



Human Rights Council**Forty-fourth session**

30 June–17 July 2020

Agenda item 8

**Follow-up to and implementation of the Vienna Declaration
and Programme of Action****Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council
on 17 July 2020****44/23. Contribution of respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms
to achieving the purposes and upholding the principles of the Charter
of the United Nations**

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interrelated, interdependent and mutually reinforcing, and that all human rights must be treated in a fair and equal manner, on the same footing and with the same emphasis,

Recalling the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and all other human rights instruments,

Acknowledging that peace and security, development and human rights are the pillars of the United Nations system and the foundations for collective security and well-being, and emphasizing that development, peace and security and human rights are interlinked and mutually reinforcing,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006, in which the Assembly established the Human Rights Council and decided that the Council would be responsible for promoting universal respect for the protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction of any kind and in a fair and equal manner, and that the work of the Council would be guided by the principles of universality, impartiality, objectivity and non-selectivity, constructive international dialogue and cooperation, with a view to enhancing the promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development,

Recalling that the Human Rights Council was mandated by the General Assembly to address situations of violations of human rights, including gross and systematic violations, and to promote the effective coordination and the mainstreaming of human rights within the United Nations system,

Recognizing that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter, including full respect for international law, is



grounded in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, international human rights treaties, the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the 2005 World Summit Outcome, and is informed by other instruments, such as the Declaration on the Right to Development,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 69/313 of 27 July 2015 on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, which is an integral part of the 2030 Agenda,

Bearing in mind that 2020 is the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, which coincides with the fifth anniversary of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and reaffirming that, although progress has been made across some of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, progress has not been at the pace required to achieve this ambitious agenda and has been uneven across countries and regions, and that urgent progress is needed towards all targets,

Acknowledging that the promotion and protection of human rights and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda are interrelated and mutually reinforcing, and recognizing that the 2030 Agenda pledges to leave no one behind and envisages a world of universal respect for human rights and human dignity, the rule of law, justice, equality and non-discrimination,

Acknowledging also that the promotion and protection of human rights and creating or rebuilding resilient, inclusive, just and peaceful societies are interlinked and mutually reinforcing,

Noting the Secretary-General's "A Call to Action for Human Rights", launched on 24 February 2020 during the forty-third session of the Human Rights Council, that, inter alia, recalls that human rights are core to the work of the United Nations,

Recognizing the importance of ensuring that the human rights pillar of the United Nations is adequately funded to undertake its functions and to fulfil its purposes within the Organization, while stressing that the regular budget of the United Nations should finance all activities mandated by the General Assembly and its subsidiary organs, including the Human Rights Council,

Welcoming the theme of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, which is "The future we want, the United Nations we need: reaffirming our collective commitment to multilateralism",

Reiterating its deep concern at the loss of life and livelihoods and the disruption to economies and societies by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, and its negative impact on the enjoyment of human rights around the world, especially its disproportionate impact on persons in vulnerable groups and marginalized situations,

Stressing that respect for human rights, which are universal, indivisible, interdependent, interrelated and mutually reinforcing, is of crucial importance for all policies and programmes relating to the achievement of lasting and inclusive development, and peace and security,

1. *Welcomes* the Secretary-General's work in calling attention to human rights as core to the work of the United Nations;

2. *Reaffirms*, on the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, the commitment of the Human Rights Council to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and its interlinked and mutually reinforcing pillars of peace and security, development, and human rights, which are the indispensable foundation of a more peaceful, prosperous and just world, and reiterates its determination to foster strict respect for those purposes and principles;

3. *Also reaffirms* that all human rights and fundamental freedoms are universal, indivisible, interdependent, interrelated and mutually reinforcing;

4. *Encourages* States to use the anniversary as an opportunity to raise awareness of the work of the United Nations and of the importance of respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms, international cooperation, unity, solidarity and collective action,

based on a multilateral approach and strong international institutions, in addressing global challenges;

5. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a report on the contribution of the respect for all universal, indivisible, interdependent, interrelated and mutually reinforcing human rights and fundamental freedoms to achieving the purposes and upholding the principles of the Charter, based on good practices, challenges and lessons learned, and to submit the report to the Human Rights Council at its forty-eighth session;

6. *Also requests* the Office of the High Commissioner, when preparing its report, to seek input from all relevant stakeholders, including States, organizations of the United Nations system, national human rights institutions, academia, civil society organizations and human rights defenders;

7. *Further requests* the Office of the High Commissioner to ensure that its report is published in an accessible format.

29th meeting

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[Adopted by a recorded vote of 41 to 0, with 6 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Afghanistan, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Chile, Czechia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Fiji, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Libya, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Senegal, Slovakia, Somalia, Spain, Sudan, Togo, Ukraine and Uruguay

Abstaining:

Cameroon, Eritrea, Mauritania, Namibia, Pakistan and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)]
