



Human Rights Council**Fifty-fourth session**

11 September–13 October 2023

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 11 October 2023****54/4. Mandate of Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and
equitable international order***The Human Rights Council,**Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,**Recalling* all previous resolutions of the General Assembly, the Commission on Human Rights and the Human Rights Council on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order,*Recalling also* Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1, on the institution-building of the 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 the mandate holder shall discharge his or her duties in accordance with those resolutions and the annexes thereto,*Reaffirming* that everyone is entitled to a social and international order in which the rights and freedoms set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights can be fully realized,*Reiterating* the importance of working urgently for the establishment of an international economic order based on equity, sovereign equality, interdependence, common interest and cooperation among all States, irrespective of their economic and social systems, which shall correct inequalities and redress existing injustices, make it possible to eliminate the widening gap between the developed and the developing countries, and ensure steadily accelerating economic and social development and peace and justice for present and future generations,*Resolved* to take all measures within its power to secure a democratic and equitable international order,

1. *Reaffirms* that everyone is entitled to a democratic and equitable international order, and that a democratic and equitable international order fosters the full realization of all human rights for all, including the right to development;



2. *Takes note* of the report of the Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order;¹
3. *Decides* to renew the mandate of Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order for a period of three years, in conformity with the terms set forth by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 18/6 of 29 September 2011;
4. *Calls upon* all Governments to cooperate with and assist the Independent Expert in the discharge of the mandate, and to provide all the necessary information requested by the Independent Expert in order to facilitate the effective fulfilment of the duties of the mandate holder;
5. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide all the human and financial resources necessary for the effective fulfilment of the mandate by the Independent Expert;
6. *Invites* the Independent Expert to continue to develop close cooperation with academia, think tanks and research institutes, such as South Centre, and with other relevant stakeholders from all regions;
7. *Requests* the human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the special mechanisms of the Human Rights Council and the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee to pay due attention, within their respective mandates, to the present resolution, and to contribute to its implementation;
8. *Calls upon* the Office of the High Commissioner to build upon the issue of the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order;
9. *Requests* the Independent Expert to report regularly to the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly in accordance with their respective programmes of work;
10. *Decides* to continue its consideration of this matter under the same agenda item in accordance with its programme of work.

*46th meeting
11 October 2023*

[Adopted by a recorded vote of 31 to 13, with 3 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cameroon, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Eritrea, Gabon, Gambia, Honduras, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Morocco, Nepal, Pakistan, Paraguay, Qatar, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam

Against:

Belgium, Czechia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Romania, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America

Abstaining:

Chile, Costa Rica and Mexico]

¹ A/HRC/54/28.