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Suggestions for time management during the Second Session of the Human Rights Council

- The following modalities for time management during the second session should be applied in an interim basis, as the Council will address in the future the question of its methods of work. They should thus not serve as a precedent for future sessions.
- These modalities should facilitate interactive dialogues and exchanges of views, as appropriate.
- Given the short duration of the Session, it will be necessary to allocate time to each issue or segment included in the framework program of work in a flexible manner.

Interactive dialogue with special procedures

- The interactive dialogue with special procedures will be organized in segments of 3 hours, with the participation of three mandates in each segment.
- This will include:
 - (a) presentation by each mandate-holder: 10 minutes as a minimum and 2 additional minutes for each mission report or complementary document (with a total time not exceeding 20 minutes);
 - (b) statement(s) by concerned country(ies), if any (5 minutes).
 - (c) interactive dialogue between Members, non-Members and other observers (questions or short comments of up to 2 minutes), and replies/concluding remarks by mandate-holders.

In other segments, concerned countries will also have 5 minutes for statements.

Other segments

- Lists are drawn up by the Secretariat for each segment in a chronological order of registration in three separate lists (Members of the Council, States that are not members of the Council, and other observers). National Institutions will also be given an opportunity to participate in the discussions.
- The speaking time limits will be of 5 minutes for Member of the Council and 3 minutes for States that are not members and other observers. However depending on the number of speakers, speaking time limits, if needed, will be decreased in a proportionate manner. NGOs will be given a minimum of 15 to 20 minutes at the end of each dialogue.
- For planning purposes, interested speakers are requested to register with the Secretariat as soon as possible. The list of speakers will be closed 15 minutes after the dialogue has started.

Presentation of the reports of the Sub-Commission and other reports of SP

- The Chairperson of the Sub-Commission and the Chairpersons of the Meeting of SP will be entitled to an introductory statement of up to 15 minutes. They will speak from the podium.
- The Independent expert appointed by the Secretary-General to lead his study on violence against children will be entitled to a statement of 7 minutes.

Rights of reply and points of order:

- In normal circumstances, rights of reply are limited to two replies of three minutes for the first and two minutes for the second and all rights of reply are exercised at the end of the meeting, at the end of the day or at the end of the discussion of the issue. However depending on the number of speakers, speaking time limits for the rights of reply, if needed, will be decreased in a proportionate manner.

Groups statements

- States that are not members of the Human Rights Council, when speaking on behalf of a group of States that includes at least one member of the Council, will be granted the same speaking time limits as members of the Council and will speak among the members.