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HRC Review Informal Consultations by the President on Procedure

Thank you, Mr. President, for taking the initiative to hold this informal consultation, ~~on the procedural aspects of the review of the Council.~~ We believe that it is necessary to discuss, in a cross-regional setting, the process and modalities for the review.

Mr. President,

The Human Rights Council review process is indeed an opportunity for all of us to improve the work and functioning of the Council as well as to ensure it adheres to the principles establishing the Council in resolution 60/251, *in particular the principle of non-selectivity.*

We look forward to working with the President of the Council, and with all relevant stakeholders, including the civil society, in the process of the review. At this time, we can contribute briefly ~~on~~ the following ~~three issues:~~ *Remarks*

1. ~~The status of the council~~ the HRC is a young body that has not yet proven itself, therefore we believe it is still early to reconsider its status. Instead our focus should be directed toward the "work and functioning" of the Council.

2. With regard to the agenda and program of work of the review: We strongly support the involvement of the civil society in the process. Their contribution could not be but useful and valuable.

3. The preparation of the working Group sessions: ~~We support inviting the treaty bodies, the special procedures, and other UN organs to contribute to the process.~~ *the OHCHR* We ~~also~~ support the idea of the President utilizing facilitators in the review process, as well having specialists and panelists when so required. In general, Outside contributions must be welcomed, even though 10 days dedicated to the working group, is still a short period.

Thank you.

finally Mr. President,
We do not encourage parallel ^{sessions} meetings as they would exclude participation by many smaller missions. We do believe that all countries, and group of countries, should be given the opportunity to express themselves in all issues.

Mr. President,
~~We regret that~~
~~we did not~~
~~only~~

It is ~~also~~ salient to the review process that all states, as well as regional groups, put forward their analysis, input and concrete suggestions before the first working group session in October to better utilize the short time frame in which we have to negotiate the substance of the review. The same courtesy should also be extended to other relevant stakeholders, such as ^{NGOs} civil society, UN bodies, and Council Subsidiary bodies, to ensure these proposals are accessible to states for their consideration.

✓ The OHCHR, ~~and other~~