

Statement by the Indonesian delegation

on the Implementation of General Assembly resolution 60/251 entitled "Human Rights Council" and Follow-up to decisions of the Human Rights Council

Geneva, 29 September 2006

Mr President,

I should like to open my delegation's remarks by thanking Mr John Dugard, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and the Commission of Inquiry on Lebanon for their respective reports. We appreciate the hard work that has gone into preparing these documents, which call for the full attention of this Council.

In commenting the reports, we would also like to associate ourselves with the statement delivered by Pakistan on behalf of the OIC.

Mr. President,

The events of this summer have further deepened the grave concern that the situation in the Middle-East has long been causing to the international community at large and the human rights institution in particular. The deadly raids in July and August, compounding the already acute humanitarian situation documented in Mr. Dugard's first two reports.

In the wake of these events, the Council moved to convene two special sessions, respectively in July and August, to address the issue. Each of these special sessions resulted in the adoption of a resolution putting forward certain recommendations to seek to address the grave human rights violations that had taken place. We are therefore somewhat dismayed, in the face of these extreme circumstances, by the tardiness of the implementation of these important resolutions. To date, the recommendations of resolution S-1/1 emanating from the first Special Session on the grave situation of human rights in the occupied

Palestinian territories have not been implemented at all. As for resolution S-2/1, we are glad to see that its recommendation that a commission of inquiry visit Lebanon as soon as possible has now been attended to, albeit not within the originally projected timeframe.

We are among those concerned by this delay and by the reasons invoked for them. We would therefore like to appeal to the Office of the High Commissioner to implement decisions and resolutions of with greater diligence.

Mr. President,

My delegation would like to call once again on the international community and the Council to act more decisively and unequivocally to protect the human rights of the Palestinian and Lebanese people through the full implementation of its decisions. Not only do the Palestinian and Lebanese people deserve more than mere words of sympathy, their fundamental rights are a test for the Council's determination to impose a culture of respect for the rule of law and for the universal principles and norms enshrined in the international human rights instruments. The Council's reputation and effectiveness depend upon it.

Finally, we would like to welcome the High Commissioner's stated intention to visit the Middle-East and call upon her to use her influence on that occasion to request all parties to give the establishment of a lasting peace by fully respecting the human rights of all civilians, in accordance with the international Covenants. We would also like to urge the international community and the Quartet to redouble their efforts with a will and to appeal to all parties to return to the negotiating table. Only in this way can a solution be found to end the conflict and establish a permanent peace conducive to resolving the territorial issues in the region.

Thank you.