

## 2023

### 53rd session (19 June - 14 July 2023)

#### PANEL DISCUSSIONS

##### ITEM 2

- Panel discussion on the measures necessary to find durable solutions to the Rohingya crisis and to end all forms of human rights violations and abuses against Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar (HRC res. 50/3)

##### ITEM 3

- Annual full-day discussion on the human rights of women (two panels, theme: TBD) (HRC res. 6/30 and 47/15) [*accessible panels*]
- Annual panel discussion on the adverse impacts of climate change on human rights (theme: Adverse impact of climate change on the full realization of the right to food (HRC res. 47/24 and 50/9) [*accessible panel*]
- Panel discussion on the role of digital, media and information literacy in the promotion and enjoyment of the right to freedom of opinion and expression (HRC res. 50/15) [*accessible panel*]

#### INTERACTIVE DIALOGUES

##### ITEM 2

- ID on the annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (GA res. 48/141)<sup>1</sup>
- ID on the report of the ongoing Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel (HRC res. S-30/1)
- ID on the comprehensive report of the HC, presented with the assistance of the designated Expert on human rights in the Sudan, on the situation of human rights in the Sudan (HRC res. 50/1)<sup>2</sup>
- ID on the report of the SR on the situation of human rights in Eritrea (HRC res. 50/2)
- Enhanced ID on the report of the SR on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan and the Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, on the situation of women and girls in Afghanistan (HRC res. 51/20)

##### ITEM 3<sup>3</sup>

- ID on the report of the SR on the human rights of migrants (HRC res. 43/64 (and 47/12))
- ID on the report of the SR on the right to education (HRC res. 44/3)
- ID on the report of the SR on trafficking in persons, especially women and children (HRC res. 44/4)
- ID on the report of the SR on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (HRC res. 44/5)
- ID on the report of the SR on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members (HRC res. 44/6)
- ID on the report of the SR on the independence of judges and lawyers (HRC res. 44/8)
- ID on the report of the IE on human rights and international solidarity (HRC res. 44/11 (and 50/8))
- ID on the report of the SR on extreme poverty and human rights (HRC res. 44/13)

<sup>1</sup> Annual report of the HC to be presented at HRC53 in accordance with President's statements PRST OS/13/1 and OS/16/1.

<sup>2</sup> The term of office for the designated Expert on Human Rights in the Sudan is to conclude upon the restoration of its civilian-led Government (HRC res. S-32/1 and 50/1). Upon the restoration of civilian-led government in the Sudan and the conclusion of the mandate of the designated Expert, the HC is to present to the Council at its first subsequent session a final report, with input from the Expert.

<sup>3</sup> SR on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression to be added if renewed.

<sup>4</sup> The latest mandate extension adopted at HRC43 was effective as from HRC44 for three years.

- ID on the report of the WG on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises (HRC res. 44/15)
- ID on the report of the SR on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change (HRC res. 48/14 (and 50/9))
- ID with the Special Adviser to the SG on the Prevention of Genocide (HRC res. 49/9)
- ID on the report of the SR on the human rights of internally displaced persons (HRC res. 50/6)
- ID on the report of the SR on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences (HRC res. 50/7)
- ID on the report of the SG on the adverse impact of climate change on the full realization of the right to food *[also in accessible formats, including in plain language and easy-to-read versions]* (HRC res. 50/9)
- ID on the report of the IE on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity (HRC res. 50/10)
- ID on the comprehensive report of OHCHR on the impact of casualty recording on the promotion and protection of human rights (HRC res. 50/11)
- ID on the report of the SR on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association (HRC res. 50/17)
- ID on the report of the WG on discrimination against women and girls (HRC res. 50/18)
- ID on the report of the SR on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health (HRC res. 51/21)

#### ITEM 4

- ID on the written update of the HC on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (HRC res. 49/23)
- ID on the report of the SR on the situation of human rights in Belarus (HRC res. 50/20)
- ID on the oral update of the SR on the situation of human rights in Burundi (HRC res. 51/28)
- ID on the comprehensive report of the HC on the situation of human rights in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (HRC res. 51/29)
- ID on the oral update of the independent international fact-finding mission on the deteriorating situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, especially with respect to women and children (HRC res. S-35/1)

#### ITEM 7

- ID on the report of the SR on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territories occupied since 1967 (CHR res. 1993/2 A and HRC res. 5/1)<sup>5</sup>

#### ITEM 9

- ID on the report of the SR on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, on combating glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (GA res. 77/204)<sup>6</sup>

#### ITEM 10

- ID on the oral presentation of the HC on the findings of the periodic reports of OHCHR on the situation of human rights in Ukraine (HRC res. 47/22) and on the interim report of the SG on situation of human rights in the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine (GA res. 77/229)
- Enhanced ID on the report of the HC recommending the way forward to improve technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights (HRC res. 51/34)<sup>7</sup>
- ID on the oral update of the IE on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic (HRC res. 51/37)

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<sup>5</sup> One-time postponement from HRC52 to HRC53.

<sup>6</sup> To be confirmed, pending renewal by the HRC of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur.

<sup>7</sup> The EID replaces in 2023 the annual thematic panel discussion on technical cooperation and capacity-building under HRC res. 18/18.

<b>CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (ITEM 6)</b>
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Consideration of the reports of the WG on the Universal Periodic Review (forty-second session):<sup>8</sup>

Argentina, Benin, Czechia, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Japan, Pakistan, Peru, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Zambia

<b>CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND ORAL UPDATES OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL / HIGH COMMISSIONER / OHCHR AND HRC SUBSIDIARY BODIES, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES<sup>9</sup></b>
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**REPORTS AND UPDATES OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL / HIGH COMMISSIONER / OHCHR**

**ITEM 2**

- Oral update of OHCHR on the situation of human rights in Sri Lanka, including on progress in reconciliation and accountability, and on the impact of the economic crisis and corruption on human rights (HRC res. 51/1)
- Interim report of the SG on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (GA res. 77/228)

**ITEM 3**

- Summary report of the HC on the panel discussion on menstrual hygiene management, human rights and gender equality, held at HRC50 (HRC res. 47/4)
- Summary report of OHCHR on the annual full-day discussion on the human rights of women, held at HRC50 [*also in accessible formats*] (HRC res. 6/30 and 47/15)
- Report of OHCHR on the second expert consultation on the relationship between human rights and technical standard-setting processes for new and emerging digital technologies and the practical application of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights to the activities of technology companies (HRC res. 47/23)
- Summary report of OHCHR on the annual half-day panel discussion on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, held at HRC51 (HRC res. 48/11)
- Summary report of OHCHR on a four-day expert workshop on possible ways to enhance the participation of Indigenous Peoples in the work of the Human Rights Council, held from 21 to 24 November 2022 (HRC res. 48/11 and 51/18)
- Follow-up report of the SG on the prevention of genocide, with a particular focus on the impact of technological advances on prevention of genocide efforts, and on the risks of the perpetration of genocide (HRC res. 49/9)
- Oral report of OHCHR on the implementation of the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy across its programmes and operations (HRC res. 49/12)
- Report of the HC on the work of the OHCHR in the implementation and enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights (HRC res. 50/4)
- Report of the HC on effective national regulations, policies and good practices, challenges and lessons learned to address the negative human rights impact of civilian acquisition, possession and use of firearms (HRC res. 50/12)
- Report of OHCHR on a compendium of good practices on the human rights dimension of access to medicines and vaccines in the context of the right of everyone to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [*also in an accessible and easy-to-read format*] (HRC res. 50/13)
- Report of the SG on the human rights of migrants (GA res. 76/172)

**ITEM 6**

- Report of OHCHR on the operations of the Voluntary Fund for Participation in the Universal Periodic Review (HRC dec. 17/119)

<sup>8</sup> As per HRC oral decision of 8 July 2022, the fourth UPR review of Ukraine, originally scheduled during the 42nd session of the WG on the UPR in January 2023, has been postponed to the 54th session of the WG on the UPR in January/February 2027.

<sup>9</sup> No general debates will be held at this session in accordance with President's statements PRST OS/13/1 and OS/16/1.

- Report of OHCHR on the operations of the Voluntary Fund for Financial and Technical Assistance in the Implementation of the Universal Periodic Review (HRC dec. 17/119)
- Summary report of OHCHR on the high-level panel discussion on the achievements, good practices and lessons learned by the voluntary funds for the universal periodic review mechanism of the Human Rights Council, to be held at HRC52 (HRC res. 51/30)

**ITEM 9**

- Report of OHCHR on the progress on the two-year comprehensive communications strategy, inclusive of an outreach programme to raise awareness about and mobilize global public support for racial equality, including about the content and contribution of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action to the struggle against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (HRC res. 51/32)

**REPORTS OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL AND OTHER REPORTS**

**ITEM 2**

- Report of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women on the activities of the United Nations trust fund in support of actions to eliminate violence against women (GA res. 50/166)

**ITEM 5**

- Report on the eleventh session of the Forum on Business and Human Rights (HRC res. 17/4 and 44/15)

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

**ITEM 1**

- Adoption of the programme of work for the session
  - Selection and appointment of mandate holders
  - Adoption of the report on the session
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# 2023

## 54th session (11 September - 6 October 2023)

### PANEL DISCUSSIONS

#### ITEM 3

- Annual half-day panel discussion on the rights of Indigenous Peoples (theme: The impact of certain development projects on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, in particular the impact on indigenous women) (HRC res. 18/8 and 51/18) [*accessible panel*]
- Biennial panel discussion on unilateral coercive measures and human rights (theme: TBD) (HRC res. 27/21 and Corr.1)
- Panel discussion on cyberbullying against children (HRC res. 51/10) [*accessible panel*]
- Biennial panel discussion on youth and human rights (theme: Young people's engagement with climate change and global environmental decision-making processes (HRC res. 51/17) [*accessible panel*]

#### ITEM 8

- Annual discussion on the integration of a gender perspective throughout the work of the Human Rights Council and that of its mechanisms (theme: TBD) (HRC res. 6/30)

### INTERACTIVE DIALOGUES

#### ITEM 2

- ID on the report of the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar (HRC res. 39/2 (and 49/23))
- ID on the written update of OHCHR on the situation of human rights in Sri Lanka, including on progress in reconciliation and accountability, and on the impact of the economic crisis and corruption on human rights (HRC res. 51/1)
- ID on the oral update of the SR on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan (HRC res. 51/20)
- ID on the comprehensive report of OHCHR, including an analysis and recommendations on the institutional protection of human rights in Afghanistan (HRC res. 51/20)

#### ITEM 3<sup>10</sup>

- ID on the report of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development (HRC res. 42/23 (and 51/7))
- ID on the report of the WG on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances (HRC res. 45/3)
- ID on the report of the IE on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order (HRC res. 45/4 (and 51/11))
- ID on the report of the SR on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights (HRC res. 45/5)
- ID on the report of the SR on truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence (HRC res. 45/10)
- ID on the report of the SR on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes (HRC res. 45/17)
- ID on the report of the HC on the work of OHCHR in promoting and protecting economic, social and cultural rights within the context of addressing inequalities in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic (HRC res. 49/19)
- ID on the report of the IE on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons (HRC res. 51/4)
- ID on the report of the SR on the right to development (HRC res. 51/7)
- ID on the report of the WG on Arbitrary Detention (HRC res. 51/8)
- ID on the report of the WG on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (HRC res. 51/13)

<sup>10</sup> Additional special procedure mandates to be added if and when renewed.

- ID on the report of the SR on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences (HRC res. 51/15)
- ID on the report of the SR on the rights of Indigenous Peoples (HRC res. 51/16)
- ID on the report of the SR on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation (HRC res. 51/19)

**ITEM 4**

- ID on the comprehensive report of the HC on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (HRC res. 49/23)
- ID on the comprehensive report of the SR on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation (HRC res. 51/25)
- ID on the report of the International Commission of Human Rights Experts on Ethiopia (HRC res. 51/27)
- ID on the comprehensive report of the SR on the situation of human rights in Burundi (HRC res. 51/28)
- ID on the report of the independent international fact-finding mission on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (HRC res. 51/29)

**ITEM 5**

- ID on the report of the HRC Advisory Committee on its twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions (HRC res. 16/21)
- ID on the annual report on the work of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (HRC res. 33/25)
- ID on the report of the SG on cooperation with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights (HRC res. 12/2 and 36/21 (and 48/17))

**ITEM 9**

- ID on the report of the WG of Experts on People of African Descent (HRC res. 45/24 and 51/32)
- Enhanced ID on the reports of the HC and of the International Independent Expert Mechanism to Advance Racial Justice and Equality in Law Enforcement on the promotion and protection of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of Africans and of people of African descent against excessive use of force and other human rights violations by law enforcement officers through transformative change for racial justice and equality (HRC res. 47/21)
- ID on the report of the Permanent Forum of People of African Descent on its first and second sessions (GA res. 75/314)

**ITEM 10**

- ID on the report of the SR on the situation of human rights in Cambodia (HRC res. 48/23)
- Enhanced ID on the comprehensive report of the HC on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and on the final report of the team of international experts in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (HRC res. 51/36)
- ID on the report of the IE on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic (HRC res. 51/37)
- ID on the report of the IE on the situation of human rights in Somalia (HRC res. 51/38)

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (ITEM 6)**

Consideration of the reports of the WG on the Universal Periodic Review (forty-third session):

Bahamas, Barbados, Botswana, Burundi, France, Israel, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mali, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Tonga, United Arab Emirates

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND ORAL UPDATES OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL / HIGH COMMISSIONER / OHCHR AND HRC SUBSIDIARY BODIES, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

**REPORTS AND UPDATES OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL / HIGH COMMISSIONER / OHCHR**

**ITEM 2**

- Oral update by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (GA res. 48/141)

### ITEM 3

- Yearly supplement of the SG to his quinquennial report on capital punishment / report of the SG on the question of the death penalty, focusing on the relationship between articles 6 and 14 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (HRC dec. 18/117, res. 22/11 and 48/9)
- Consolidated report of the SG and the HC on the right to development (HRC res. 51/7 and GA res. 77/212)
- Annual report of the HC on the rights of Indigenous Peoples (HRC res. 51/18)
- Summary report of the HC on the discussions held at the regional seminars on the contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights (HRC res. 47/11)
- Summary report of OHCHR on the one-day intersessional workshop to discuss challenges, good practices and experiences in implementing the right to participate in public affairs, notably in the context of the COVID19 pandemic and the post-pandemic recovery, to be held before HRC54 (HRC res. 48/2)
- Summary report of OHCHR on the panel discussion on the negative impact of the legacies of colonialism on the enjoyment of human rights, held at HRC51 [*also in an accessible format*] (HRC res. 48/7)
- Summary report of OHCHR on the biennial high-level panel discussion on the question of the death penalty, to be held at HRC52 [*also in an accessible format*] (HRC res. 48/9)
- Summary report of the HC on the full-day high-level meeting on the promotion and protection of the right to development as a celebration of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Declaration on the Right to Development, to be held at HRC52 (HRC res. 49/8)
- Analytical report of OHCHR on the future of the right to work in connection with climate change actions, responses and impacts in the context of sustainable and inclusive economies (HRC res. 49/11)
- Report of the HC on the rights of the child and inclusive social protection (to inform the 2024 annual meeting on the rights of the child) [*also in an accessible and child-friendly format*] (HRC res. 49/20)
- Summary report of OHCHR on the panel discussion on the role of digital, media and information literacy in the promotion and enjoyment of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, to be held at HRC53 (HRC res. 50/15)
- Report of OHCHR on the target sectors, focus areas or thematic human rights issues for the fifth phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education (HRC res. 51/2)

### ITEM 10

- Report of the SG on the role and achievements of OHCHR in assisting the Government and the people of Cambodia in the promotion and protection of human rights (HRC res. 48/23)
- Report of the HC on the implementation of technical assistance to Yemen (HRC res. 51/39)

### **REPORTS OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL AND OTHER REPORTS**

#### ITEM 3

- Report of the WG on the Right to Development on its twenty-fourth session (HRC res. 9/3 and 51/7)
- Briefing by the President of the Economic and Social Council on the discussions of the high-level political forum (HRC res. 37/25)
- Briefing by the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission on the work of the Commission (HRC res. 45/31)
- Report of the open-ended IGWG to elaborate the content of an international regulatory framework relating to the activities of private military and security companies on its fourth session (HRC res. 45/16)
- Follow-up report of the HC on good practices and challenges in the application of a human rights-based approach to the elimination of preventable maternal mortality and morbidity (HRC res. 47/25)

#### ITEM 5

- Annual study of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (HRC res. 33/25)
- Report of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on good practices and lessons learned regarding efforts to achieve the ends of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (HRC res. 33/25)
- Report of the WG on Situations on its thirtieth and thirty-first sessions (HRC res. 5/1) [*restricted documents considered in a closed meeting*]
- Report of the HRC Advisory Committee on the impact of new technologies for climate protection on the enjoyment of human rights (HRC res. 48/14)
- Study of the HRC Advisory Committee on patterns, policies and processes contributing to incidents of racial discrimination and advancing racial justice and equality (HRC res. 48/18)

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

**ITEM 1**

- Adoption of the programme of work for the session
  - Selection and appointment of mandate holders
  - Adoption of the report on the session
  - Election of HRC Advisory Committee members (HRC dec. 18/121)
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