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**Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other
elections: election of 47 members of the Human Rights Council**

Note verbale dated 12 April 2006 from the Permanent Mission of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Armenia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the President of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations and has the honour to inform him that the Government of Armenia has decided to present its candidature at the first elections to the Human Rights Council, to be held on 9 May 2006, during the sixtieth session of the General Assembly.

The Republic of Armenia is strongly committed to the promotion and protection of human rights and has worked consistently and constructively to this end at the national, regional and international levels. Re-elected to the Commission on Human Rights in 2005, Armenia gained an invaluable experience during its tenure. As an acknowledgement of the constructive work done by the Armenian delegation, Armenia was elected as Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights for 2006.

The Republic of Armenia would appreciate an opportunity to further contribute to the work of the United Nations human rights machinery. In accordance with the General Assembly resolution 60/251 on the Human Rights Council, Armenia provides the attached aide-memoire containing its voluntary pledges and commitments (see annex).