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Follow-up and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

South Africa*: draft resolution

17/... Human rights, sexual orientation and gender identity

The Human Rights Council,

Recalling the universality of human rights as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and consequently elaborated in other human rights instruments, such as the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and other relevant core human rights instruments,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006, in which the Assembly stated that the Human Rights Council should be responsible for promoting universal respect for the protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction of any kind and in fair and equal manner,

1. *Decides* to establish an open-ended intergovernmental working group to allow for transparent discussion on sexual orientation and gender identity and how international human rights law can be applied to ensure zero tolerance on impunity for violence based on discrimination;

2. *Also decides* that the above-mentioned working group shall adopt a comprehensive and integral approach within the framework of the Human Rights Council that would provide for the constructive deliberations on these matters and for initiatives and actions to be undertaken;

3. *Further decides* that the working group shall meet in sessions of five working days annually and, in this regard, the inaugural session of the working group shall be held prior to the nineteenth session of the Human Rights Council;

4. *Decides* to remain seized of this priority issue.

* Non-Member State of the Human Rights Council.