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Statement by Ambassador Radzi Rahman
Alternate Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations
at the Informal Consultations of the Plenary
(on the rules of procedure, methods of work and transitional arrangement
of the Human Rights Council)
New York, Tuesday, 1 November 2005

Mr. Co-Chair,

1. As stated in paragraph 160 of the Outcome Document, my delegation strongly feels that the discussion leading to the establishment of the rules of procedures and working methods of the Council should continue to be deliberated in the General Assembly.

Rules of procedure

2. We feel it relevant for the Council to consider adopting the rules of procedure of the Commission, and make the necessary adjustments where appropriate. The existing rules of procedure of the Commission would provide a good basis and would certainly facilitate our work.

Working Methods

3. Similarly, as stated in the Outcome Document, we are of the opinion that the General Assembly can and should determine the Council's working methods. The Commission's working methods could also serve as a guideline, to be reviewed, rationalized and adopted as necessary for the Council.

Transitional arrangements

4. We need to ensure a smooth and gradual transition from the Commission to the Council with no disruption to the work of the United Nations in the field of human rights. In the transition from the Commission to the Council, the remaining terms of the present members should also be taken into consideration.

5. We are all committed towards creating a Council that is truly effective, efficient, credible, legitimate and action oriented. We fear that a hasty decision would not lend justice to the magnitude of our undertaking. We still have an immense task ahead of us in creating a Council that we all can approve of. We should explore and take stock of the many views and ideas presented to us before arriving at a decision to set up the Council. Until an agreement is reached the Commission should be allowed to continue its work.

Mr. Co-Chair,

6. Now that we are at the third and final stage of the thematic clusters that you have outlined, we have listened to the many views towards the establishment of the Council. Some points appear to enjoy broad agreement or consensus whereas many others indicate that differences still remain. We hope that the consultations, thus far, have provided you with enough material for a comprehensive compilation text for our next round of consultations. We hope that in the course of the coming months we will be able to come to a consensus on all the outstanding issues surrounding this very important endeavour that our leaders have tasked us to undertake.

Thank you.