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**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****52/15. Cooperation with regional human rights organizations***The Human Rights Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 32/127 of 16 December 1977 and subsequent Assembly resolutions concerning regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights, the latest being resolution 63/170 of 18 December 2008,

*Recalling also* Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/51 of 9 March 1993 and subsequent Commission resolutions in this regard, and Human Rights Council resolutions 6/20 of 28 September 2007, 12/15 of 1 October 2009, 18/14 of 29 September 2011, 24/19 of 27 September 2013, 30/3 of 1 October 2015, 34/17 of 24 March 2017 and 43/17 of 22 June 2020,

*Bearing in mind* paragraph 5 (h) of General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006, in which the Assembly decided that the Council should work in close cooperation with regional organizations,

*Bearing in mind also* the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993, which reiterates, inter alia, the importance of cooperation between regional arrangements and the United Nations human rights activities, and the need to consider the possibility of establishing regional and subregional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights where they do not already exist,

*Reaffirming* the fact that regional organizations, in all their variety and at all their levels of formalization, can play an important role in promoting and protecting human rights and should reinforce universal human rights, as contained in international human rights instruments,

*Welcoming* the contribution that regional organizations working in the field of human rights make to the advancement of human rights globally, through dialogue, cooperation and the adoption of relevant human rights instruments, including those open for joining by parties from other regions,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the initiative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to commemorate throughout 2023 the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the thirtieth anniversary of



the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, which is aimed at, inter alia, rejuvenating a worldwide consensus on human rights, including through regional dialogue,

1. *Welcomes* the progress made by Governments in the establishment of regional and subregional organizations working in the field of human rights, and their achievements in all regions of the world;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the critical role played by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in advancing cooperation between international organizations and regional organizations in all their variety and at all their levels of formalization, working in the field of human rights;

3. *Also notes with appreciation* the progress made towards the implementation of its resolution 43/17 as described in the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,<sup>1</sup> and encourages regional organizations to continue to enhance their cooperation with the United Nations and among themselves;

4. *Welcomes* the report of the High Commissioner on the workshop on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights,<sup>2</sup> held on 18 and 19 October 2022 in Geneva;

5. *Also welcomes* the holding of the annual meetings of focal points for cooperation between United Nations and regional human rights organizations, and takes note with appreciation of their outcomes;

6. *Further welcomes* the dedicated fellowship programme for the staff members of regional human rights organizations to gain experience in the United Nations human rights system and to enhance capacity-building and cooperation among them;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner to provide the resources necessary to enable the Office of the High Commissioner to support the above-mentioned activities appropriately, in particular the annual meetings of the regional organizations' focal points for cooperation and the dedicated fellowship programme;

8. *Requests* the High Commissioner to hold in 2025 a workshop on regional human rights organizations to take stock of developments since the workshop held in 2022, including a thematic discussion on the role of regional organizations in relation to the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, based on concrete and practical experience of regional organizations working in the field of human rights, in order to share information on best practices, lessons learned and possible new forms of cooperation, with the participation of relevant experts from international, regional, subregional and interregional human rights organizations, as well as Member States, observers, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations;

9. *Also requests* the High Commissioner to present to the Human Rights Council, at its sixty-first session, a report containing a summary of the discussions held at the above-mentioned workshop and the progress made towards the implementation of the present resolution.

*55th meeting  
3 April 2023*

[Adopted without a vote.]

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<sup>1</sup> A/HRC/52/42.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.