



Human Rights Council**Fifty-second session**

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Agenda item 3

**Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil,
political, economic, social and cultural rights,
including the right to development****Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council
on 3 April 2023****52/19. Commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Universal
Declaration of Human Rights and the thirtieth anniversary of the Vienna
Declaration and Programme of Action***The Human Rights Council,**Guided by the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations,**Guided also by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, as well as the International Covenants on Human Rights and other relevant human rights instruments,**Noting that 2023 marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the thirtieth anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, and acknowledging the importance of these instruments for the promotion and the protection of all human rights,**Recalling its resolution 35/1 of 22 June 2017,**Recalling also that States have the primary responsibility for the promotion and protection of all human rights,**Emphasizing that these anniversaries offer a valuable opportunity to raise awareness and to reflect on achievements, best practices and challenges with regard to the full realization of human rights for all, without discrimination of any kind,**Reaffirming that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated and that the international community must treat them globally in a fair and equal manner, on the same footing and with the same emphasis, and that, while the significance of national and regional particularities and various historical, cultural and religious backgrounds must be borne in mind, it is the duty of States, regardless of their political, economic and cultural systems, to promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms,**Reaffirming also that the full, equal and meaningful participation, free from violence and discrimination, of women at all levels of decision-making, as well as that of girls, in accordance with their age and maturity, is essential for the realization of all human rights and fundamental freedoms as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action,*

Recognizing that equal attention and urgent consideration should be given to the implementation, promotion and protection of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development,

Recognizing also that human rights education, training and public information are essential for the promotion and achievement of stable and harmonious relations among communities and for fostering mutual understanding, tolerance and peace,

Stressing the necessity for continued national efforts with a view to the full realization of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, and acknowledging the benefits of enhanced international cooperation and solidarity to that end,

Emphasizing the need to increase efforts to provide assistance to States that so request, including through strengthened capacity-building and technical cooperation,

Reaffirming the importance of ensuring the universality, objectivity and non-selectivity of the consideration of human rights issues,

Stressing the need for the increased and sustained participation and contribution of civil society and all other relevant stakeholders in the promotion and protection of human rights,

Noting the contribution of international human rights mechanisms, including the treaty bodies, the special procedures of the Human Rights Council and the universal periodic review, to the implementation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action,

1. *Welcomes* the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the thirtieth anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, and stresses the importance of the mandates of the Human Rights Council, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and all other United Nations human rights mechanisms with regard to the promotion and protection of the effective enjoyment by all of the human rights and fundamental freedoms enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

2. *Urges* States to redouble their efforts in fulfilling their duty to promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms and to implement the provisions enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

3. *Encourages* States to use these anniversaries to raise awareness of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action and their role in the promotion and protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms;

4. *Calls upon* States to exercise mutual respect and understanding, to promote tolerance, inclusion, unity and respect for diversity and to pursue dialogue and cooperation in implementing the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, ensuring all human rights for all;

5. *Invites* States and all relevant stakeholders to engage constructively and further reflect on achievements, best practices and challenges and to explore possibilities for regional, cross-regional and international dialogue, cooperation and solidarity with regard to the full realization of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action while participating in and contributing to the work of the Human Rights Council, including in the context of the universal periodic review;

6. *Encourages* States, international organizations and all relevant stakeholders to commemorate these anniversaries, and in this regard welcomes the various commemorative initiatives, and calls upon States and all relevant stakeholders to take part meaningfully in those processes, where appropriate;

7. *Requests* the High Commissioner to implement a programme of activities that includes the organization of regional dialogues and a high-level event in December 2023 in commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the thirtieth anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, and

also requests the High Commissioner to ensure that the high-level event is accessible to persons with disabilities;

8. *Also requests* the High Commissioner to submit a report on the above-mentioned year-long activities to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-sixth session, and to make the report accessible to persons with disabilities.

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[Adopted without a vote.]
