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Statement of the Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Algeria in the name of the African Group

Item on Universal Periodic Review

Geneva, 28 June 2006.

Mr. President,

I am making this statement in the name of the African Group.

The Group insists on the necessity to avoid entering into detailed negotiations of the UPR at the current plenary session of the Council and on entrusting this task to an open-ended intergovernmental inter-sessional working group which will :

- Adopt a transparent, inclusive, fair and equitable approach based on constructive dialogue and cooperation in accordance with the spirit of Resolution 60/251 of the UNGA and of Resolution 1996/31 of ECOSOC ;
- Take into account the level of development and the cultural specificities of each country ;
- Define the status of this new mechanism in relation to special procedures and treaty bodies as well as their interaction ;
- Finalize the elaboration of operational modalities of the mechanism before submitting to evaluation the first outgoing Member Countries with a one year mandate and exercise flexibility in this regard as well as due regard to the principle of equity underlined by Resolution 60/251 ;
- Decide itself of the choice of a President to be selected from among Council members ;
- Draw to the maximum extent on the NEPAD Peer Review Mechanism which is an African all-encompassing evaluation mechanism operating at national level with the highest level backing ;
- Work in close cooperation with a second intersessional working group to be in charge of the revision of mandates ;
- Request the Bureau to make necessary arrangements to avoid clashes between the dates to be selected for holding the meetings of the working group on UPR with those of the working group on mandates and of other important meetings in Geneva also requiring the time and attention of Permanent Missions.

I thank you.