

## Oral Statement - Item 5 GD

Thank you Madam President,

URG commends the Core Group on the prevention of human rights violations for their continued efforts to clarify the largely misunderstood concept of human rights prevention.

Whereas during the Council's first decade of existence, its prevention mandate lay dormant, today there is general agreement that the operationalization of this mandate as provided in paragraph 5f of GA resolution 60/251 is vital to its future work.

The high-quality report of the group of eminent experts was of great value in clarifying the two interrelated dimensions of the Council's prevention mandate, namely, preventing human rights violations from occurring in the first place by building national resilience; and preventing human rights emergencies from escalating through early Council engagement.

We therefore thank the Core Group for tabling a draft resolution at this session, which aims to strengthen these two areas of the Council's work, notably by: mainstreaming a preventative approach through the work of the Council's mechanisms, requesting the Secretary-General to formulate recommendations to improve and scale-up the system-wide delivery and financing of technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights, and by strengthening the Office of the High Commissioner's existing early warning and early action capability.

We also appreciate the recognition that the bulk of preventive work takes place at the national level, through the implementation of States' human rights obligations and commitments, a reality further facilitated by the work of NMIRFs.

Madam President,

If adopted, URG is certain that this resolution will significantly contribute to redressing the Council's propensity for reactivity.

We therefore call on the Core Group and all member States to continue their constructive dialogue in the spirit of achieving consensus on this important text.

Thank you.