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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 17 September 2021, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-sixth 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 Committee considered a proposal and took action on the item at its 7th meeting, on 5 November. An account of the Committee’s discussion is contained in the relevant summary record.¹ Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 1st to 6th meetings, on 30 September and on 1, 4 and 7 October.²

3. The Committee, pursuant to the organization of work adopted at its 1st meeting, held on 30 September, and taking into account the prevailing conditions relating to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) on the working arrangements for its seventy-sixth session and the available technological and procedural solutions in the interim period, convened one virtual informal meeting to hear an introductory statement and hold an interactive dialogue on the item. The proceedings of the virtual informal meeting are reflected in the annex to the present document.

4. Also pursuant to the organization of work adopted at its 1st meeting, and in lieu of the holding of in-person general discussions of agenda items allocated to the Third Committee, official statements received by the Secretariat under the item can be accessed through the Third Committee Place of the e-deleGATE portal.

¹ [A/C.3/76/SR.7](#).

² See [A/C.3/76/SR.1](#), [A/C.3/76/SR.2](#), [A/C.3/76/SR.3](#), [A/C.3/76/SR.4](#), [A/C.3/76/SR.5](#) and [A/C.3/76/SR.6](#). Pursuant to the organization of work adopted at the 1st meeting, on 30 September, official statements received by the Secretariat for posting on eStatements can be accessed at the following link: journal.un.org.



5. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Human Rights Council on its twenty-ninth and thirtieth special sessions and its forty-sixth and forty-seventh sessions ([A/76/53](#)) and on its thirty-first special session and its forty-eighth session ([A/76/53/Add.1](#)).

II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.3/76/L.62](#)

6. At its 7th meeting, on 5 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Report of the Human Rights Council” ([A/C.3/76/L.62](#)), which was submitted by Ghana on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States. Subsequently, Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Ecuador, Lebanon and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

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

8. Also at its 7th meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.3/76/L.62](#) by a recorded vote of 107 to 2, with 59 abstentions (see para. 12). The voting was as follows:³

In favour:

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

Against:

Belarus, Israel.

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, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic,

³ The delegations of Angola and Tunisia subsequently indicated that, had they been present, they would have voted in favour. The delegation of San Marino subsequently indicated that, had it been present, it would have abstained.

Tajikistan, Tonga, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

9. Before the vote, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Israel and Slovenia (on behalf of the European Union and its member States, as well as Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine).

10. After the vote, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Sri Lanka, Liechtenstein (also on behalf of Australia, Canada, Iceland, New Zealand, Norway and Switzerland), the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States of America, Belarus and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

11. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Eritrea and Tunisia.

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, [73/152](#) of 17 December 2018, [74/132](#) of 18 December 2019 and [75/165](#) of 16 December 2020,

Having considered the recommendations contained in the report of the Human Rights Council,¹

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

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-sixth Session, Supplement No. 53 (A/76/53); and ibid., Supplement No. 53A (A/76/53/Add.1).*

Annex**Virtual informal meeting to hear an introductory statement and hold an interactive dialogue on agenda item 69**

At the twenty-ninth virtual informal meeting of the Committee held in the afternoon of 29 October 2021, the President of the Human Rights Council made an introductory statement and responded to the questions posed and the comments made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Greece, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Bulgaria, Finland (on behalf of the Nordic and Baltic countries), France, El Salvador, Australia (also on behalf of Canada, Iceland, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Norway and Switzerland), Cuba, Ethiopia, China, Mexico, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Egypt, Morocco, Portugal and Yemen, as well as the observer for the Sovereign Order of Malta.
