Universal Periodic Review (UPR)
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- The General Assembly Resolution 60/251 decided that the HRC shall:

  "undertake a universal periodic review based on objective and reliable information, of the fulfilment by each State of its human right obligations and commitments in a manner which ensures universality of coverage and equal treatment with respect to all States; the review shall be a cooperative mechanism, based on an interactive dialogue, with the full involvement of the country concerned and with consideration given to its capacity-building needs; such a mechanism shall complement and not duplicate the work of treaty bodies; the Council shall develop the modalities and necessary time allocation for the UPR within one year after the holding of its first session".

- It also decided that members elected to the Council shall "be reviewed under the universal periodic review mechanism during their term of membership."

- The June session of the HRC will need to focus on priority transitional decisions including the establishment of an appropriate mechanism to "develop the modalities and necessary time allocation for the universal periodic review mechanism within one year after the holding of its first session", as called for in GA 60/251 OP5e.

- An appropriate flexible yet structured mechanism to establish these modalities would be the appointment by the HRC President of a facilitator to undertake open and transparent, informal and formal consultations with all stakeholders.

- These consultations would include ten days (or twenty 3-hour meetings) of scheduled, open-ended, fully serviced meetings which would allow sufficient time and flexibility for the development and consideration of this new review mechanism.

- Preliminary consultations by the facilitator could begin immediately, to be followed by formal, open-ended discussions appropriately scheduled by the facilitator in consultation with stakeholders, taking into account the needs of those delegations bringing representatives from capital.

- The HRC should be updated on progress by the facilitator during its regular sessions, starting in September 2006.

- A final report setting out the agreed modalities and time allocation for the UPR should be submitted to the HRC, ideally by December 2006, and a decision by the HRC would then be taken on the UPR modalities so as to allow for the first review to be completed as mandated in GA60/251 OP5e and OP9.