



## **Human Rights Council**

### **8/PRST/2. Terms of office of special procedure mandate-holders**

At the 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 18 June 2008, the President of the Council made a statement reading as follows:

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 60/251 and Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, a special procedure mandate-holder's tenure shall not exceed six years in a particular position (two terms of three years for thematic procedures).
2. The Council guarantees the integrity and independence of the system of special procedures. It will also follow up on the implementation of the code of conduct for special procedure mandate-holders, as contained in Council resolution 5/2.
3. In this regard, the President will convey to the Council any information brought to his or her attention, including that by States and/or by the coordination committee of special procedures, concerning cases of persistent non-compliance by a mandate-holder with the provisions of Council resolution 5/2, especially prior to the renewal of mandate-holders in office.
4. The Council will consider such information and act upon it as appropriate. In the absence of the above-mentioned information, the terms in office of the mandate-holders shall be extended for a second three-year term by the Council.