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Promotion and protection of human rights

Report of the Third Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2014, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-ninth session the item entitled:

“Promotion and protection of human rights:

“(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

“(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

“(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

“(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action”

and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

2. An account of the Third Committee’s consideration of the item is given in the addenda to the present report.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in five parts, under the symbol [A/69/488](#) and Add.1-4.



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Letter dated 15 September 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/69/383-S/2014/668](#))

Item 68 (a)**Implementation of human rights instruments**

Report of the Human Rights Committee on its 108th, 109th and 110th sessions ([A/69/40](#)) (vol. I and vol. II (Parts One and Two))

Report of the Committee against Torture on its fifty-first and fifty-second sessions ([A/69/44](#))

Report of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families on its nineteenth and twentieth sessions ([A/69/48](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto ([A/69/284](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment ([A/69/289](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery ([A/69/290](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture ([A/69/296](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies on their twenty-sixth meeting ([A/69/285](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment ([A/69/387](#))

Item 68 (b)**Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms**

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures ([A/69/97](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of human rights ([A/69/99](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development ([A/69/121](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance ([A/69/214](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the safety of journalists and the issue of impunity ([A/69/268](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the promotion and protection of human rights, including ways and means to promote the human rights of migrants ([A/69/277](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the moratorium on the use of the death penalty ([A/69/288](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on missing persons ([A/69/293](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Human Rights Training and Documentation Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab Region ([A/69/333](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on combating intolerance, negative stereotyping, stigmatization, discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against persons, based on religion or belief ([A/69/336](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders ([A/69/259](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief ([A/69/261](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises ([A/69/263](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions ([A/69/265](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on minority issues ([A/69/266](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children ([A/69/269](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order ([A/69/272](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights ([A/69/273](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context ([A/69/274](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food ([A/69/275](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the right to privacy in the digital age ([A/69/276](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights ([A/69/286](#))

Note by the Secretary-General on the role of the Ombudsman, mediator and other national human rights institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights ([A/69/287](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers ([A/69/294](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons ([A/69/295](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights ([A/69/297](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health ([A/69/299](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants ([A/69/302](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression ([A/69/335](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association ([A/69/365](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity ([A/69/366](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism ([A/69/397](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to education ([A/69/402](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence ([A/69/518](#))

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Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran ([A/69/306](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar ([A/69/362](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea ([A/69/639](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 ([A/69/301](#) and Corr.1)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus ([A/69/307](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran ([A/69/356](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar ([A/69/398](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea ([A/69/548](#))

Letter dated 9 October 2014 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/C.3/69/2](#))

Letter dated 29 September 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/C.3/69/3](#))

Letter dated 15 October 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/C.3/69/4](#))

Letter dated 17 October 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/C.3/69/5](#))

Letter dated 24 October 2014 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/C.3/69/6](#))

Letter dated 24 October 2014 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations and Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement addressed to the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General and the Chair of the Third Committee of the General Assembly ([A/C.3/69/7](#))

Letter dated 17 November 2014 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/C.3/69/9](#))

Letter dated 17 November 2014 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/C.3/69/10](#))

Item 68 (d)

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights ([A/69/36](#))

II. Consideration of a draft decision proposed by the Chair

4. At its 54th meeting, on 25 November, on the proposal of the Chair, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of documents considered in connection with the promotion and protection of human rights (see para. 5).

III. Recommendation of the Third Committee

5. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of the promotion and protection of human rights

The General Assembly takes note of the following documents submitted under the item entitled “Promotion and protection of human rights”:

Under sub-item (a):

(a) Report of the Human Rights Committee on its 108th, 109th and 110th sessions;¹

(b) Report of the Committee against Torture on its fifty-first and fifty-second sessions;²

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto;³

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;⁴

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture;⁵

(f) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies on their twenty-sixth meeting;⁶

(g) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;⁷

Under sub-item (b):

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development;⁸

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders;⁹

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 40 (A/69/40)*, vol. I and vol. II (Parts One and Two).

² [A/69/44](#).

³ [A/69/284](#).

⁴ [A/69/289](#).

⁵ [A/69/296](#).

⁶ [A/69/285](#).

⁷ [A/69/387](#).

⁸ [A/69/121](#).

⁹ [A/69/259](#).

(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises;¹⁰

(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children;¹¹

(e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights;¹²

(f) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context;¹³

(g) Note by the Secretariat on the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the right to privacy in the digital age;¹⁴

(h) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights;¹⁵

(i) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers;¹⁶

(j) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health;¹⁷

(k) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants;¹⁸

(l) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression;¹⁹

(m) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association;²⁰

(n) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity;²¹

(o) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to education;²²

¹⁰ [A/69/263](#).

¹¹ [A/69/269](#).

¹² [A/69/273](#).

¹³ [A/69/274](#).

¹⁴ [A/69/276](#).

¹⁵ [A/69/286](#).

¹⁶ [A/69/294](#).

¹⁷ [A/69/299](#).

¹⁸ [A/69/302](#).

¹⁹ [A/69/335](#).

²⁰ [A/69/365](#).

²¹ [A/69/366](#).

(p) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence;²³

Under sub-item (c):

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967;²⁴

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus.²⁵

²² A/69/402.

²³ A/69/518.

²⁴ A/69/301 and Corr.1.

²⁵ A/69/307.