



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 60/251 entitled “Human Rights Council”, adopted during the sixtieth session on 15 March 2006.

The General Assembly decided to review the status of the Human Rights Council within five years, i.e. before 15 March 2011. The review of the status of the Council is to be completed in the sixty-fifth session, but there is a need to prepare for an open, inclusive and transparent process and begin consultations already during the sixty-fourth session, taking into account also the experiences and views of the Human Rights Council.

I am very pleased to inform you that H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser, Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein and H.E. Mr. Mohammed Loulichki, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco, have agreed to serve as Co-Facilitators for the consultations. Ambassador Wenaweser played a prominent role in negotiating the establishment of the Human Rights Council in 2006 and is currently the President of the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court. While Morocco was a Member of the Human Rights Council, Ambassador Loulichki served as Permanent Representative in Geneva and was elected Vice-President of the Council in 2006. He also served as coordinator of the African Group on humanitarian issues and facilitator of the Human Rights Council for the drafting of the basic document on the Universal Periodic Review. Ambassador Wenaweser and Ambassador Loulichki bring to the task before us considerable experience and knowledge which will assist Member States in their consultations on the review. The Co-Facilitators will consult and work closely with the Human Rights Council on the review.

To ensure a successful review of the Human Rights Council, I trust all Member States will give the Co-Facilitators their full support on this collective undertaking.

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