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

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## Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

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Geneva, 27 June 2006

Mr. President,

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

The Group is of the opinion that the mandate of the Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights should be extended by a two years period in order to enable its Chairperson to present a first Draft Optional Protocol to the international Pact on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, on the basis of the views expressed during its last session.

The Group reaffirms that:

- Human Rights are inalienable and indivisible, that economic, social and cultural rights are an integral part of the broad family of Human Rights and that all Human Rights should receive equal attention ;
- The implementation of, and compliance with, economic, social and cultural is of no less importance than those relating to civil and political rights ; *rights*
- The international community has a key responsibility in matters pertaining to compliance with economic, social and cultural rights and in linking these rights with development and with fighting poverty ;
- Therefore, international cooperation must be enhanced for the fulfillment of these aforesaid rights.

**I thank you.**