

**PERMANENT MISSION OF INDIA TO THE UN, GENEVA
HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL**

19TH SESSION (27 February-23 March 2012)

**Appointment of Mandate Holders
(March 2012)**

STATEMENT BY INDIA

Madam President,

We express our appreciation for the work being done by you and the Consultative Group in helping the Council in short-listing nominated candidates.

2. At the same time, however, Madam President, we would request that the provisions of the IB Package in Resolution 5/1 with regard to the appointment of Special Procedures be adhered to scrupulously and complied with strictly. As independent and impartial experts, Special Procedures carry out the task not only highly prized by the Council but also in accordance with the mandate given by the Council. For this reason, the IB Package has laid emphasis on the *“selection and appointment of the mandate-holders”* dedicating as many as 14 paragraphs on it.

3. We would like to express our concern at the process of selection of the mandate-holder for Promotion of a Democratic and Equitable International Order, which, in our view, goes against the spirit of the IB Package and the principle of transparency in the process. While we do not doubt the credential of the nominee, we find the reasons for overlooking the first choice of the Consultative Committee unconvincing. It would have been desirable if the reasons for such a decision had been more explicitly stated. This is essential to maintain the transparency and integrity of the selection process.

Thank you Madam President.
