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RATIONALIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION

Republic of Korea (on behalf of the Asian Group): draft decision

**2005/... Enhancing and strengthening the effectiveness of the special procedures
of the Commission on Human Rights**

The Commission on Human Rights, taking note of the initial discussion paper entitled “Enhancing the effectiveness of the special mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights” prepared by the experts of the Asian Group on human rights at the request of the Asian Group ambassadors, as well as written responses to it, and bearing in mind the report contained in document E/CN.4/2000/112 and its decision 2000/109 of 26 April 2000, as well as Action 4 as contained in the report of the Secretary-General entitled “Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change” (A/57/387 and Corr.1) decides to request the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights:

(a) To transmit the initial discussion paper and the responses to it to the special procedures mandate holders and to solicit their views, including on any additional contributions from all relevant stakeholders;

(b) To organize an informal consultation between the special procedures mandate

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holders and States, with the participation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, devoted to an exchange of views on the issues contained therein for enhancing and strengthening the effectiveness of the special procedures of the Commission at their annual meeting in 2005;

(c) To study the issues raised in the initial discussion paper and contributions to it in light of Commission decision 2000/109 as well as of Action 4 and identify the practical steps taken by her Office to address these issues;

(d) To organize an open-ended seminar during 2005, from within existing resources, in consultation with the Expanded Bureau of the Commission, as part of the effort to enhance and strengthen the effectiveness of the special procedures;

(e) To submit a report on the implementation of the present decision to the Commission at its sixty-second session.
