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#### 1. Organizational and procedural matters

##### *Date and venue of the session*

The Human Rights Council will hold its fifty-second session from 27 February to 31 March 2023 at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

##### *Composition of the Human Rights Council*

The composition of the Human Rights Council at its fifty-second session is as follows:<sup>1</sup> Algeria (2025); Argentina (2024); Bangladesh (2025); Belgium (2025); Benin (2024);

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<sup>1</sup> The term of membership of each State expires in the year indicated in parentheses.



Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (2023); Cameroon (2024); Chile (2025); China (2023); Costa Rica (2025); Côte d'Ivoire (2023); Cuba (2023); Czechia (2023); Eritrea (2024); Finland (2024); France (2023); Gabon (2023); Gambia (2024); Georgia (2025); Germany (2025); Honduras (2024); India (2024); Kazakhstan (2024); Kyrgyzstan (2025); Lithuania (2024); Luxembourg (2024); Malawi (2023); Malaysia (2024); Maldives (2025); Mexico (2023); Montenegro (2024); Morocco (2025); Nepal (2023); Pakistan (2023); Paraguay (2024); Qatar (2024); Romania (2025); Senegal (2023); Somalia (2024); South Africa (2025); Sudan (2025); Ukraine (2023); United Arab Emirates (2024); United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2023); United States of America (2024); Uzbekistan (2023); and Viet Nam (2025).

#### *Bureau of the Human Rights Council*

At the organizational session for the seventeenth cycle of the Human Rights Council, held on 9 December 2022, the Council elected the following members of the Bureau for its seventeenth cycle, which runs from 1 January to 31 December 2023:

<i>President</i>	Václav Bálek (Czechia)
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	Muhammadou M.O. Kah (Gambia) Asim Ahmed (Maldives) Marc Bichler (Luxembourg)
<i>Vice-President and Rapporteur</i>	Maira Mariela Macdonal Alvarez (Plurinational State of Bolivia)

#### *Review of the work and functioning of the Human Rights Council*

Pursuant to paragraph 42 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 16/21, the Council will hold a panel discussion to interact with heads of governing bodies and secretariats of United Nations agencies within their respective mandates on specific human rights themes with the objective of promoting the mainstreaming of human rights throughout the United Nations system.

At its organizational session, the Human Rights Council decided that the theme for 2023 of the annual panel discussion on human rights mainstreaming would be "A reflection on five years of the United Nations Youth Strategy (Youth 2030): mapping a blueprint for the next steps" (see annex).

#### *Selection and appointment of mandate holders*

In accordance with paragraph 47 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, paragraph 22 of the annex to Council resolution 16/21 and the requirements set out in Council decision 6/102 and President's statement OS/16/2, the Consultative Group, composed of Abdellah Boutadghart (Morocco), Juhara Al-Suwaidi (Qatar), Joaquín Alexander Maza Martelli (El Salvador) and Tom Neijens (Belgium), will propose to the President of the Council a list of candidates for the following vacancies: (a) four members of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development (one from African States, one from Asia-Pacific States, one from Eastern European States and one from Western European and other States); (b) two members of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (one from Asia and the other from the Arctic); (c) the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the right to development; (d) the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation; (e) one member of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, from Latin American and Caribbean States; and (f) one member of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, from Asia-Pacific States, an unforeseen vacancy that has arisen due to a resignation.

In accordance with the procedure stipulated in paragraphs 52 and 53 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, the appointment of special procedure and expert mechanism mandate holders will be completed upon the subsequent approval by the Council. The mandate holders in question will be appointed before the end of the fifty-second session.

*Report on the session*

At the end of its fifty-second session, the Human Rights Council will have before it for adoption a draft report containing a technical summary of the proceedings of the session.

**2. Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General**

All reports of the Secretary-General, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) are submitted under agenda item 2, which remains an open-ended item throughout the session. The Human Rights Council will consider the reports under the relevant agenda items, as appropriate. The specific timing of their introduction will be reflected in the programme of work.

*Situation of human rights in Eritrea*

In its resolution 50/2, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea, for a further period of one year, and to hold an enhanced interactive dialogue on the situation of human rights in Eritrea, at its fifty-second session, with the participation of, inter alia, the Special Rapporteur, OHCHR, civil society and other relevant stakeholders. The Council will hold the enhanced interactive dialogue.

*Situation of human rights in the Sudan*

In its resolution 50/1, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner, with the assistance of the designated Expert on human rights in the Sudan, to present an oral update on the situation of human rights in the Sudan, to be followed by an interactive dialogue with the participation of the High Commissioner and the designated Expert. The Council will hear the oral update of the High Commissioner during an interactive dialogue.

*Question of human rights in Cyprus*

Pursuant to Human Rights Council decision 2/102, the Council will consider the report of OHCHR on the question of human rights in Cyprus ([A/HRC/52/18](#)).

*Conclusions and recommendations of special procedures*

Pursuant to Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/76 and Human Rights Council decision 2/102, the Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the conclusions and recommendations of special procedures ([A/HRC/52/19](#)).

*Effective implementation of international human rights instruments*

Pursuant to its resolution 9/8, the Human Rights Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on measures taken to implement that resolution and on obstacles to its implementation, including recommendations for further improving the effectiveness of, harmonizing and reforming the treaty body system ([A/HRC/52/20](#)).

*Situation of human rights in Myanmar*

In its resolution 47/1, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to monitor and follow up on the implementation of the recommendations made by the independent international fact-finding mission, including those on accountability, and to continue to track progress in the situation of human rights in Myanmar, including of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities, with the support of specialist experts and in complementarity to the work of the Independent Mechanism for Myanmar and the reports of the Special Rapporteur, and to present a written report at its fifty-second session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/52/21](#)) during an interactive dialogue.

In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to submit to the Council, at its fifty-second session, a report on the panel discussion on the root

causes of human rights violations and abuses against Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar, held at its fiftieth session. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/52/22](#)).

*Activities of the offices in Colombia, Guatemala and Honduras*

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 48/141, the Human Rights Council will have before it the reports of the High Commissioner on the activities of the OHCHR offices in Colombia ([A/HRC/52/25](#)), Guatemala ([A/HRC/52/23](#)) and Honduras ([A/HRC/52/24](#)).

*Situation of human rights in South Sudan*

In its resolution 49/2, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan, for a further period of one year, and requested the Commission to present a comprehensive written report on the situation of human rights in South Sudan to the Council, at its fifty-second session, to be followed by an enhanced interactive dialogue, which includes the participation of the High Commissioner. The Council will consider the report of the Commission ([A/HRC/52/26](#)).

*Promotion and protection of human rights in Nicaragua*

In its resolution 49/3, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to present an oral update on the situation of human rights in Nicaragua to the Council, at its fifty-second session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will hear the oral update of the High Commissioner.

In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council requested the Group of Human Rights Experts on Nicaragua to submit a report to the Council, at its fifty-second session, during an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of the Group of Human Rights Experts ([A/HRC/52/63](#)).

*Strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights in Afghanistan*

In its resolution 51/20, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan, for a period of one year, to include in his mandate a child's rights perspective and the responsibility to document and preserve information relating to human rights violations and abuses, and requested the Special Rapporteur to present a report to the Council at its fifty-second session. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur ([A/HRC/52/85](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

*Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the obligation to ensure accountability and justice*

In its resolution 49/4, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to report on the implementation of the resolution to the Council, at its fifty-second session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/52/75](#)).

*Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 48/141 and the decision contained in President's statement OS/16/1, the Human Rights Council will hear an oral update by the High Commissioner.

### **3. Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development**

#### **Economic, social and cultural rights**

*Question of the death penalty*

In its resolution 26/2, the Human Rights Council decided to convene a biennial high-level panel discussion, in order to further exchange views on the question of the death penalty. In

its resolution 48/9, the Council decided that the high-level panel discussion to be held during the fifty-second session of the Council would address human rights violations relating to the use of the death penalty, in particular with respect to limiting the death penalty to the most serious crimes (see annex).

*Adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living*

In its resolution 43/14, the Human Rights Council decided to extend, for a period of three years, the mandate of 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, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit an annual report on the implementation of the mandate to the Council. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Balakrishnan Rajagopal ([A/HRC/52/28](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

*Effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights*

In its resolution 46/11, the Council requested 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, to conduct a new study, in connection with the previous relevant studies conducted by the mandate holder and the Advisory Committee, on a proposed non-binding set of practical guidelines for efficient asset recovery aiming at curbing the illicit transfer of funds and mitigating its negative effects on the enjoyment of human rights, with a view to help requesting and requested States to strengthen their cooperation in this regard, and to present the study to the Council at its fifty-second session. In its resolution 49/15, the Council requested the Independent Expert to continue to report regularly to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Attiya Waris ([A/HRC/52/34](#), [A/HRC/52/34/Add.1](#) and [A/HRC/52/45](#)).

*Cultural rights*

In its resolution 46/9, the Human Rights Council decided to renew, for a period of three years, the mandate of Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights. In its resolution 49/16, the Council requested the Special Rapporteur to report regularly to the Human Rights Council. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Alexandra Xanthaki ([A/HRC/52/35](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

*Right to food*

In its resolution 49/13, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the right to food, for a period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to report annually on the implementation of the mandate to the Council. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Michael Fakhri ([A/HRC/52/40](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

*Right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health*

In its resolution 49/25, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a report on the human rights implications of, and good practices and key challenges in, affordable, timely, equitable and universal access to, and distribution of, quality, safe, efficacious and affordable coronavirus disease (COVID-19) vaccines and the impact on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and to submit it to the Council, at its fifty-second session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/52/56](#)).

**Civil and political rights***Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment*

In its resolution 43/20, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, for a further period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to report on all of her activities, observations, conclusions and recommendations to the Council. The Council will consider the report of the new mandate holder, Alice Jill Edwards ([A/HRC/52/30](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 74/143, the Human Rights Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture ([A/HRC/52/57](#)).

Pursuant to the same resolution, the Human Rights Council will consider the 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/HRC/52/58](#)).

*Right to privacy*

In its resolution 46/16, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy, for a period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit an annual report to the Council. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Ana Brian Nougères ([A/HRC/52/37](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

*Freedom of religion or belief*

In its resolution 49/5, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, for a further period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to report annually to the Council. The Council will consider the report of the new mandate holder, Nazila Ghanea ([A/HRC/52/38](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

*Role of good governance*

In its resolution 45/9, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a summary of the panel discussion on good governance in the promotion and protection of human rights during and after the COVID-19 pandemic, held at its fiftieth session, and to present it to the Council at its fifty-second session. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/52/43](#)).

**Right to development**

Pursuant to its resolution 49/8, the Human Rights Council will convene, a 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 (see annex).

In its resolution 48/10, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to submit to the Council, at its fifty-second session, a report on the biennial panel discussion on the right to development held at its fifty-first session. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR ([A/HRC/52/51](#)).

**Rights of peoples and of specific groups and individuals***Human rights defenders*

In its resolution 43/16, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, for a period of three years, in the same terms as provided for in Council resolution 16/5. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Mary Lawlor ([A/HRC/52/29](#) and [A/HRC/52/29/Add.1](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

*Rights of the child*

Pursuant to its resolutions 7/29, 19/37 and 49/20, the Human Rights Council will convene the annual full-day meeting on the rights of the child on the theme, “Rights of the child and the digital environment” (see annex).

In its resolution 43/22, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material, for a further period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to continue to report annually on the implementation of the mandate to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Mama Fatima Singhateh ([A/HRC/52/31](#) and [A/HRC/52/31/Add.1](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

In its resolution 48/6, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to submit a report, in an accessible format, on the workshop on the adverse impact of forced marriage on the full and effective enjoyment of all human rights by all women and girls, to be held before its fifty-second session. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR ([A/HRC/52/50](#)).

In its resolution 76/147, the General Assembly requested the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict to continue to submit reports to the Human Rights Council on the activities undertaken in fulfilment of her mandate. The Council will consider the report of the Special Representative, Virginia Gamba ([A/HRC/52/60](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly requested the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children to continue to submit annual reports to the Human Rights Council on the activities undertaken in fulfilment of her mandate. The Council will consider the report of the Special Representative, Najat Maalla M’jid ([A/HRC/52/61](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

*Rights of persons with disabilities*

In its resolution 49/12, the Human Rights Council decided to hold its annual interactive debate on the rights of persons with disabilities in 2023 at its fifty-second session and that the debate would be focused on the support systems to ensure the community inclusion of persons with disabilities, including as a means of building forward better after the COVID-19 pandemic (see annex). The debate will be informed by the report of OHCHR on the good practices of such support systems ([A/HRC/52/52](#)).

In its resolution 44/10, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities for a further period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to continue to report annually to the Council, in accessible formats. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Gerard Quinn ([A/HRC/52/32](#), [A/HRC/52/32/Add.1](#) and [A/HRC/52/32/Add.2](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

*Minority issues*

In its resolution 43/8, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on minority issues, for a period of three years, under the same terms as provided for by the Council in its resolution 25/5. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Fernand de Varennes ([A/HRC/52/27](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

In its resolution 49/14, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to continue to present an annual report to it containing information on relevant developments of United Nations human rights bodies and mechanisms and on the activities undertaken by OHCHR at headquarters and in the field that contribute to the promotion of and respect for the provisions of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/52/53](#)).



*Rights of persons with albinism*

In its resolution 46/12, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism, for a period of three years, on the same terms as provided for in its resolution 28/6. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Muluka Miti-Drummond ([A/HRC/52/36](#) and [A/HRC/52/36/Add.1](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

*Human rights of older persons*

In its resolution 48/3, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to prepare a report containing a summary of the conclusions of the multi-stakeholder meeting to discuss the report of the High Commissioner on normative standards and obligations under international law in relation to the promotion and protection of the human rights of older persons, and recommendations on addressing possible gaps and the dispersiveness of international human rights law with regard to older persons. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR ([A/HRC/52/49](#); see also [A/HRC/51/16](#)).

*Missing persons*

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 75/184, the Human Rights Council will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution, including relevant practical recommendations ([A/77/245](#) and [A/HRC/52/59](#)).

**Interrelation of human rights and human rights thematic issues***Human rights and the environment*

In its resolution 46/7, the Human Rights Council decided to renew the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment, for a period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit to the Council an annual report and to submit to the Council a summary report on the expert seminar on the role of human rights and environmental conservation in the prevention of future pandemics, at its fifty-second session. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, David R. Boyd ([A/HRC/52/33](#), [A/HRC/52/33/Add.1](#), [A/HRC/52/33/Add.2](#) and [A/HRC/52/44](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

*Terrorism and human rights*

In its resolution 49/10, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, for a period of three years, with the same terms as provided for by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 40/16. In its resolution 51/24, the Council invited the Special Rapporteur to pay attention to the negative effect of terrorism on the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and to make recommendations in that regard. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Fionnuala Ní Aoláin ([A/HRC/52/39](#) and [A/HRC/52/39/Add.1](#)).

*Elaboration of an international legally binding instrument on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights*

Pursuant to its resolution 26/9, the Human Rights Council will consider the report of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights, on its eighth session, held from 24 to 28 October 2022 ([A/HRC/52/41](#)), and the text of the third revised draft legally binding instrument ([A/HRC/52/41/Add.1](#)).

*Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights*

In its resolution 43/17, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to present to it, at its fifty-second session, a report containing a summary of the discussions held at the workshop on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights,



held on 18 and 19 October 2022, and the progress made towards the implementation of the resolution. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/52/42](#)).

*Promoting mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of human rights*

In its resolution 46/13, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to submit to the Council, at its fifty-second session, a summary report on the meeting on the theme of enhancing technical cooperation and capacity-building in promoting and protecting the human rights of persons in vulnerable and marginalized situations in recovery efforts during and after the COVID-19 pandemic, held at its forty-ninth session. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/52/46](#)).

*Elimination of harmful practices related to accusations of witchcraft and ritual attacks*

In its resolution 47/8, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to submit to the Council, at its fifty-second session, a report on the situation of the violations and abuses of human rights rooted in harmful practices related to accusations of witchcraft and ritual attacks, as well as stigmatization. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR ([A/HRC/52/47](#)).

*Human rights and climate change*

In its resolution 47/24, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to submit to the Council, at its fifty-second session, a summary report on the panel discussion on the adverse impact of climate change on the full and effective enjoyment of human rights by people in vulnerable situations, held at its fiftieth session. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR ([A/HRC/52/48](#)).

*Promotion and protection of human rights and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*

In its resolution 43/19, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to organize intersessional meetings for dialogue and cooperation on human rights and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adding that the chairs of the meetings and OHCHR should be responsible for the preparation of summary reports on the meetings and for their presentation to the Council. The fifth intersessional meeting on the aforementioned theme will be held in advance of the 2023 high-level political forum for sustainable development. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR thereon ([A/HRC/52/54](#)).

*Negative impact of disinformation on the enjoyment and realization of human rights*

In its resolution 49/21, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to present to the Council, at its fifty-second session, a summary report on the high-level panel discussion on countering the negative impact of disinformation on the enjoyment and realization of human rights, and ensuring a human rights-based response thereto, held at its fiftieth session. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR ([A/HRC/52/55](#)).

#### **4. Human rights situations that require the Council's attention**

*Situation of human rights in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela*

In its resolution 51/29, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to continue to monitor, report on and provide technical cooperation with a view to improving the situation of human rights in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, including through the presentation of an oral update to the Council, at its fifty-second session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will hear the oral update of the High Commissioner.

In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council decided to extend, for a period of two years, the mandate of the independent international fact-finding mission on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, with a view to combating impunity and ensuring the full accountability of perpetrators and justice for victims, and requested the mission to present an oral update on its work to the Council, during an interactive dialogue, at its fifty-second session. The Council will hear the oral update of the fact-finding mission.

*Situation of human rights in Ethiopia*

In its resolution 51/27, the Human Rights Council requested the International Commission of Human Rights Experts on Ethiopia to present an oral briefing to the Human Rights Council, at its fifty-second session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will hear the oral briefing of the Commission.

*Situation of human rights in Ukraine stemming from the Russian aggression*

In its resolution 49/1, the Human Rights Council requested the independent international commission of inquiry on Ukraine to provide the Council with a comprehensive written report at its fifty-second session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. In its resolution S-34/1, the Council requested the commission of inquiry to conduct an inquiry to address the events in the areas of the Kyiv, Chernihiv, Kharkiv and Sumy regions of late February and in March 2022, including their gender dimension, with a view to holding those responsible to account, and also requested the commission of inquiry to include its findings after the completion of the inquiry in its report to the Council at its fifty-second session. The Council will consider the report of the commission of inquiry ([A/HRC/52/62](#)) during an interactive dialogue.

*Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea*

In its resolution 49/22, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to submit to the Council a full report on the implementation of the recommendations made by the group of independent experts on accountability, aimed at strengthening current monitoring and documentation efforts, establishing a central information and evidence repository and having experts in legal accountability assess all information and testimonies, with a view to developing possible strategies to be used in any future accountability process. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/52/64](#)).

In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, for a period of one year, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit regular reports to the Council on the implementation of the mandate, including on the follow-up efforts made in the implementation of the recommendations of the commission of inquiry on human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The Council will consider the report of the new mandate holder, Elizabeth Salmon ([A/HRC/52/65](#)).

*Situation of human rights in Myanmar*

In its resolution 49/23, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, for a further period of one year, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit a written report to the Council at its fifty-second session. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Thomas Andrews ([A/HRC/52/66](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

*Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran*

In its resolution 49/24, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, for a further period of one year, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit a report on the implementation of the mandate to the Council at its fifty-second session. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Javaid Rehman ([A/HRC/52/67](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

*Situation of human rights in Belarus in the run-up to the 2020 presidential election and in its aftermath*

In its resolution 49/26, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to present to the Council, at its fifty-second session, a comprehensive written report on the situation of human rights in Belarus in the run-up to the 2020 presidential election and in its aftermath, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/52/68](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

*Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic*

In its resolution 49/27, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic, for a period of one year, and requested the Commission of Inquiry to present to the Council an updated written report during an interactive dialogue at the fifty-second session of the Council. In its resolution 50/19, the Council requested the Commission to consider updating its report on sexual and gender-based violence, taking a victim- and survivor-centred approach, and in particular to look to make recommendations, including on broader efforts to bolster women's full, equal and meaningful participation in political and public life. The Council will consider the report of the Commission of Inquiry ([A/HRC/52/69](#)).

**5. Human rights bodies and mechanisms***Special procedures*

Pursuant to its decision 2/102, the Human Rights Council will have before it the report on the twenty-eighth annual meeting of special rapporteurs, independent experts and chairs of working groups of the special procedures of the Council, held from 6 to 10 June 2022 ([A/HRC/52/70](#) and [A/HRC/52/70/Add.1](#)).

The Human Rights Council will also consider the communications report of the special procedures ([A/HRC/52/3](#)).

*Forum on Minority Issues*

In its resolution 19/23, the Human Rights Council decided that the Forum on Minority Issues should continue to meet annually. The Forum held its fifteenth session on 1 and 2 December 2022, on the theme "Review, rethink, reform: thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities". The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur on minority issues containing the recommendations made by the Forum at its fifteenth session ([A/HRC/52/71](#)).

*Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law*

In its resolution 46/4, the Human Rights Council decided that the theme of the fourth session of the Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law, to be held in 2022, would be "Strengthening democracies to build back better: challenges and opportunities". The Council will consider the report of the Chair on the fourth session of the Forum, which was held on 24 and 25 November 2022 ([A/HRC/52/72](#)).

*Social Forum*

In its resolution 47/20, the Human Rights Council decided that the Social Forum would meet for two working days in 2022 and that the meeting should be focused on good practices, success stories, lessons learned and challenges in the implementation of the International Decade for Action, "Water for Sustainable Development", 2018–2028, with a view to making a human rights contribution to the conference on the midterm review of the Decade, to be held in 2023, and invited the 2022 Social Forum to submit a report containing its conclusions and recommendations to the Council at its fifty-second session. The Council will consider the report of the 2022 Social Forum, which was held on 3 and 4 November 2022 ([A/HRC/52/73](#)).

**6. Universal periodic review***Strengthening the voluntary funds for the universal periodic review mechanism of the Human Rights Council*

Pursuant to its resolution 51/30, the Human Rights Council will convene a high-level panel discussion, fully accessible to persons with disabilities, focusing on the achievements, good practices and lessons learned by the two voluntary funds during the implementation of their mandates over the past 15 years, and to reflect on further optimization of the use of those

funds to facilitate the participation of developing States, particularly least developed countries and small island developing States, in the fourth cycle of the universal periodic review (see annex).

The Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review held its forty-first session from 7 to 18 November 2022. At its fifty-second session, the Human Rights Council will have before it for adoption the final outcomes of the reviews of Bahrain ([A/HRC/52/4](#)), Ecuador ([A/HRC/52/5](#)), Tunisia ([A/HRC/52/6](#)), Morocco ([A/HRC/52/7](#)), Indonesia ([A/HRC/52/8](#)), Finland ([A/HRC/52/9](#)), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ([A/HRC/52/10](#)), India ([A/HRC/52/11](#)), Algeria ([A/HRC/52/12](#)), the Philippines ([A/HRC/52/13](#)), Brazil ([A/HRC/52/14](#)), Poland ([A/HRC/52/15](#)), the Netherlands ([A/HRC/52/16](#)) and South Africa ([A/HRC/52/17](#)).

Pursuant to President's statement 9/2 on modalities and practices for the universal periodic review process, the outcomes of the review are adopted by the Council at its plenary session by a standardized decision. The outcomes comprise the reports of the Working Group, the views of the State under review concerning the recommendations and/or conclusions, and the voluntary commitments made and replies presented by the State under review, before the adoption of the outcome by the Council in plenary, to questions or issues that were not sufficiently addressed during the interactive dialogue with the Working Group.

## **7. Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories**

*Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan*

In its resolution 49/29, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to report on the implementation of the provisions of that resolution to the Council at its fifty-second session. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/52/76](#)).

*Human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan*

In its resolution 49/30, the Human Rights Council requested the Secretary-General to report on the matter of human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan to the Council at its fifty-second session. The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General ([A/HRC/52/77](#)).

## **8. Follow-up to and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action**

No reports have been submitted under agenda item 8.

## **9. Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance: follow-up to and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action**

*Global call for concrete action for the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action*

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 77/205, the Human Rights Council will hold a debate in commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (see annex).

*Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action*

In its resolution 43/35, the Human Rights Council decided to renew the mandate of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, for a further period of three years, and requested the Chair of the Working Group to submit an annual report on its sessions to the Council. The Council will consider the report of the Working Group on its twentieth session, held from 10 to 21 October 2022 ([A/HRC/52/78](#)).

*Combating intolerance, negative stereotyping and stigmatization of, and discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against, persons based on religion or belief*

In its resolution 49/31, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare and submit to the Council, at its fifty-second session, a comprehensive follow-up report, with elaborated conclusions based upon information provided by States, on the efforts and measures taken for the implementation of the action plan outlined in paragraphs 7 and 8 of the resolution, and views on potential follow-up measures for further improvement of the implementation of that plan. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/52/79](#)).

## **10. Technical assistance and capacity-building**

*Cooperation with and assistance to Ukraine in the field of human rights*

Pursuant to its resolution 47/22, the Human Rights Council will hold an interactive dialogue at which the High Commissioner will present orally to the States members of the Council and observers the findings of the report of OHCHR on the situation of human rights in Ukraine.

*Technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights in the Central African Republic*

In its resolution 51/37, the Human Rights Council decided to renew, for one year, the mandate of Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic. Pursuant to the same resolution, the Council will convene a high-level dialogue to enable it to assess human rights developments on the ground, placing special emphasis on the situation of children.

*Technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo*

In its resolution 51/36, the Human Rights Council decided to renew the mandate of the team of international experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and requested the team of international experts to present an oral update to the Council at its fifty-second session. In the same resolution, the Council requested the High Commissioner to present an oral update to the Council on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in the framework of an enhanced interactive dialogue, at the same session. The Council will hold an enhanced interactive dialogue during which it will consider the oral updates of the High Commissioner and of the team of international experts.

*Enhancement of technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights*

In its resolution 36/28, the Human Rights Council invited the High Commissioner to make an oral presentation on an annual basis providing an overview of, and information on successes, best practices and challenges in, technical assistance and capacity-building efforts, in particular those provided by OHCHR and relevant United Nations agencies. The Council will hear the oral presentation of the High Commissioner.

In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council invited the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights to present to the Council, on an annual basis, a comprehensive report on the Board's work. The Council will consider the report of the Chair ([A/HRC/52/80](#)).

*Technical assistance and capacity-building for Mali in the field of human rights*

In its resolution 49/34, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali, for a period of one year, and requested the Independent Expert to submit a report to the Council at its fifty-second session. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Alioune Tine ([A/HRC/52/81](#)).

Pursuant to resolution 49/34, the Council will hold a dialogue, in the presence of the Independent Expert and representatives of the Transitional Government of Mali, to assess the

changes in the situation of human rights in the country, with a particular focus on the issues of the protection of civic space and respect for the rule of law.

*Technical assistance and capacity-building for South Sudan*

In its resolution 49/35, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to present a comprehensive report on technical assistance and capacity-building for South Sudan to the Council, at its fifty-second session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR ([A/HRC/52/82](#)).

*Technical assistance and capacity-building to improve human rights in Libya*

In its resolution 50/23, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the fact-finding mission on Libya, for a final, non-extendable period of nine months, to present its concluding recommendations, and requested the fact-finding mission to present to the Council, at its fifty-second session, its final report on the situation of human rights in Libya, during an interactive dialogue, with a particular focus on its concrete and concluding recommendations for the Libyan authorities. The Council will consider the report of the fact-finding mission ([A/HRC/52/83](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

## Annex

### Panel and other discussions to be held during the fifty-second session of the Human Rights Council

<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Panel/discussion</i>
Human Rights Council resolution 16/21	Annual high-level panel discussion on human rights mainstreaming on the theme “A reflection on five years of the United Nations Youth Strategy (Youth 2030): mapping a blueprint for the next steps” (accessible to persons with disabilities)
Human Rights Council resolutions 26/2 and 48/9	Biennial high-level panel discussion on the question of the death penalty on the theme, “Human rights violations relating to the use of the death penalty, in particular with respect to limiting the death penalty to the most serious crimes” (accessible to persons with disabilities)
Human Rights Council resolution 51/30	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 (accessible to persons with disabilities)
Human Rights Council resolution 49/8	Full-day high-level meeting commemorating the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Declaration on the Right to Development (accessible to persons with disabilities)
Human Rights Council resolutions 7/29, 19/37 and 49/20	Annual full-day meeting on the rights of the child, on the theme “Rights of the child and the digital environment” (accessible to persons with disabilities)
Human Rights Council resolutions 7/9 and 49/12	Annual interactive debate on the rights of persons with disabilities, on the theme “Support systems to ensure the community inclusion of persons with disabilities, including as a means of building forward better after the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic” (accessible to persons with disabilities)
General Assembly resolution 77/205	Debate in commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination