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**Human Rights Council****Fifty-third 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 12 July 2023****53/3. Business and human rights***The Human Rights Council,**Reaffirming* the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,*Recalling* Human Rights Council resolutions 8/7 of 18 June 2008, 17/4 of 16 June 2011, 21/5 of 27 September 2012, 26/22 of 27 June 2014, 32/10 of 30 June 2016, 35/7 of 22 June 2017, 38/13 of 6 July 2018 and 44/15 of 17 July 2020, and Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/69 of 20 April 2005, and noting Council resolution 26/9 of 26 June 2014, all concerning the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises,*Recalling also* its resolutions 5/1, on institution-building of the Human Rights Council, and 5/2, on the Code of Conduct for Special Procedures Mandate-holders of the Human Rights Council, of 18 June 2007, and stressing that mandate holders shall discharge their duties in accordance with those resolutions and the annexes thereto,

1. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to continue to work in the area of business and human rights, including accountability and remedy, and to convene a yearly consultation, involving representatives of States and other stakeholders, regarding challenges, good practices and the implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, and to submit a report thereon to the Human Rights Council at its sixty-second session;

2. *Decides* that the Working Group shall continue to guide the work of the Forum on Business and Human Rights and to prepare its annual meetings, and invites the Working Group to chair the Forum on Business and Human Rights and to submit a report on the proceedings and thematic recommendations of the Forum to the Human Rights Council for its consideration;

3. *Also decides* to extend the mandate of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, as set out by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 17/4, and with due consideration of its resolution 44/15, for a period of three years;



4. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner to provide the Working Group with all the resources and assistance necessary to fulfil its mandate effectively, including its role in guiding the work of the Forum on Business and Human Rights;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner to provide the Forum, in a transparent manner, with all the services and facilities necessary, bearing in mind the need for a hybrid format and the growing participation in the Forum, and paying particular attention to regional balance and ensuring participation of affected individuals and communities.

*34th meeting  
12 July 2023*

[Adopted without a vote.]

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