



Human Rights Council**Fifty-sixth session**

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Agenda item 5

Human rights bodies and mechanisms**Decision adopted by the Human Rights Council
on 11 July 2024****56/117. Plastic pollution implications for the full enjoyment of human rights**

At its 36th meeting, on 11 July 2024, the Human Rights Council decided to adopt the text below:

“The Human Rights Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006 and Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007 on institution-building of the Council, which established the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee to function as a think tank for the Council and to work at its direction,

Noting that the Advisory Committee may propose within the scope of the work set out by the Human Rights Council, for the latter’s consideration and approval, suggestions for further enhancing its procedural efficiency, as well as further research proposals within the scope of the work set out by the Council,

Noting with appreciation the work of the intergovernmental negotiating committee established by the United Nations Environment Assembly in its resolution 5/14 of 2 March 2022, with the mandate to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastic, taking into account, among other things, the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, as well as national circumstances and capabilities,

1. *Requests* the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee to prepare a comprehensive study on the implications of plastic pollution for the full enjoyment of human rights, based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastic, and to present the study to the Human Rights Council at its sixty-sixth session;

2. *Also requests* the Advisory Committee, when preparing the above-mentioned study, to seek the views of and inputs from and to take into account work already done by relevant stakeholders, including States, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes within their respective mandates, international and regional organizations, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the special procedures of the Human Rights Council, the treaty bodies, national human rights institutions, Indigenous Peoples, civil society, environmental human rights defenders, the private sector, academia and scientific institutions.”

[Adopted without a vote.]

