



## Information on the Human Rights Council

### Human Rights Council

- Human Rights Council (HRC) website  
<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/index.htm>  
*Includes text of the HRC Rules of Procedure, Commission on Human Rights mandates and mechanisms assumed by the HRC, Background documents, NGO information, Regular and Special Sessions of the Human Rights Council and information for the media*

### Selected Statements and Speeches of UN Officials

- Secretary-General tells human rights council it must create environment of trust, foster climate for best practices, spur accountability for human rights action (SG/SM/11445-HRC/9, 3 March 2008):  
<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/sgsm11445.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General urges human rights council to take responsibilities seriously, stresses importance of considering all violations equally (SG/SM/11053-HRC/8, 20 June 2007):  
<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2007/sgsm11053.doc.htm>
- High Commissioner highlights importance of system of independent investigators, civil society participation and universal review of rights records at Human Rights Council (11 June 2007):  
<http://www.unhchr.ch/hurricane/hurricane.nsf/view01/6176C250277012AAC12572F70030248B?opendocument>
- World is watching, Secretary-General tells Human Rights Council in message urging it to promote objective, universal approach (SG/SM/10905-HRC/7, 12 March 2007):  
<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2007/sgsm10905.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General, in message to Human Rights Council, cautions against focusing on Middle East at expense of Darfur, other grave crises (SG/SM/10769-HR/4907, 29 November 2006):  
<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2006/sgsm10769.doc.htm>
- New Human Rights Council must be guided by objectivity, eliminate politicization, says Secretary-General in message to Geneva session (SG/SM/10641-HRC/4, 19 September 2006):  
<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2006/sgsm10641.doc.htm>
- 'The eyes of the world are upon you', Secretary-General says in address to first meeting of Human Rights Council (SG/SM/10520-HRC/3, 19 June 2006):  
<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2006/sgsm10520.doc.htm>
- High Commissioner welcomes election of members of Human Rights Council (10 May 2006):  
<http://www.unhchr.ch/hurricane/hurricane.nsf/0/C14F541E514D5978C125716A0048BD77?opendocument>
- Secretary-General says new Human Rights Council offers UN unique opportunity for fresh start in vital human rights work (SG/SM/10452-HRC/1, 9 May 2006):  
<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs//2006/sgsm10452.doc.htm>
- Consultations and exchange of views on preparations for the first meeting of the Human Rights Council: Statement by the High Commissioner for Human Rights (21 April 2006):  
<http://www.unhchr.ch/hurricane/hurricane.nsf/view01/7BEE5FC34906A260C125715B00288E95?opendocument>
- Wise Council / By Kofi A Annan (Wall Street Journal, 20 March 2006):  
<http://www.un.org/News/ocg/sg/stories/articleFull.asp?TID=52&Type=Article>
- True test of new Human Rights Council will be use Member States make of it, Secretary-General says (SG/SM/10376-HR/4886, 15 March 2006):  
<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2006/sgsm10376.doc.htm>
- Statement by General Assembly President Jan Eliasson on the draft resolution on the Human Rights Council (15 March 2006): <http://www.un.org/ga/president/60/speeches/060315.pdf>
- High Commissioner for Human Rights salutes creation of Human Rights Council (15 March 2006):  
<http://www.unhchr.ch/hurricane/hurricane.nsf/0/335B04BC437FC02FC1257133002DC229?opendocument>

- Secretary-General urges adoption of text creating new Human Rights Council, says decision too important to allow further delay (SG/SM/10357-HR/4885, 23 February 2006): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2006/sgsm10357.doc.htm>
- High Commissioner for Human Rights urges support for Human Rights Council (23 February 2006): <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/press/hrc/hrc-hc-english.pdf>
- Secretary-General outlines major proposals to reform UN human rights machinery, in address to Geneva Human Rights Commission (SG/SM/9808-HR/CN/1108, 7 April 2005): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2005/sgsm9808.doc.htm>

## Selected Articles in UN journals

- UN Chronicle E-Alert 2006, No. 4: UN Human Rights Council: [http://www.un.org/Pubs/chronicle/2006/e\\_alert/033006\\_unhrc.html](http://www.un.org/Pubs/chronicle/2006/e_alert/033006_unhrc.html)
- A "Delicate Equation": Constructive Solutions on Human Rights  
The UN Chronicle spoke with the Chair of the Third Committee's sixty-first session, his H.E. Hamid Al Bayati of Iraq, on 8 November 2006 (UN Chronicle Online Edition 2006): <http://www.un.org/Pubs/chronicle/2006/webArticles/ga/3qa.htm>

## UN Documents

- A/RES/60/251 (3 April 2006): Human Rights Council: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/RES/60/251>
- A/INF/60/6 (30 March 2006): Human Rights Council elections : note / by the Secretariat: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/INF/60/6>
- A/59/2005/Add.3 (26 May 2005): OHCHR Plan of Action : Protection and Empowerment: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/59/2005/Add.3>
- A/59/2005/Add.1 (23 May 2005): Human Rights Council : explanatory note by the Secretary General: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/59/2005/Add.1>
- A/59/2005 (21 March 2005): In larger freedom : towards development, security and human rights for all : report of the Secretary-General: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/59/2005>

## Background Information

- 2005 World Summit Follow-up: Human Rights Council <http://www.un.org/ga/president/60/summitfollowup/hrc.html>
- Commission on Human Rights – Final meeting <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/chr/>
- Questions and Answers on the Human Rights Council [http://www.un.org/News/dh/infocus/hr\\_council/hr\\_q\\_and\\_a.htm](http://www.un.org/News/dh/infocus/hr_council/hr_q_and_a.htm)
- News Focus: Human Rights Council <http://www.un.org/apps/news/infocusRel.asp?infocusID=114&Body=human%20rights%20council&Body1=>
- General Assembly 60th Session: Human Rights Council Elections <http://www.un.org/ga/60/elect/hrc/>