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China: draft resolution

2006/... Strengthening of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Human Rights Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give due consideration to geographical rotation when appointing the High Commissioner, as set out in General Assembly resolution 48/141 of 20 December 1993;
2. *Calls upon* the High Commissioner to take into account all relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Council in planning the activities of the Office and requests her to reflect them appropriately in her annual reports to the Council and the Assembly;
3. *Encourages* the Office of the High Commissioner to ensure transparency in its activities and operation through a process of continued dialogue and consultations with Member States through, inter alia, regular briefings and taking into account relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Council;

4. *Reiterates* the need to ensure that all necessary financial, material and personnel resources are provided from the regular budget of the United Nations without delay to the United Nations human rights programme to enable the Office of the High Commissioner to carry out its mandates efficiently, effectively and expeditiously;

5. *Welcomes* the voluntary contributions to the Office of the High Commissioner, in particular those from developing countries, and in this context calls upon donors to take into account the High Commissioner's call for unearmarked contributions in order to give the Office flexibility in the allocation of resources for its operational activities in accordance with the resolutions of the Council and with a view to treating all human rights in a fair and equal manner;

6. *Calls upon* the High Commissioner to continue to emphasize the promotion and protection of economic, social and cultural rights in the activities of her Office and, in that regard, encourages the High Commissioner to continue to strengthen her relationship with the appropriate bodies, funds and specialized agencies of the United Nations;

7. *Also calls upon* the High Commissioner to continue to strengthen the management structure of her Office, including human resource management, and to improve the responsiveness of her Office in all priority areas, especially economic, social and cultural rights, which require particular research and analytical capacity;

8. *Requests* the High Commissioner to enhance international cooperation for the promotion and protection of all human rights and to engage in a dialogue with all Governments in the implementation of her mandate with a view to securing respect for all human rights;

9. *Emphasizes* the need for an increase in the allocation of resources from within the United Nations regular budget for advisory services and technical cooperation in the field of human rights;

10. *Invites* the High Commissioner to continue to provide information on cooperation with other United Nations bodies and also invites her to make available information concerning agreements with other United Nations bodies and their implementation, in an open and transparent manner, as appropriate;

11. *Requests* the High Commissioner to continue to provide States with information and to hold informal briefings on voluntary contributions, including their share of the overall full-cost budget of the human rights programme and their allocation;

12. *Takes note* of the practice of publishing an annual appeal and an annual report which provide Member States with information on the activities of the Office of the High Commissioner, and calls upon the High Commissioner to include detailed information on the status and use of all voluntary, in particular earmarked, contributions to the budget of the Office in her next annual appeal and annual report;

13. *Decides* to consider this issue again at its third session.
