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IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 60/251 OF 15 MARCH 2006 ENTITLED "HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL"

Canada: draft resolution

2006/... Impunity

The Human Rights Council,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/81 of 21 April 2005 on impunity,

1. Urges all States to provide the victims of violations of human rights and international humanitarian law that constitute crimes with a fair, equitable, independent and impartial judicial process through which these violations can be investigated and made public in accordance with international standards of justice, fairness and due process of law, and to encourage victims to participate in judicial as well as truth and reconciliation processes, including by taking appropriate measures to ensure the protection of, and support and assistance to, victims as well as witnesses, such as contact points and child- and gender-sensitive procedures, paying special attention to crimes of sexual violence,

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2. *Welcomes* the efforts by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to strengthen its capacity and expertise to provide support for international commissions of inquiry and fact-finding missions, and encourages continued endeavours as the Office seeks to play an effective and much stronger protection role at the country level.

3. *Requests* the High Commissioner for Human Rights to ensure the wide dissemination of the updated Set of Principles for the protection and promotion of human rights through action to combat impunity (E/CN.4/2005/102 and Add.1), and to continue to support judicial mechanisms and commissions of inquiry, and to provide, upon request, technical and legal assistance in developing national legislation and institutions to combat impunity in accordance with international standards of justice, fairness and due process of law.
