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TWELFTH SESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

SEP 14 – OCT 2, 2009

RESOLUTION ON

THE SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN HONDURAS

(Oct 1, 2009)

E.O.V. BY INDIA

Mr. President,

In keeping with the General Assembly resolution 63/301 that condemned the recent developments in Honduras and expressed grave concern at the endangering of security, democracy and the rule of law in the country, our delegation supports the resolution L.31 that focuses on the human rights violations in the wake of the coup d'état of 28th June 2009 in Honduras.

2. At the same time, however, we would like to express our serious reservations at the manner in which the Rules of Procedure of the Human Rights Council were violated to forcibly deny the Honduran delegation participation in the current session of the Council. Mr President, we believe that Rule 29 does not leave any room for ambiguity and makes it incumbent upon the Council to grant the same rights to the Honduran delegation as other delegations, pending a decision of the General Assembly upon the report of the Credentials Committee. We, therefore, believe that a serious error was made when the Council disregarded the application of Rule 29 in deciding on the participation of Honduran delegation on 14th September. And we now join the consensus on this resolution on the understanding that such denial of participation to any delegation would not constitute a precedent.

Thank you, Mr. President.