



Human Rights Council**Fifty-second session**

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Agenda item 4

Human rights situations that require the Council's attention**Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council
on 4 April 2023****52/27. Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran***The Human Rights Council,*

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights and other relevant international human rights instruments,

Recalling all relevant resolutions adopted by the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly, particularly the most recent ones, including Council resolutions 49/24 of 1 April 2022 and S-35/1 of 24 November 2022, and Assembly resolution 77/228 of 15 December 2022 on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, and regretting the lack of cooperation of the Islamic Republic of Iran with the requests of the Council and the Assembly made in those resolutions,

Welcoming the report and recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran submitted to the Human Rights Council,¹ and emphasizing that those recommendations should be given due consideration,

Deeply regretting the lack of access permitted to the Special Rapporteur to travel to the Islamic Republic of Iran,

Expressing deep concern at the continued violations of a wide range of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, as highlighted by the Special Rapporteur and in his reports, and that sustained and systematic impunity for gross violations of human rights and an absence of accountability in the Islamic Republic of Iran create an enabling environment for perpetrators, violate victims' right to an effective remedy and perpetuate cycles of violence,

Expressing deep concern also at the widespread violence and discrimination in law and in practice affecting in particular women and girls, children, persons belonging to ethnic, linguistic and recognized or unrecognized religious or belief minorities, human rights defenders, lawyers, journalists and media workers, and persons exercising their right to freedom of expression and opinion, online and offline, and their right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association,

Alarmed at the continued reports, including in the latest report of the Special Rapporteur, of peaceful protests being violently repressed, of a large number of protesters being arbitrarily arrested and detained, tortured, ill-treated and killed, and of individuals being sentenced to death and executed in relation to their involvement in the protest movements,

¹ A/HRC/52/67.



Alarmed also at the recent surge in executions, including of individuals charged with offences that do not meet the threshold of the most serious crimes, and at the executions of individuals sentenced for alleged offences committed before the age of 18 years, and following trials that fail to respect fair trial guarantees,

Recalling Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1, on the institution-building of the Council, and 5/2, on the Code of Conduct for Special Procedure Mandate Holders of the Council, of 18 June 2007, and stressing that mandate holders are to discharge their duties in accordance with those resolutions and the annexes thereto,

1. *Strongly deplores* the widespread, repeated and persistent violations of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, and calls upon the Islamic Republic of Iran to address systematic impunity by establishing a system of accountability in line with international law, including constitutional, legislative and administrative reforms, and to ensure the complete independence of the judiciary and effective remedies for victims;

2. *Calls upon* the Islamic Republic of Iran to address widespread and systematic discrimination and violence based on gender, ethnicity, religion or belief or political opinion, among other status, enshrined in laws, State policies and practices, and to create a safe and enabling environment for civil society, including by guaranteeing and upholding the right to freedom of expression and opinion, both online and offline, and the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association;

3. *Expresses deep concern* at the reported surge in the number of executions, including of individuals sentenced to death in relation to their alleged involvement in the recent protests, and urges the Islamic Republic of Iran to take all necessary legislative, administrative and other measures, in accordance with its international human rights obligations, to ensure that no one is sentenced to death or executed for offences that do not meet the threshold of the most serious crimes or for alleged offences committed before the age of 18 years, and to ensure that all criminal convictions and sentences are handed down by courts that are competent, independent and impartial, following proceedings that strictly respect fair trial guarantees;

4. *Decides* to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran for a further period of one year, and requests the Special Rapporteur to submit a report on the implementation of the mandate to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-fifth session and to the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session;

5. *Calls upon* the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to cooperate fully with the Special Rapporteur and to permit access to visit the country, and to provide all information necessary to allow the fulfilment of the mandate, in line with its standing invitation;

6. *Encourages* the Special Rapporteur to cooperate with the international independent fact-finding mission on the Islamic Republic of Iran with a view to promoting synergy;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with the resources necessary to fulfil the mandate.

*56th meeting
4 April 2023*

[Adopted by a recorded vote of 23 to 8, with 16 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Argentina, Belgium, Benin, Chile, Costa Rica, Czechia, Finland, France, Germany, Honduras, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Maldives, Mexico, Montenegro, Morocco, Paraguay, Romania, Somalia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America

Against:

Bangladesh, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), China, Cuba, Eritrea, Kazakhstan, Pakistan and Viet Nam

Abstaining:

Algeria, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, India, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Nepal, Qatar, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, United Arab Emirates and Uzbekistan]