

CLOSING STATEMENT TO THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL BY MR. RUDI MUHAMMAD RIZKI, INDEPENDENT EXPERT ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

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Mr. President, distinguished delegates, ladies & gentlemen,

I thank you for your questions and comments on the international solidarity mandate. As I mentioned in the opening statement there are three focus areas in which the international solidarity mandate can be further expanded. These also impact on issues of globalization and right to development. It is important that the focus areas are studied in-depth and their links drawn out. As part of my mandate, I will continue to examine these in more depth, working out the contours of international solidarity.

I repeat in closing, that this mandate could continue to expand on any of the focus areas mentioned. I would like to conclude by reiterating as I did last year that proper exercise of my mandate will continue to require full cooperation of Member States, other human rights mechanisms, international and non-governmental organizations, as well as with necessary support from the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. I am grateful for this opportunity given me to present this report and for the dialogue that followed the presentation.

Again, I thank you all for your attention.