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Commissioner

Statement of the representative  
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Belarus is greatly disappointed about the approaches to the discussion of human rights issues which are becoming more and more entrenched at the Council. The assessment of the human rights situations at the subjectively selected countries based on the biased and unreliable information mainly lead to only result which is confrontation.

The international human rights protection system has a fair, non-discriminatory and universal mechanism which makes possible to consider all human right issues without double standards – the UPR.

In spite with human rights continue to be used as an instrument of political pressure and interference into internal affairs of sovereign states. Often the really reasons which lead to the suffering of many people such as the application of unilateral coercive measures are hushed up.

One more major source of concern is a slant in the interpretation of mandates and the implementation of functions by the UN organs structures. We expect from the OHCHR greater efforts in the implementation of its mandate to expand international cooperation, to promote the right to development and to provide consultative and technical assistance. The international community needs to have a constructive agenda to promote effectively realization of all human rights for all.

No measures to enhance the effectiveness of the HRC will have any result as long as the atmosphere of mistrust and confrontation feed by mutual accusations prevails here. The efforts to improve the work of the Council should be focused on ensuring strict compliance with the principals of cooperation set forth in the founding documents of the UN.