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Conclusions and recommendations of special procedures

Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report provides a comprehensive overview of the reports presented by special procedure mandate holders in 2023. It includes the list of mandate holders reporting at each of the three annual sessions of the Human Rights Council and at the General Assembly, the number of reports on country visits and any other reports submitted by the special procedures. It also contains information about the main themes addressed by mandate holders in their thematic reports, focusing on cross-cutting issues, such as the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, climate change, migration and displacement, women's human rights and gender, new technologies, the prevention of human rights violations, security, conflict and peacebuilding, finance, the economy and human rights. The report also reflects on the link between the work carried out by the special procedures and the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Our Common Agenda" and his call to action for human rights.



I. Introduction

1. The Human Rights Council, in its decision 2/102, requested the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to continue their activities in accordance with all previous decisions adopted by the Commission on Human Rights and to update the relevant reports and studies.
2. The Commission on Human Rights, in its resolution 2004/76, requested the Secretary-General to issue annual conclusions and recommendations of the special procedures so as to enable further discussion of their implementation. The Commission also requested the High Commissioner to continue to prepare a comprehensive and regularly updated electronic compilation of recommendations made by the special procedures by country, where such did not yet exist. In paragraph 29 of the annex to its resolution 65/281, the General Assembly provided that the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) would continue to maintain information on special procedures in a comprehensive and easily accessible manner.
3. The Secretary-General draws the attention of the Human Rights Council to the conclusions and recommendations included in annual reports and the relevant addenda thereto, submitted by the special procedures to the Council in 2023 at its fifty-second, fifty-third and fifty-fourth sessions and to the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session.¹

II. Conclusions and recommendations

4. In 2023, special procedure mandate holders presented 126 reports to the Human Rights Council and 48 reports to the General Assembly. Recommendations of special procedures issued after their country visits are available in the Universal Human Rights Index,² where they can be searched by country, theme and Sustainable Development Goal.

A. Thematic reports

5. As illustrated by the themes of the reports submitted by special procedure mandate holders in 2023 (see annex), a variety of issues were examined and States and other stakeholders were provided with advice on promoting and protecting human rights at the national, regional and international levels. In producing their reports, mandate holders addressed specific recommendations not only to States and other actors but also to the United Nations.
6. As reflected in “Our Common Agenda”, the United Nations should make fuller use of the work of the special procedures to solve pressing social, economic and political challenges. Efforts should also be made to link them better to other United Nations processes to maximize their impact and assist States parties with compliance.³ The present conclusions and recommendations contribute to and are an integral part of the efforts to ensure that human rights are transformative and provide solutions, as stressed in the Secretary-General’s call to action for human rights, aimed at making the human rights system responsive and innovative in confronting human rights challenges and enhancing synergies between human rights and all pillars of the work of the United Nations.⁴
7. In 2023, seven major themes, outlined in more detail below, recurred in the reports presented. Moreover, some mandate holders used the opportunity provided by anniversaries or the beginning of their tenure either to make assessments of or to illustrate their vision for their mandates.

¹ Available at www.ohchr.org.

² See <https://uhri.ohchr.org>.

³ A/75/982, para. 129.

⁴ See “The highest aspiration: a call to action for human rights” (2020).

1. Sustainable Development Goals

8. The Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights delved into the contribution of culture to sustainable development, in particular by examining cultures of development and assessing the integration of cultural diversity and rights within the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.⁵

9. The Special Rapporteur on the right to development drew on the 2030 Agenda in detailing his perspective on reinvigorating the right to development⁶ and examining the role of businesses in realizing that right.⁷

10. The Special Rapporteur on the right to education discussed the importance of Sustainable Development Goal 4 in the context of a comprehensive assessment of the right to education, covering accomplishments in the field, the comprehension and responsibilities associated with the right and contemporary as well as emerging issues that must be taken into account in order to guarantee universal access to education.⁸

11. The Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression examined the linkages between the right to freedom of expression, including the right to information, and sustainable development, using the 2030 Agenda as a reference.⁹

2. Women's human rights and gender

12. The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan and the Working Group on discrimination against women and girls detailed the extensive and systematic discrimination faced by women and girls in Afghanistan, especially following the Taliban takeover on 15 August 2021.¹⁰

13. The Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment described State obligations, business responsibilities and the potential benefits of achieving gender equality and ecological sustainability.¹¹

14. The Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions focused his report on an investigation of femicide as a means of identifying, seeking accountability for and helping to prevent that global scourge.¹²

15. The Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression explored the negative impact of gendered disinformation, especially on women and gender nonconforming persons, and its implications for the right to freedom of expression.¹³

16. The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders analysed the situation of women human rights defenders working in conflict, post-conflict and crisis-affected settings and highlighted their contributions to peace and security.¹⁴

17. The Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity investigated the intersection of freedom of thought, conscience and religion or belief with protection from violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.¹⁵ In addition, he investigated the impact of colonialism and decolonization on the continued formation and perpetuation of harmful social mores

⁵ [A/77/290](#).

⁶ [A/HRC/54/27](#), see also para. 48 below.

⁷ [A/78/160](#), see also para. 44 below.

⁸ [A/HRC/53/27](#), see also para. 49 below.

⁹ [A/HRC/53/25](#).

¹⁰ [A/HRC/53/21](#).

¹¹ [A/HRC/52/33](#).

¹² [A/78/254](#).

¹³ [A/78/288](#).

¹⁴ [A/78/131](#), see also para. 23 below.

¹⁵ [A/HRC/53/37](#).

associated with sexual orientation and gender identity and how they relate to the enjoyment of human rights.¹⁶

18. The Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences explored the connection between custody cases, violence against women and violence against children, with a focus on the abuse of the term “parental alienation” and similar pseudo-concepts.¹⁷ She also delved into the intersection of violence against women and girls, nationality laws and statelessness, aiming to evaluate how gender-discriminatory nationality laws and practices, along with statelessness, operate as a form of violence against women and girls.¹⁸

19. The Working Group on discrimination against women and girls directed its attention to the gendered inequalities of poverty and socioeconomic inequality, considering them as consequences of systemic shortcomings that infringe upon various human rights of women and girls.¹⁹

3. Prevention of human rights violations and abuses, security, conflict and peacebuilding

20. The Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities highlighted the moral agency of persons with disabilities in rebuilding broken societies in the post-conflict context.²⁰

21. The Special Rapporteur on the right to food delved into the intersection between conflict and the right to food.²¹

22. The Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association highlighted the importance of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association in advancing sustainable peace and democratic transitions.²²

23. The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders analysed the situation of women human rights defenders working in conflict, post-conflict and crisis-affected settings and highlighted their contributions to peace and security.²³

24. The Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, recognized and examined the obstacles contributing to accountability gaps in cases of trafficking in conflict situations.²⁴

25. The Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence provided an analysis of the international legal standards underpinning the five pillars of transitional justice: truth, justice, reparation, memorialization and guarantees of non-recurrence.²⁵

26. The Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation, presented a report on water as an argument for peace, twinning and cooperation.²⁶

4. Migration and displacement

27. The Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights reported on cultural rights and migration, stressing the rights of migrants to have access to and effectively participate in all aspects of cultural lives, both of the host State and their own cultures.²⁷

¹⁶ [A/78/227](#).

¹⁷ [A/HRC/53/36](#).

¹⁸ [A/78/256](#).

¹⁹ [A/HRC/53/39](#).

²⁰ [A/78/174](#).

²¹ [A/HRC/52/40](#).

²² [A/78/246](#).

²³ [A/78/131](#), see also para. 16 above.

²⁴ [A/78/172](#).

²⁵ [A/HRC/54/24](#).

²⁶ [A/78/253](#).

²⁷ [A/HRC/52/35](#).

28. The Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change considered various international, regional and national legal and policy approaches to address people displaced across international borders resulting from the impacts of climate change.²⁸

29. The Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association concentrated, *inter alia*, on the rights of migrant workers in relation to freedom of peaceful assembly and association.²⁹

30. The Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants underscored the human rights challenges faced by migrants in irregular situations and provided an analysis of how irregular status amplified vulnerability to violations of human rights.³⁰ In addition, he provided an analysis of how labour migration could place migrants in increased positions of precarity and vulnerability to human rights violations.³¹

31. The Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, highlighted States' obligations to prevent trafficking in internal displacement and refugee settings, to ensure effective access to asylum and to comply with the principle of non-refoulement.³²

5. Climate change

32. The Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism focused her report on the impact of climate change on persons with albinism.³³

33. The Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change explored diverse international, regional and national legal and policy strategies to address the situation of individuals displaced across borders because of climate change.³⁴ He also explored the application of human rights obligations in climate change legislation, the critical role of litigation in supporting climate change and the principle of intergenerational equity and its evolution into intergenerational justice.³⁵

34. The Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes examined the toxic impacts of some proposed climate change solutions.³⁶

35. 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 argued that the climate crisis was posing a significant threat to the enjoyment of the right to adequate housing around the world.³⁷

36. The Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons examined the rights of older persons in the context of climate change-induced disasters, focusing on ways to build forward more equally.³⁸

6. New technologies

37. The Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances investigated the use of new technologies against the families of disappeared individuals, their advocates and human rights defenders and explored how those technologies can be applied to facilitate the

²⁸ [A/HRC/53/34](#), see also para. 33 below.

²⁹ [A/HRC/53/38/Add.3](#).

³⁰ [A/HRC/53/26](#).

³¹ [A/78/180](#).

³² [A/HRC/53/28](#).

³³ [A/78/167](#).

³⁴ [A/HRC/53/34](#), see also para. 28 above.

³⁵ [A/78/255](#).

³⁶ [A/HRC/54/25](#).

³⁷ [A/HRC/52/28](#).

³⁸ [A/78/226](#).

search for disappeared persons and to obtain and secure evidence of the commission of enforced disappearance.³⁹

38. The Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health analysed the impact of digital innovation and technologies on the right to health.⁴⁰

39. The Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences focused on the use of technology in facilitating and preventing contemporary forms of slavery.⁴¹

40. The Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism addressed the human rights challenges and consequences of the development, use and transfer of new technologies in the context of counter-terrorism and countering and preventing violent extremism.⁴²

7. Finance, economy and human rights

41. The Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent focused on its deliberations at its thirty-second session, which centred on discussing ways to economically empower people of African descent.⁴³

42. The Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises outlined how the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: Implementing the United Nations “Protect, Respect and Remedy” Framework apply to development finance institutions.⁴⁴

43. The Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights discussed the incorporation of cultural rights into development frameworks, highlighting that international development and trade organizations were not adequately honouring those rights.⁴⁵

44. The Special Rapporteur on the right to development examined the role of business in realizing the right to development.⁴⁶

45. 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 focused on the implications of the digital economy on the enjoyment of human rights.⁴⁷ She also presented a set of 13 draft non-binding and practical guidelines on human rights and the repatriation of State assets.⁴⁸

46. The Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association concentrated on ways to promote the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association of workers operating in the informal economy.⁴⁹

47. The Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples focused on the impact of green financing on Indigenous Peoples.⁵⁰

8. Legacy and vision reports

48. The Special Rapporteur on the right to development devoted a report to outlining his vision for reinvigorating the right to development.⁵¹

³⁹ [A/HRC/54/22/Add.5](#).

⁴⁰ [A/HRC/53/65](#).

⁴¹ [A/78/161](#).

⁴² [A/HRC/52/39](#).

⁴³ [A/HRC/54/67](#) and [A/HRC/52/67/Corr.1](#).

⁴⁴ [A/HRC/53/24/Add.4](#).

⁴⁵ [A/78/213](#).

⁴⁶ [A/78/160](#), see also para. 9 above.

⁴⁷ [A/HRC/52/34](#).

⁴⁸ [A/HRC/52/45](#).

⁴⁹ [A/HRC/53/38/Add.3](#).

⁵⁰ [A/HRC/54/31](#).

⁵¹ [A/HRC/54/27](#), see also para. 9 above.

49. The Special Rapporteur on the right to education marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the mandate by delivering a review of achievements in the field, exploring the understanding and responsibilities associated with the right to education and examining emerging challenges that needed to be considered to ensure access to education for all.⁵²

50. The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders took stock of the 25 years that had passed since the adoption of the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and highlighted examples of achievements and success stories that human rights defenders had shared with her.⁵³

51. The Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers presented her vision for the mandate in the coming years.⁵⁴

52. The Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons provided an outline of the direction that she intended to take during her tenure, including her methods of work and her strategic and thematic priorities.⁵⁵

53. The Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance outlined her strategic vision and initial priorities.⁵⁶

54. The Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief set out her vision of how she intended to carry out the mandate.⁵⁷

B. Country reports

55. During the three sessions of the Human Rights Council, 56 country reports were presented by thematic mandate holders (see annex).

56. Eleven reports concerned States in Africa:⁵⁸ Angola (Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy (Hansen's disease) and their family members); Botswana (Working Group on Arbitrary Detention); Ghana (Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes); Liberia (Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises); Libya (Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences); Madagascar (Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism); Mauritania (Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences); Mauritius (Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children); Nigeria (Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons); South Sudan (Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children); and Tunisia (Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation).

57. Sixteen reports concerned States in the Asia-Pacific region: Australia (Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent); Bangladesh (Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change, Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy (Hansen's disease) and their family members, Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons and Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children); Japan (Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons); Jordan (Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities); Kyrgyzstan (Special Rapporteur on extreme

⁵² [A/HRC/53/27](#), see also para. 10 above.

⁵³ [A/HRC/52/29](#).

⁵⁴ [A/HRC/53/31](#).

⁵⁵ [A/HRC/53/35](#) and [A/78/245](#).

⁵⁶ [A/HRC/53/60](#).

⁵⁷ [A/HRC/52/38](#).

⁵⁸ Details of the five United Nations regional groups of Member States are available here: www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/regional-groups.

poverty and human rights and Working Group on discrimination against women and girls); Maldives (Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism and Working Group on discrimination against women and girls); Mongolia (Working Group on Arbitrary Detention); Republic of Korea (Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence); the Syrian Arab Republic (Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights); and Türkiye (Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences).

58. Seven reports concerned States in Eastern Europe: Albania (Special Rapporteur on the right to development); Armenia (Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination); Belarus (Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants); Georgia (Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order); Poland (Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants); Serbia and Kosovo⁵⁹ (Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence); and Slovenia (Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment).

59. Twelve reports concerned States in Latin America and the Caribbean: Argentina (Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, and Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity); Brazil (Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association); Costa Rica (Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity and Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences); Dominican Republic (Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons); Honduras (Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances); Mexico (Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons); Paraguay (Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes); Peru (Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation); and Uruguay (Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances).

60. Seven reports concerned Western European and other States: Canada (Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples); Denmark and Greenland (Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples); Greece (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders and Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination); Luxembourg (Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises); Portugal (Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment); and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent).

61. Three reports concerned international organizations: the European Union (Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities), the International Maritime Organization (Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (Special Rapporteur on the right to education).

62. In addition, the following country-specific mandate holders submitted reports: the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan; the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus; the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi; the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia; the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic; the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of

⁵⁹ All references to Kosovo shall be understood to be in full compliance with Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).

Korea; the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea; the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran; the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali; the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar; the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967; the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation; and the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia.

C. Communications reports

63. The special procedure mandate holders presented three communications reports, one at each session of the Human Rights Council covered in the present report. The report submitted for the fifty-second session contained communications sent by all mandate holders between 1 June and 30 November 2022;⁶⁰ the report for the fifty-third session contained the communications sent by all mandate holders between 1 December 2022 and 28 February 2023;⁶¹ and the report for the fifty-fourth session contained the communications sent by all mandate holders between 1 March and 31 May 2023.⁶² The reports included communications sent to transnational corporations and other businesses and international and other organizations, offering enhanced statistical information. All communications and their replies are available on the special procedures' communications website.⁶³

D. Other reports

64. A member of the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures, the Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, presented a report of the Secretariat on the activities of special rapporteurs, independent experts and working groups of the special procedures of the Human Rights Council, including updated information on the special procedures,⁶⁴ and information on achievements by mandate holders individually and as a system in 2022.⁶⁵ The report presented information on the work of the Coordination Committee and elaborated on the conclusions reached during the twenty-eighth annual meeting of the special procedures.

65. The Special Rapporteur on minority issues submitted a report containing the recommendations made at the fifteenth session of the Forum on Minority Issues, held on 1 and 2 December 2022, centring 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".⁶⁶

66. The Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises submitted a report summarizing key observations and messages emerging from the eleventh Forum on Business and Human Rights, which focused on the theme "Rights holders at the centre: strengthening accountability to advance business respect for people and planet in the next decade," held from 28 to 30 November 2022.⁶⁷ The Working Group also submitted a report on the seventh Regional Forum for Latin America and the Caribbean on Business and Human Rights, held in Bogota from 13 to 15 July 2022;⁶⁸ and a report focusing on development finance institutions and human rights.⁶⁹

⁶⁰ A/HRC/52/3.

⁶¹ A/HRC/53/3.

⁶² A/HRC/54/3.

⁶³ See <https://spcommreports.ohchr.org>.

⁶⁴ A/HRC/52/70.

⁶⁵ A/HRC/52/70/Add.1.

⁶⁶ A/HRC/52/71.

⁶⁷ A/HRC/53/55.

⁶⁸ A/HRC/53/24/Add.5 [Spanish only].

⁶⁹ A/HRC/53/24/Add.4.

III. Overview of Human Rights Council sessions

A. Fifty-second session

67. At the fifty-second session of the Human Rights Council, the following 19 special procedure mandate holders, 14 holders of thematic mandates and 5 holders of country-specific mandates, presented their annual reports:

- Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism
- Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights
- Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities
- Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment
- 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
- Special Rapporteur on the right to food
- 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
- Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders
- Special Rapporteur on minority issues
- Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy
- Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief
- Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material
- Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism
- Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
- Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan
- Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran
- Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali
- Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar

68. The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea participated in the enhanced interactive dialogue on the situation of human rights in Eritrea.

69. Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic participated in the high-level interactive dialogue on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic.

B. Fifty-third session

70. At the fifty-third session of the Human Rights Council, the following 21 special procedure mandate holders, 18 holders of thematic mandates and 3 holders of country-specific mandates, presented their annual reports:

- Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises

- Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change
- Special Rapporteur on the right to education
- Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression
- Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association
- Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health
- Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers
- Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons
- Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity
- Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members
- Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants
- Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights
- Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
- Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity
- Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions
- Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children
- Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences
- Working Group on discrimination against women and girls
- Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus
- Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea
- Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967

71. The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan and the Working Group on discrimination against women and girls participated in the enhanced interactive dialogue on Afghanistan.

72. The Human Rights Council heard oral updates by the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi, the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic and the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar.

C. Fifty-fourth session

73. At the fifty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council, the following 18 special procedure mandate holders, 13 holders of thematic mandates and 5 holders of country-specific mandates, presented their annual reports:

- Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent
- Working Group on Arbitrary Detention
- Special Rapporteur on the right to development
- Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances
- Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples

- Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order
- Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination
- Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons
- Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences
- Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes
- Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence
- Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights
- Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation
- Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi
- Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia
- Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic
- Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation
- Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia

74. The Human Rights Council heard an oral update by the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan.

IV. Conclusions

75. **Mandate holders played a crucial role by offering essential solutions, working towards rendering the human rights system more responsive and innovative in addressing challenges throughout 2023. The mandate holders worked to strengthen synergies between human rights and all pillars of the United Nations system, fostering a unified approach to tackling issues and advocating for enduring human rights principles in a variety of global contexts.**

76. **Mandate holders remained steadfast in their commitment to preventing human rights violations and abuses, concentrating on the critical issue of upholding human rights in both conflict and post-conflict settings. They maintained a sustained focus on fostering respect for human rights amidst challenging circumstances. Mandate holders examined the complexities of the situations where human rights are threatened, emphasizing the imperative of proactive measures to safeguard human rights, underscoring ongoing efforts to navigate and mitigate challenges and reinforcing the importance of vigilance in promoting and protecting human rights within the complex dynamics of conflict and post-conflict environments.**

77. **Delving into the intricate nexus between finance, economy and human rights, mandate holders extended their focus beyond conventional realms. Acknowledging the interconnectedness of those domains, they dedicated their attention to unravelling the complex dynamics that shape the impact of financial and economic policies on human rights. They underscored the imperative of striking a balance that fosters economic development without compromising fundamental human rights, contributing valuable insights and recommendations to navigate the challenges inherent in aligning financial and economic practices with the principles of human rights in a rapidly evolving global landscape.**

78. The information presented in the present report underscores the pivotal role of the special procedures within the human rights ecosystem and the broader United Nations system. They wield a positive influence across the three pillars of the United Nations, using their independent voices to spotlight crucial human rights concerns and priorities on the global stage. Positioned at the forefront of responses to emerging issues, they leverage human rights as a tangible response and a preventive tool in addressing evolving situations. Aligned with “Our Common Agenda”, and in anticipation of the Summit of the Future in 2024, it is important for States, United Nations agencies and entities and other stakeholders to actively endorse, engage and collaborate with the special procedures to amplify the impact of their work and to implement their recommendations. Mandate holders exhibit dedication in implementing their mandates, often navigating challenging circumstances, and, as such, they should be accorded commensurate recognition and respect from all concerned when fulfilling the responsibilities entrusted to them by the United Nations.

Annex

Overview of reports submitted by special procedure mandate holders in 2023, by title and/or theme

Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/54/67](#) and [A/HRC/54/67/Corr.1](#)): Economic empowerment of people of African descent

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/54/67/Add.1](#)): Visit to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/54/67/Add.2](#)): Visit to Australia

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/54/71](#)): Facilitating the journey from rhetoric to reality

General Assembly ([A/78/277](#)): Note by the Secretariat referring [A/HRC/54/67](#) and [A/HRC/54/71](#) to the General Assembly

Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/52/36](#)): Human rights defenders working on albinism

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/52/36/Add.1](#)): Visit to Madagascar

General Assembly ([A/78/167](#)): Climate change and persons with albinism

Working Group on Arbitrary Detention

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/54/51](#)): Arbitrary detention

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/54/51/Add.1](#)): Visit to Botswana

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/54/51/Add.2](#)): Visit to Mongolia

Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/53/24](#)): Building capacity for the implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/53/24/Add.1](#)): Visit to Liberia

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/53/24/Add.2](#)): Visit to Luxembourg

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/53/24/Add.3](#)): Visit to Argentina

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/53/24/Add.4](#)): Development finance institutions and human rights

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/53/24/Add.5](#)): Seventh Regional Forum on Business and Human Rights for Latin America and the Caribbean

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/53/55](#)): Eleventh session of the Forum on Business and Human Rights

General Assembly ([A/78/155](#)): Extractive sector, just transition and human rights

Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/53/34](#)): Providing legal options to protect the human rights of persons displaced across international borders due to climate change

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/53/34/Add.1](#)): Visit to Bangladesh

General Assembly ([A/78/255](#)): Exploring approaches to enhance climate change legislation, supporting climate change litigation and advancing the principle of intergenerational justice

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/52/35](#)): Cultural rights and migration

General Assembly ([A/78/213](#)): Development and cultural rights: the international governance

Special Rapporteur on the right to development

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/54/27](#)): Reinvigorating the right to development: A vision for the future

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/54/27/Add.1](#)): Visit to Albania

General Assembly ([A/78/160](#)): Role of business in realizing the right to development

Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/52/32](#)): Transformation of services for persons with disabilities

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/52/32/Add.1](#)): Visit to the European Union

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/52/32/Add.2](#)): Visit to Jordan

General Assembly ([A/77/203](#)): Peacebuilding and the inclusion of persons with disabilities

Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/54/22](#)): Enforced or involuntary disappearance

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/54/22/Add.1](#) and [A/HRC/54/22/Add.1/Corr.1](#)): Visit to Uruguay

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/54/22/Add.2](#)): Visit to Honduras

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/54/22/Add.5](#)): New technologies and enforced disappearances

Special Rapporteur on the right to education

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/53/27](#)): Securing the right to education: advances and critical challenges

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/53/27/Add.1](#)): Visit to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

General Assembly ([A/78/364](#)): Role and rights of teachers

Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/52/33](#)): Women, girls and the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/52/33/Add.1](#)): Visit to Portugal

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/52/33/Add.2](#)): Visit to Slovenia

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/52/44](#)): Summary of the expert seminar on human rights and environmental conservation in the prevention of future pandemics

General Assembly ([A/78/168](#)): Paying polluters: the catastrophic consequences of investor-State dispute settlement for climate and environment action and human rights

Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/53/29](#)): Deaths in prisons

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/53/29/Add.1](#)): Visit to Argentina

General Assembly ([A/78/254](#)): Femicide

Special Rapporteur on the right to food

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/52/40): Conflict and the right to food

General Assembly (A/78/202): Right to food for food system recovery and transformation

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

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/52/34): International financial obligations, digital systems and human rights

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/52/34/Add.1): Visit to Argentina

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/52/45): Non-binding set of practical guidelines for efficient asset recovery

General Assembly (A/78/179): Preserving, protecting, upholding and securing human rights in times of uncertainty

Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/53/25): Sustainable development and freedom of expression: why voice matters

General Assembly (A/78/288): Gendered disinformation and its implications for the right to freedom of expression

Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/53/38): Advancing accountability and ending impunity for serious human rights violations related to the exercise of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/53/38/Add.1): Visit to Brazil

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/53/38/Add.3): Advancing the rights of freedom of peaceful assembly and of association of workers in the informal economy

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/53/38/Add.4): General principles and guidelines on ensuring the right of civil society organizations to have access to resources

General Assembly (A/78/246): Importance of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association in advancing sustainable peace and democratic transitions

Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/54/25): The toxic impacts of some proposed climate change solutions

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/54/25/Add.1): Visit to Ghana

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/54/25/Add.2): Visit to International Maritime Organization

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/54/25/Add.3): Visit to Paraguay

General Assembly (A/78/169): Shipping, toxics and human rights

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/53/65): Digital innovation, technologies and the right to health

General Assembly (A/78/185): Food, nutrition and the right to health

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

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/52/28): Towards a just transformation: climate crisis and the right to housing

General Assembly (A/78/192): A place to live in dignity for all: make housing affordable

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/52/29): Success through perseverance and solidarity: 25 years of achievements by human rights defenders

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/52/29/Add.1): Visit to Greece

General Assembly (A/78/131): Pathways to peace: women human rights defenders in conflict, post-conflict and crisis-affected settings

Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/53/31): Reimagining justice: confronting contemporary challenges to the independence of judges and lawyers

General Assembly (A/78/171): The promise of legal empowerment in advancing access to justice for all

Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/54/31): Green financing – a just transition to protect the rights of Indigenous Peoples

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/54/31/Add.1): Visit to Denmark and Greenland

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/54/31/Add.2): Visit to Canada

General Assembly (A/78/162): Tourism and the rights of Indigenous Peoples

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/53/35): Vision and thematic priorities: addressing new challenges and consolidating gains

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/53/35/Add.1): Visit to Japan

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/53/35/Add.2): Visit to Mexico

General Assembly (A/78/245): Thematic priorities

Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/54/28): Youth participation and engagement in intergovernmental bodies: challenges and opportunities

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/54/28/Add.1): Visit to Georgia

General Assembly (A/78/262): Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order

Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/53/32): Revised draft declaration on human rights and international solidarity

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/53/32/Add.1): Visit to Costa Rica

General Assembly (A/78/176): Human rights and international solidarity

Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy (Hansen's disease) and their family members

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/53/30): Progress and remaining challenges in eliminating discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/53/30/Add.1): Visit to Angola

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/53/30/Add.2): Visit to Bangladesh

General Assembly (A/78/173): Legal framework for eliminating discrimination on the grounds of leprosy

Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/54/29): Recruitment, including predatory recruitment, of mercenaries and mercenary-related actors

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/54/29/Add.1): Visit to Greece

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/54/29/Add.2): Visit to Armenia

General Assembly (A/78/535): Regulatory environment for mercenaries, mercenary-related actors, and private military and security companies: a call to action

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/53/26): How to expand and diversify regularization mechanisms and programmes to enhance the protection of the human rights of migrants

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/53/26/Add.1): Visit to Poland

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/53/26/Add.2): Visit to Belarus

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/53/26/Add.3): Visit to Bangladesh

General Assembly (A/78/180): Protection of the labour and human rights of migrant workers

Special Rapporteur on minority issues

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/52/27): Strengthening and mainstreaming the protection of the rights of minorities at the United Nations: an assessment of the implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities

General Assembly (A/78/195): Minority issues

Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/54/26): Violence against and abuse and neglect of older persons

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/54/26/Add.1): Visit to Nigeria

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/54/26/Add.2): Visit to Bangladesh

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/54/26/Add.3): Visit to the Dominican Republic

General Assembly (A/78/226): Human rights of older persons in the context of climate change-induced disasters

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/53/33): The employment guarantee as a tool in the fight against poverty

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/53/33/Add.1): Visit to Kyrgyzstan

General Assembly (A/78/175): The working poor: a human rights approach to wages

Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/52/37): Implementation of the principles of purpose limitation, deletion of data and demonstrated or proactive accountability in the processing of personal data collected by public entities in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic

General Assembly (A/78/310): Principles of transparency and explainability in the processing of personal data in artificial intelligence

Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/53/60): Strategic vision and initial priorities

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/53/62): Combating glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.

General Assembly (A/78/538): Manifestations and consequences of online racist hate speech

General Assembly (A/78/302): Combating glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/52/38): Landscape of freedom of religion or belief

General Assembly (A/78/207): Freedom of religion or belief, from the grass-roots level

Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/52/31): Reparation for child victims and survivors of sale and sexual exploitation

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/52/31/Add.1): Visit to Mauritius

General Assembly (A/78/137): Exploitation and sexual abuse of children in the context of travel and tourism, including a closer look at the phenomena of voluntourism

Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/53/37): Freedom of religion or belief, and freedom from violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity

General Assembly (A/78/227): Colonialism, sexual orientation and gender identity

Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/54/30): Homelessness as a cause and consequence of contemporary forms of slavery

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/54/30/Add.1): Visit to Costa Rica

Human Rights Council (A/HRC/54/30/Add.2): Visit to Mauritania

General Assembly (A/78/161): Contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences

Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/52/39](#)): Human rights implications of the development, use and transfer of new technologies in the context of counter-terrorism and countering and preventing violent extremism

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/52/39/Add.1](#)): Visit to Maldives

General Assembly ([A/78/520](#)): Impact of counter-terrorism measures on civil society and civic space, and counter-terrorism-based detention

Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/52/30](#)): Good practices in national criminalization, investigation, prosecution and sentencing for offences of torture

General Assembly ([A/78/324](#)): Thematic study on the global trade in weapons, equipment and devices used by law enforcement and other public authorities that are capable of inflicting torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/53/28](#)): Refugee protection, internal displacement and statelessness

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/53/28/Add.1](#)): Visit to Bangladesh

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/53/28/Add.2](#)): Visit to South Sudan

General Assembly ([A/78/172](#)): Strengthening accountability for trafficking in persons in conflict situations

Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/54/24](#)): International legal standards underpinning the pillars of transitional justice

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/54/24/Add.1](#)): Visit to the Republic of Korea

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/54/24/Add.2](#)): Visit to Serbia and Kosovo

General Assembly ([A/78/181](#)): Financing of reparation for victims of serious violations of human rights and humanitarian law

Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/54/23](#)): Impact of unilateral coercive measures on the right to health

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/54/23/Add.1](#)): Visit to the Syrian Arab Republic

General Assembly ([A/78/196](#)): Secondary sanctions, overcompliance and human rights

Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/53/36](#)): Custody, violence against women and violence against children

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/53/36/Add.1](#)): Visit to Türkiye

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/53/36/Add.2](#)): Visit to Libya

General Assembly ([A/78/256](#)): Violence against women and girls, nationality laws and statelessness

Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/54/32](#)): Fulfilling the human rights of those living in poverty and restoring the health of aquatic ecosystems: two converging challenges

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/54/32/Add.1](#)): Visit to Tunisia

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/54/32/Add.2](#)): Visit to Peru

General Assembly ([A/78/253](#)): Water as an argument for peace, twinning and cooperation

Working Group on discrimination against women and girls

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/53/39](#)): Gendered inequalities of poverty: feminist and human rights-based approaches

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/53/21](#)): Situation of women and girls in Afghanistan (joint report with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan)

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/53/39/Add.1](#)): Visit to Kyrgyzstan

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/53/39/Add.2](#)): Visit to Maldives

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/52/84](#)): Situation of human rights in Afghanistan

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/53/21](#)): Situation of women and girls in Afghanistan (joint report with the Working Group on discrimination against women and girls)

General Assembly ([A/78/338](#) and [A/78/338/Corr.1](#)): Situation of human rights in Afghanistan

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/53/53](#)): Situation of human rights in Belarus

General Assembly ([A/78/327](#)): Situation of human rights in Belarus

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/54/56](#)): Situation of human rights in Burundi

General Assembly ([A/78/204](#)): Note by the Secretariat referring [A/HRC/54/56](#) to the General Assembly

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/54/75](#)): Situation of human rights in Cambodia

Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/54/77](#)): Situation of human rights in the Central African Republic

General Assembly ([A/78/541](#)): Note by the Secretariat referring [A/HRC/54/77](#) to the General Assembly

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/52/65](#)): Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

General Assembly ([A/78/526](#)): Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/53/20](#)): Situation of human rights in Eritrea

General Assembly ([A/78/244](#)): Note by the Secretariat referring [A/HRC/53/20](#) to the General Assembly

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/52/67](#)): Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

General Assembly ([A/78/326](#)): Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/52/81](#)): Situation of human rights in Mali

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/52/66](#)): Situation of human rights in Myanmar

General Assembly ([A/78/527](#)): Situation of human rights in Myanmar

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/53/59](#)): Arbitrary deprivation of liberty in the occupied Palestinian territory: the Palestinian experience behind and beyond bars

General Assembly ([A/78/545](#)): Situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/54/54](#)): Situation of human rights in the Russian Federation

General Assembly ([A/78/375](#)): Note by the Secretariat referring [A/HRC/54/54](#) to the General Assembly

Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia

Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/54/78](#)): Situation of human rights in Somalia

General Assembly ([A/78/358](#)): Note by the Secretariat referring [A/HRC/54/78](#) to the General Assembly
