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## Human Rights Council

Twenty-second session

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\***

**22/33.**

**Open-ended intergovernmental working group to consider the  
possibility of elaborating an international regulatory framework on the  
regulation, monitoring and oversight of the activities of private military  
and security companies**

*The Human Rights Council,*

*Guided by the Charter of the United Nations,*

*Recalling* all previous resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, the Commission on Human Rights and the Human Rights Council on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination,

*Recalling also* Human Rights Council resolution 15/26 of 1 October 2010, establishing the open-ended intergovernmental working group to consider the possibility of elaborating an international regulatory framework on the regulation, monitoring and oversight of the activities of private military and security companies,

*Welcoming* the outcome of the first and second sessions of the open-ended intergovernmental working group, held from 23 to 27 May 2011 and from 13 to 17 August 2012, respectively, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 15/26,

1. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the open-ended intergovernmental working group for a further period of two years in order for it to undertake and fulfil the mandate as outlined in paragraph 77 of its report,<sup>1</sup>

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\* The resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council will be contained in the report of the Council on its twenty-second session (A/HRC/22/2), chap. I.

<sup>1</sup> A/HRC/22/41.

2. *Also decides* that the open-ended intergovernmental working group shall present its recommendations to the Human Rights Council at its thirtieth session;

3. *Affirms* the importance of providing the open-ended intergovernmental working group with the expertise and expert advice necessary to fulfil its mandate and, in this context, decides that the working group shall invite experts and all relevant stakeholders to participate in its work, including members of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the right of peoples to self-determination;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the open-ended intergovernmental working group with all the financial and human resources necessary for the fulfilment of its mandate.

*50th meeting  
22 March 2013*

[Adopted by a recorded vote of 31 to 11, with 5 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Angola, Argentina, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Chile, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Gabon, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Kuwait, Libya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Sierra Leone, Thailand, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

*Against:*

Austria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Montenegro, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Spain

*Abstaining:*

Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Moldova, Switzerland, United States of America]

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