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Report of the Human Rights Council

Report of the Third Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 20 September 2019, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-fourth session the item entitled “Report of the Human Rights Council” and to allocate it to both the plenary and the Third Committee, in accordance with its resolution [65/281](#).
2. The Third Committee held a general discussion on the item at its 42nd meeting, on 1 November 2019, and considered a proposal and took action on the item at its 44th meeting, on 7 November. An account of the Committee’s discussion is contained in the relevant summary records.¹
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Human Rights Council on its fortieth and forty-first sessions ([A/74/53](#)) and on its forty-second session ([A/74/53/Add.1](#)).
4. At the 42nd meeting, on 1 November, the President of the Human Rights Council made a statement and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of Spain, Morocco, Senegal, Italy, Chile, Japan, Maldives, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Switzerland, Angola, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Burundi, Ireland, Latvia, Botswana, the European Union, El Salvador, Germany, China and Argentina.
5. At the 44th meeting, on 7 November, the representative of the United States of America made a statement with regard to the draft resolutions before the Committee.²

¹ See [A/C.3/74/SR.42](#) and [A/C.3/74/SR.44](#).

² See [A/C.3/74/SR.44](#).



II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.3/74/L.56](#)

6. At its 44th meeting, on 7 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Report of the Human Rights Council” ([A/C.3/74/L.56](#)), submitted by Lesotho on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States.

7. At the same meeting, the representative of Tunisia, on behalf of the Group of African States, made a statement.

8. Subsequently, Ecuador, Lebanon, the Russian Federation and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

9. Also at its 44th meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.3/74/L.56](#) by a recorded vote of 115 to 4, with 60 abstentions (see para. 12). The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Belarus, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Israel, Myanmar.

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uzbekistan.

10. Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Eritrea and Burundi; statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Belarus, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and its member States), the Philippines, Israel, Liechtenstein (also on behalf of Australia, Canada, Iceland, New Zealand, Norway and Switzerland) and Myanmar.

11. After the vote, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United States of America and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

III. Recommendation of the Third Committee

12. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Report of the Human Rights Council

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions [60/251](#) of 15 March 2006, by which it established the Human Rights Council, and [65/281](#) of 17 June 2011 on the review of the Council,

Recalling also its resolutions [62/219](#) of 22 December 2007, [63/160](#) of 18 December 2008, [64/143](#) of 18 December 2009, [65/195](#) of 21 December 2010, [66/136](#) of 19 December 2011, [67/151](#) of 20 December 2012, [68/144](#) of 18 December 2013, [69/155](#) of 18 December 2014, [70/136](#) of 17 December 2015, [71/174](#) of 19 December 2016, [72/153](#) of 19 December 2017 and [73/152](#) of 17 December 2018,

Having considered the recommendations contained in the report of the Human Rights Council,^{1,2}

Takes note of the report of the Human Rights Council,¹ including the addendum thereto,² and its recommendations.

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-fourth Session, Supplement No. 53 (A/74/53).*

² *Ibid., Supplement No. 53A (A/74/53/Add.1).*