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**IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 60/251  
OF 15 MARCH 2006 ENTITLED “HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL”**

**Finland (on behalf of the European Union): draft decision**

**2006/... Sri Lanka**

The Human Rights Council decides to adopt the following text:

*“The Human Rights Council,*

*“Expresses its concern at the recent escalation of violence in Sri Lanka following the resumption of hostilities, leading to increasing violations of human rights and international humanitarian law, including increased extrajudicial killings and disappearances, impunity, large-scale displacement and the continuing forced recruitment of soldiers by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, including of children. The Council calls for the respect of human rights and calls upon all parties to put an immediate end to the violations of humanitarian law, and to guarantee access for humanitarian aid to the population as well as to guarantee the protection of humanitarian workers,*

“*Welcomes* the constructive cooperation of Sri Lanka with the special procedures and other human rights mechanisms, and also welcomes the announcement by the President of Sri Lanka appointing a Commission of Inquiry into allegations of human rights violations, as well as the involvement of the International Independent Group of Eminent Persons to Act as Observers of Investigations into Abductions, Disappearances and Extra-judicial Killings. The Council notes the need for the Commission of Inquiry to carry out its mandate in conformity with international standards,

“*Invites* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to consider strengthening its presence in Sri Lanka and to report on these efforts at the Council’s third session in 2006. The Council also invites the Group of Eminent Persons to update it on its activities at that session.”

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