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The Secretariat presents its compliment to all Permanent Missions in Geneva, United Nations departments and bodies, specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and has the honour to transmit a self-explanatory exchange of correspondences between the Permanent Mission of Brazil acting on behalf of many delegations of GRULAC and the Secretariat of the Human Rights Council.

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The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council presents its compliment to the Permanent Mission of Brazil and, in reference to its note verbal n°906/06 dated 3 November 2006 conveying a request made by many delegations of GRULAC, wishes to assure that the Secretariat will extend all possible support to the open-ended intergovernmental working group on the implementation of operative paragraph 6 of the General Assembly resolution 60/251 established under the Council decision's 1/104 of 23 June 2006. The working group will begin its formal work on 13 November 2006 and the Secretariat will respond favourably to any request from the Group to provide it with specific background information as referred to in paragraph 5 of the said decision.

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The Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and, in its capacity of Regional Coordinator on Human Rights of the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean, has the honour to convey a request made by many Delegations of GRULAC that a comparative framework on the existing special mechanisms be produced by the OHCHR, in a form of a table or matrix, comparing the existing mandates, their focus and achievements.

2. The comparative framework on the existing special mechanisms would provide an overview of the mandates, by helping to identify overlapping and gaps between them. Therefore, the comparative framework would be an important instrument to the exercise of reviewing all mandates that has been carried out within the Open-Ended Working Group on the Implementation of OP 6 of the General Assembly Resolution 60/251.

3. The Permanent Mission of Brazil would also request the Secretariat of the Human Rights Council to circulate this Note Verbale.

The Permanent Mission of Brazil avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, November 3, 2006

To the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Geneva