

PROPOSAL OF THE PRESIDENT

(27 MARCH 2008)

THE REVIEW PROCESS: MODALITIES AND PRACTICES

1. Modalities of work for the Troika Members before the meeting of the WG

- 1.1. States that wish to raise questions and/or issues with the SuR may do so via the Troika, who shall relay them to the Secretariat without altering their meaning in any way. The Secretariat shall then transmit all questions and/or issues to the SuR between 15 and 10 working days before the date of the review in the WG.
- 1.2. Questions and/or issues shall be raised in a manner that is consistent with the principles and objectives of the UPR, as stated in the Resolution 5/1 and shall be mainly based on the 3 UPR documents.
- 1.3. The TM's shall cluster the questions and/or issues in accordance with the content and the structure of the report prepared by the State under review. Troika Members shall be assisted by the Secretariat in securing that inappropriate duplication with other HR bodies is avoided.
- 1.4. As the UPR is, inter alia, a transparent process, the questions and/or issues will be circulated among Member and Observer States after being relayed to the SuR, unless otherwise requested by the SuR or by the State that raised them.

1.5. While the SuR is sovereign in preparing and delivering its responses, it is also encouraged to fully cooperate in addressing the questions and issues raised by States.

2. Modalities for the review in the WG

2.1. The SuR shall have up to 30 minutes to introduce its report and present its replies to the questions and/or issues that would have been transmitted via the TM's. Further, 3 minutes and 2 minutes would be used respectively by Member and Observer States in order to address other questions and make comments, in an interactive dialogue under the guidance of the President.

2.2. At the end of the meeting, the SuR shall be given up to 5 minutes for making final statements, if it so desires.

3. The Report of the WG

3.1. The report of the WG shall be prepared by Troika by fully involving the SuR, with the assistance of the Secretariat. The contents of the report will follow the format of the Outcome, as contained in 5/1, paragraph 26. The Troika shall decide on the Member that will introduce the report.

3.2. The schedule of the review shall secure at least 48 hours between the review and the adoption of the report.

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