

**PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT – 18/06/2008**

*Terms in office of Special procedure mandate – holders*

- In accordance with General Assembly resolution 60/251 and Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, a Special procedure mandate-holder's tenure will not exceed six years in a particular position (2 terms of three years each for thematic procedures).
- The Human Rights Council guarantees the integrity and independence of the system of Special Procedures. The HRC will also follow up on the implementation of the Code of Conduct for Special procedure mandate-holders contained in HRC resolution 5/2.
- In this regard, the President will convey to the HRC information brought to his or her attention including inter alia, by States and /or by the Coordination Committee of Special procedures, concerning cases of persistent non compliance by a mandate-holder with the provisions of the HRC resolution 5/2, especially prior to the renewal of mandate- holders in office.
- The Council will consider such information and act upon it as appropriate. In the absence of the above-mentioned information, the terms in office of the mandate-holders shall be extended for a second three years term by the Council.

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