introduce draft Resolution A/HRC/6/L.1/Rev.1 ^{various}

This draft ~~resolution~~ was subject to ~~informal~~ ^{various} consultations and the comments received from delegations have been incorporated in the revised text, which the African Group is hereby presenting to the Council for ~~its~~ adoption.

It is the feeling of the African Group that in order for the UPR Mechanism to be launched successfully, with the ~~full~~ ^{collective} participation of all countries, and in compliance with the provisions of the Institution Building Text of June 18th, that the Secretary General ~~is indeed requested to~~ ^{should} expeditiously establish both a UPR Voluntary Trust Fund ^{can work} and a new Voluntary Fund for Financial and Technical Assistance. The Council is no doubt fully cognizant of the need to facilitate the participation of developing countries, particularly Least Developed Countries in the UPR Mechanism. Furthermore, the Council is also aware of the need for a fund to provide the required finance and technical assistance to developing countries to enable them to implement the recommendations emanating from the UPR.

The African Group urges all member states, observers, and other stakeholders to contribute and support the two aforementioned funds and the OHCHR to take the necessary measures for their expeditious operationalization.

The African Group hopes that this resolution could enjoy the support of all member states.

I thank you.