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**Address by the Honourable Madan Murlidhar Dulloo, Minister of Foreign Affairs,
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Mr. President,

It is a distinct honour for my delegation to participate in the deliberations of the First Session of the Human rights Council. The inauguration of the Human Rights Council should mark a turning point in the history of the United Nations.

Let me first congratulate you, Mr. President, on your election to the chair of the Council. I would also like to congratulate all members of the Council and members of the Bureau for their election. I should thank all those who have made this day possible, more particularly the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the President of the General Assembly, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and you, Mr. President. My delegation would like to assure you all of its full cooperation towards the successful conclusion of our work.

Mr. President,

We, members of the Human Rights Council, have been entrusted with important responsibilities by the General Assembly. We therefore look forward to working closely together to ensure that the Council functions effectively to attain our high objectives.

Mr. President,

General Assembly resolution 60/251 is a landmark agreement in the history of the United Nations. Besides bringing a new dimension to the role of the UN in the defence and promotion of Human Rights, it represents a major step in implementing the Reform Agenda of the UN.

The process leading to the adoption of resolution 60/251 has been an opportunity to witness the seriousness and high sense of responsibility of the international community on Human