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### Annotations

#### 1. Organizational and procedural matters

##### *Date and venue of the session*

The Human Rights Council will hold its fifty-eighth session from 24 February to 4 April 2025 at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

In accordance with rule 8 (b) of the rules of procedure of the Human Rights Council, as contained in section VII of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, the organizational meeting for the fifty-eighth session will be held on 10 February 2025.

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*Composition of the Human Rights Council*

The composition of the Human Rights Council at its fifty-eighth session is as follows:<sup>1</sup> Albania (2026); Algeria (2025); Bangladesh (2025); Belgium (2025); Benin (2027); Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (2027); Brazil (2026); Bulgaria (2026); Burundi (2026); Chile (2025); China (2026); Colombia (2027); Costa Rica (2025); Côte d'Ivoire (2026); Cuba (2026); Cyprus (2027); Czechia (2027); Democratic Republic of the Congo (2027); Dominican Republic (2026); Ethiopia (2027); France (2026); Gambia (2027); Georgia (2025); Germany (2025); Ghana (2026); Iceland (2027); Indonesia (2026); Japan (2026); Kenya (2027); Kuwait (2026); Kyrgyzstan (2025); Malawi (2026); Maldives (2025); Marshall Islands (2027); Mexico (2027); Morocco (2025); Netherlands (Kingdom of the) (2026); North Macedonia (2027); Qatar (2027); Republic of Korea (2027); Romania (2025); South Africa (2025); Spain (2027); Sudan (2025); Switzerland (2027); Thailand (2027); and Viet Nam (2025).

*Bureau of the Human Rights Council*

At the organizational session for the nineteenth cycle of the Human Rights Council, held on 9 December 2024, and at its organizational meeting held on 31 January 2025, the Council elected the following members of the Bureau for its nineteenth cycle, which runs from 1 January to 31 December 2025:

<i>President</i>	Jürg Lauber (Switzerland)
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	Tareq Md. Ariful Islam (Bangladesh) Razvan Rusu (Romania) Claudia Fuentes Julio (Chile)
<i>Vice-President and Rapporteur</i>	Paul Empole Losoko Efambe (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

*Review of the work and functioning of the Human Rights Council*

Pursuant to paragraph 42 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 16/21, the Council will hold a panel discussion to interact with heads of governing bodies and secretariats of United Nations agencies within their respective mandates on specific human rights themes with the objective of promoting the mainstreaming of human rights throughout the United Nations system.

Pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 57/4 and the related decision taken by the Council at its organizational session held on 9 December 2024, the theme for 2025 of the annual high-level panel discussion on human rights mainstreaming will be "Thirtieth anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action". The panel discussion will be fully accessible to persons with disabilities (see annex).

*Selection and appointment of mandate holders*

In accordance with paragraph 47 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, paragraph 22 of the annex to Council resolution 16/21 and the requirements set out in Council decision 6/102 and President's statement PRST OS/14/2, the Consultative Group, composed of Emmanuel Kwame Asiedu Antwi (Ghana), Patricia Ann Hermanns (Bahamas), Galib Israfilov (Azerbaijan), Li Xiaomei (China) and Kelly Billingsley (United States of America),<sup>2</sup> will propose to the President of the Council a list of candidates for three members of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (one from the Pacific, one from Central and South America, and the Caribbean, and one from Central and Eastern Europe, the Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia).

<sup>1</sup> The term of membership of each State expires in the year indicated in parentheses.

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to the note verbale dated 17 January 2025 from the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, in its capacity as the regional coordinator of the Group of Western European and Other States, Kelly Billingsley (United States) replaced Michèle Taylor (United States), who resigned effective 19 January 2025.

In accordance with the procedure stipulated in paragraphs 52 and 53 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, the appointment of special procedure and expert mechanism mandate holders will be completed upon the subsequent approval by the Council. The mandate holders in question will be appointed before the end of the fifty-eighth session.

*Report on the session*

At the end of its fifty-eighth session, the Human Rights Council will have before it for adoption a draft report containing a technical summary of the proceedings of the session.

**2. Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General**

All reports of the Secretary-General, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) are submitted under agenda item 2, which remains an open-ended item throughout the session. The Human Rights Council will consider the reports under the relevant agenda items, as appropriate. The specific timing of their introduction will be reflected in the programme of work.

*Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 48/141 and the decision contained in President's statement PRST OS/18/1, the Human Rights Council will hear an oral update by the High Commissioner.

*Situation of human rights in Myanmar*

In its resolution 53/26, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to monitor and follow up on the implementation of the recommendations made by the independent international fact-finding mission on Myanmar, including those on accountability, and to continue to track progress in the situation of human rights in Myanmar, including of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities, with the support of specialist experts and in complementarity to the work of the Independent Mechanism for Myanmar and the reports of the Special Rapporteur, and to present an oral update to the Council at its fifty-eighth session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will hear the oral update of the High Commissioner during an interactive dialogue.

*Situation of human rights in Eritrea*

In its resolution 56/17, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea for a further period of one year and to hold an enhanced interactive dialogue on the situation of human rights in Eritrea at its fifty-eighth session with the participation of, inter alia, the Special Rapporteur, OHCHR, civil society, Indigenous Peoples, victims and survivors and other relevant stakeholders. The Council will hold an enhanced interactive dialogue.

*Promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka*

In its resolution 57/1, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of OHCHR and all work requested of it by the Council in its resolution 51/1 and requested OHCHR to present an oral update to the Council at its fifty-eighth session. The Council will hear an oral update by OHCHR.

*Conclusions and recommendations of special procedures*

Pursuant to Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/76 and Human Rights Council decision 2/102, the Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the conclusions and recommendations of special procedures ([A/HRC/58/20](#)).

*Question of human rights in Cyprus*

Pursuant to Human Rights Council decision 2/102, the Council will have before it the report of OHCHR on the question of human rights in Cyprus ([A/HRC/58/21](#)).

*Activities of the offices in Colombia, Guatemala and Honduras*

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 48/141, the Human Rights Council will have before it the reports of the High Commissioner on the activities of the OHCHR offices in Colombia ([A/HRC/58/24](#)), Guatemala ([A/HRC/58/22](#)) and Honduras ([A/HRC/58/23](#)).

*Effective implementation of international human rights instruments*

Pursuant to its resolution 9/8, the Human Rights Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on measures taken to implement that resolution and obstacles to its implementation, including recommendations for further improving the effectiveness of, harmonizing and reforming the treaty body system ([A/HRC/58/25](#)).

*Promotion and protection of human rights in Nicaragua*

In its resolution 52/2, the Human Rights Council decided to renew the mandate of the Group of Human Rights Experts on Nicaragua for a further period of two years and requested the High Commissioner to present an oral update on the situation of human rights in Nicaragua to the Council at its fifty-eighth session. The Council will hear an oral update by the High Commissioner.

In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council requested the Group of Human Rights Experts on Nicaragua to submit a report to the Council at its fifty-eighth session, during an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of the Group of Human Rights Experts on Nicaragua ([A/HRC/58/26](#)).

*Advancing human rights in South Sudan*

In its resolution 55/1, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan for a further period of one year and requested the Commission to present a comprehensive written report on the situation of human rights in South Sudan to the Council at its fifty-eighth session, to be followed by an enhanced interactive dialogue, which should also include the participation of the High Commissioner. The Council will consider the report of the Commission ([A/HRC/58/27](#)).

*Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the obligation to ensure accountability and justice*

In its resolution 55/28, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to report on the implementation of the resolution to the Council at its fifty-eighth session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/58/28](#)).

*Situation of human rights in the Sudan*

In its resolution S-36/1, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner, with the assistance of the designated Expert on human rights in the Sudan, to submit a comprehensive report on the situation of human rights in the Sudan and on violations and abuses committed by all parties in the Sudan to the Council at its fifty-eighth session, to be followed by an enhanced interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/58/29](#)).

*Situation of human rights in Afghanistan*

In its resolution 57/3, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan for a period of one year and requested the Special Rapporteur to present a report to the Council at its fifty-eighth session, including a separate study on the “Law on propagation of virtue and prevention of vice”. The

Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Richard Bennett ([A/HRC/58/74](#) and [A/HRC/58/80](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

### **3. Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development**

#### **Economic, social and cultural rights**

##### *Right to work*

In its resolution 55/9, the Human Rights Council decided to organize during its fifty-eighth session a panel discussion on the realization of the rights to work and to social security in the informal economy, in the context of sustainable and inclusive economies, with an emphasis on the importance of international cooperation and partnerships in this regard, to identify major challenges, experiences and best practices (see annex).

##### *Human rights in the context of HIV and AIDS*

In its resolution 56/20, the Human Rights Council decided to convene, at its fifty-eighth session, a panel discussion, accessible to persons with disabilities, to discuss the realization of human rights in sustaining and increasing the gains made in the HIV response and leaving no one behind and to provide recommendations to countries on that matter (see annex).

##### *Cultural rights*

In its resolution 49/7, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to convene, before the fifty-fifth session of the Council, a one-day workshop to review and promote the tools for the dissemination and possible methods of implementation of an approach to the protection, restoration and preservation of cultural heritage that promotes universal respect for cultural rights by all, and to submit a report thereon to the Council at its fifty-eighth session. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/58/35](#)).

In its resolution 55/5, the Human Rights Council decided to renew, for a period of three years, the mandate of Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Alexandra Xanthaki ([A/HRC/58/60](#) and [A/HRC/58/60/Add.1](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

##### *Question of the realization in all countries of economic, social and cultural rights*

In its resolution 52/11, the Human Rights Council requested the Secretary-General to prepare and submit a report to the Council, at its fifty-eighth session, in formats accessible to persons with disabilities, on the question of the realization in all countries of economic, social and cultural rights under agenda item 3, with a special focus on challenges and good practices to strengthen the fulfilment of the right to social security. The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General ([A/HRC/58/37](#)).

##### *Mental health and human rights*

In its resolution 52/12, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a comprehensive report, accessible to persons with disabilities, on the outcome of the consultation on the challenges and best ways to implement at the local, national and regional levels enabling normative and policy measures for the realization of the human rights of persons with psychosocial disabilities and current or potential users of mental health services, held on 23 October 2024, with recommendations for States and all other relevant stakeholders and suggestions of policy tools for the implementation of a human rights perspective to mental health, and to present the report to the Council at its fifty-eighth session. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/58/38](#)).

##### *Centrality of care and support from a human rights perspective*

In its resolution 54/6, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to organize a two-day expert workshop to address the human rights of women, persons with

disabilities, children and older persons as caregivers, as well as receivers of care and support, and for their self-care from a gender equality and human rights perspective, with the objective of evaluating experiences, good practices and the main challenges regarding the effective recognition of the rights of caregivers and those receiving care and support, and to prepare a comprehensive thematic study on the human rights dimension of care and support, based on the discussions at the workshop, in an accessible format, prior to the fifty-eighth session of the Council. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/58/43](#)).

#### *Right to food*

In its resolution 49/13, the Human Rights Council decided to extend, for a period of three years, the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the right to food. In its resolution 55/4, the Council requested the Special Rapporteur to report to it annually on the implementation of the mandate. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Michael Fakhri ([A/HRC/58/48](#) and [A/HRC/58/48/Add.1](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

#### *Adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living and the right to non-discrimination in this context*

In its resolution 52/10, the Human Rights Council decided to extend, for a period of three years, the mandate of Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit an annual report on the implementation of the mandate to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Balakrishnan Rajagopal ([A/HRC/58/50](#) and [A/HRC/58/50/Add.1](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

#### *Effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights*

In its resolution 52/17, the Human Rights Council decided to extend, for a period of three years, the mandate of Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights. In its resolution 55/6, the Council requested the Independent Expert to continue to report regularly to it. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Attiya Waris ([A/HRC/58/51](#) and [A/HRC/58/51/Add.1](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

### **Civil and political rights**

#### *Question of the death penalty*

In its resolution 26/2, the Human Rights Council decided to convene biennial high-level panel discussions in order to further exchange views on the question of the death penalty. In its resolution 54/35, the Council decided that the high-level panel discussion to be held during its fifty-eighth session would address the contribution of the judiciary to the advancement of human rights and the question of the death penalty. The panel discussion will be fully accessible to persons with disabilities (see annex).

#### *Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment*

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 77/209, the Human Rights Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture ([A/HRC/58/31](#)).

Pursuant to the same resolution, the Human Rights Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment ([A/HRC/58/32](#)).

In its resolution 52/7, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment for a

further period of three years and requested the Special Rapporteur to report on all activities, observations, conclusions and recommendations to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Alice Jill Edwards ([A/HRC/58/55](#) and [A/HRC/58/55/Add.1](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

*Birth registration and the right of everyone to recognition everywhere as a person before the law*

In its resolution 52/25, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a comprehensive study on the use of digital technologies to achieve universal birth registration, its best practices, challenges and opportunities, and potential mechanisms to close the gap between the number of children whose births are reported as registered and those who actually have a birth certificate, and to submit the report thereon to the Council at its fifty-eighth session. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/58/39](#)).

*Freedom of religion or belief*

In its resolution 49/5, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief for a further period of three years. In its resolution 55/16, the Council requested the Special Rapporteur to report to it annually. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Nazila Ghanea ([A/HRC/58/49](#) and [A/HRC/58/49/Add.1](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

*Right to privacy*

In its resolution 55/3, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy for a period of three years. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Ana Brian Nougères ([A/HRC/58/58](#), [A/HRC/58/58/Add.1](#) and [A/HRC/58/58/Add.2](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

**Right to development**

In its resolution 54/18, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to submit to the Council, at its fifty-eighth session, a report on the biennial panel discussion on the right to development held at its fifty-seventh session. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR on the panel discussion ([A/HRC/58/45](#)).

**Rights of peoples and of specific groups and individuals**

*Rights of the child*

Pursuant to its resolutions 7/29 and 55/29, the Human Rights Council will convene the annual full-day meeting on the rights of the child, fully accessible to children and persons with disabilities, on the theme, “Early childhood development” (see annex).

In its resolution 78/187, the General Assembly requested the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict to continue to submit reports to the Human Rights Council on the activities undertaken in fulfilment of the mandate. The Council will consider the report of the Special Representative, Virginia Gamba ([A/HRC/58/18](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly requested the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children to continue to submit annual reports to the Human Rights Council on the activities undertaken in fulfilment of the mandate. The Council will consider the report of the Special Representative, Najat Maalla M’jid ([A/HRC/58/19](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

In its resolution 52/26, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material, under the title of Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children, for a period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to continue to report annually on the implementation of the



mandate to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Mama Fatima Singhateh ([A/HRC/58/52](#) and [A/HRC/58/52/Add.1](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

#### *Missing persons*

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 77/220, the Human Rights Council will have before it a note by the Secretariat referring the Council to the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution, including relevant practical recommendations ([A/HRC/58/30](#)).

#### *Rights of persons with disabilities*

In its resolution 55/8, the Human Rights Council decided to hold its next annual interactive debate on the rights of persons with disabilities at its fifty-eighth session and to focus it on the rights of persons with disabilities and digital technologies and devices, including assistive technologies. In its resolution 57/6, the Council decided to include the topic of countering cyberbullying against persons with disabilities in the context of that interactive debate on the rights of persons with disabilities (see annex). The debate will be fully accessible to persons with disabilities and will be informed by the report of OHCHR on the rights of persons with disabilities and digital technologies and devices, including assistive technologies ([A/HRC/58/33](#)).

In its resolution 53/14, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities for a further period of three years and that the mandate would include continuing to report annually to the Council, in accessible formats. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Heba Hagrass ([A/HRC/58/56](#) and [A/HRC/58/56/Add.1](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

#### *Minority issues*

In its resolution 55/15, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to continue to present to the Council an annual report containing information on relevant developments of United Nations human rights bodies and mechanisms and on the activities undertaken by OHCHR at headquarters and in the field that contributed to the promotion of and respect for the provisions of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR ([A/HRC/58/34](#)).

In its resolution 52/5, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on minority issues for a period of three years under the same terms as provided for by the Council in its resolution 25/5. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Nicolas Levrat ([A/HRC/58/54](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

#### *Human rights defenders*

In its resolution 52/4, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders for a period of three years under the same terms as provided for by the Council in its resolution 16/5. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Mary Lawlor ([A/HRC/58/53](#), [A/HRC/58/53/Add.1](#) and [A/HRC/58/53/Add.2](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

#### *Rights of persons with albinism*

In its resolution 55/18, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism for a period of three years, under the same terms as provided for by the Council in its resolution 46/12. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Muluka-Anne Miti-Drummond ([A/HRC/58/57](#), [A/HRC/58/57/Add.1](#) and [A/HRC/58/57/Add.2](#)), during an interactive dialogue.



## **Interrelation of human rights and human rights thematic issues**

### *Prevention of genocide*

In its resolution 55/13, the Human Rights Council decided to convene, at its fifty-eighth session, a panel discussion on early warning and genocide prevention and requested OHCHR to ensure that the panel discussion was accessible to persons with disabilities (see annex).

### *Human rights and transitional justice*

In its resolution 51/23, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to prepare a report on lessons learned and good practices of transitional justice in the context of sustaining peace and of sustainable development, notably Sustainable Development Goal 16, informed by prior regional meetings, and to present it to the Council at its fifty-eighth session during an enhanced interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR ([A/HRC/58/36](#)).

### *Human rights and climate change*

In its resolution 53/6, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to submit to the Council, at its fifty-eighth session, a summary report on the annual panel discussion on human rights and climate change that had been held at its fifty-sixth session. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/58/40](#)).

### *Impact of arms transfers on human rights*

In its resolution 53/15, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to organize a full-day intersessional workshop to hold stocktaking discussions on the role of States and the private sector in preventing, addressing and mitigating the negative human rights impact of arms transfers, to be held before the fifty-seventh session of the Council and to inform the preparation of a report on gaps and future steps on the subject, to be presented to the Council at its fifty-eighth session. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR ([A/HRC/58/41](#)).

### *Negative impact of corruption on the enjoyment of human rights*

In its resolution 53/17, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to organize an intersessional half-day expert seminar, in a hybrid format and fully accessible to persons with disabilities, before its fifty-seventh session, to share good practices, achievements, challenges and lessons learned in the promotion and protection of economic, social and cultural rights in anti-corruption efforts in the context of recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, and to present a summary report of the seminar at its fifty-eighth session. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR ([A/HRC/58/42](#)).

### *Contribution of the implementation of the objectives of the International Year of the Family and its follow-up processes in the promotion and protection of human rights*

In its resolution 54/17, the Human Rights Council decided to convene, at its fifty-seventh session, a panel discussion, accessible to persons with disabilities, on the implementation of States' obligations under relevant provisions of international human rights law on the role of the family in supporting the protection and promotion of human rights of its members, to discuss challenges and best practices in this regard. In the same resolution, the Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a summary report on the discussion and to submit it to the Council at its fifty-eighth session. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/58/44](#)).

### *Elaboration of an international legally binding instrument on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights*

Pursuant to its resolution 26/9, the Human Rights Council will consider the report of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights on its tenth session, held from 16 to 20 December 2024 ([A/HRC/58/46](#)).

*Terrorism and human rights*

In its resolution 49/10, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism for a period of three years, under the same terms as provided for by the Council in its resolution 40/16. In its resolution 57/11, the Council invited the Special Rapporteur to pay attention to the negative effect of terrorism on the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and to make recommendations in that regard. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Ben Saul ([A/HRC/58/47](#) and [A/HRC/58/47/Add.1](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

*Human rights and the environment*

In its resolution 55/2, the Human Rights Council decided to renew the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment under the title of Special Rapporteur on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, for a period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit an annual report to the Council. The Council will consider the report of the new mandate holder, Astrid Puentes Riaño ([A/HRC/58/59](#)) and the report of the previous mandate holder, David R. Boyd ([A/HRC/58/59/Add.1](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

**4. Human rights situations that require the Council's attention***Situation of human rights in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela*

In its resolution 57/36, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to continue to monitor, report on and provide technical cooperation with a view to improving the situation of human rights in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. In the same resolution, the Council requested the High Commissioner to present an oral update to the Council at its fifty-eighth session. The Council will hear an oral update by the High Commissioner.

In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council decided to extend for a period of two years the mandate of the independent international fact-finding mission on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, with a view to combating impunity and ensuring full accountability of perpetrators and justice for victims, with a particular focus on the situation of human rights in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in the lead-up to, during and after the 2024 presidential elections, and on the violence by armed individuals known as *colectivos*. Also in the same resolution, the Council requested the fact-finding mission to present an oral update on its work to the Council, followed by an interactive dialogue, at its fifty-eighth session. The Council will hear an oral update by the fact-finding mission.

*Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea*

In its resolution 52/28, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to submit a report on the implementation of the recommendations made by the group of independent experts on accountability for human rights violations in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the Council at its fifty-eighth session. In its resolution 55/21, the Council requested the High Commissioner to continue to explore options for strengthening, institutionalizing and further advancing work on accountability in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the report to be submitted pursuant to resolution 52/28. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/58/61](#)).

In its resolution 55/21, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for a period of one year and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit regular reports to the Council on the implementation of the mandate, including on the follow-up efforts made in the implementation of the recommendations of the commission of inquiry on human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Elizabeth Salmón ([A/HRC/58/65](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

*Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran*

In its resolution 55/19, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran for a period of one year and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit a report on the implementation of the mandate to the Council at its fifty-eighth session. In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council extended the mandate of the independent international fact-finding mission on the Islamic Republic of Iran for a period of one year and requested the fact-finding mission to present a report and recommendations to the Council at its fifty-eighth session during a joint interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur. The Council will consider the report of the new mandate holder, Mai Sato ([A/HRC/58/62](#)), and the report of the fact-finding mission ([A/HRC/58/63](#)).

*Situation of human rights in Myanmar*

In its resolution 55/20, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar for a period of one year and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit a report to the Council at its fifty-eighth session. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Thomas H. Andrews ([A/HRC/58/64](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

*Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic*

In its resolution 55/22, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic for a period of one year and requested the Commission of Inquiry to present an updated report to the Council at its fifty-eighth session during an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of the Commission of Inquiry ([A/HRC/58/66](#)).

*Situation of human rights in Ukraine stemming from the Russian aggression*

In its resolution 55/23, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine, defined by the Council in its resolution 49/1, for a period of one year, and requested the Commission of Inquiry to submit a comprehensive report to the Council at its fifty-eighth session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of the Commission of Inquiry ([A/HRC/58/67](#)).

*Situation of human rights in Belarus*

In its resolution 55/27, the Human Rights Council decided to establish, for a renewable period of one year, a group of three independent experts on the situation of human rights in Belarus. In the same resolution, the Council requested the group of experts to present a comprehensive report to the Council at its fifty-eighth session, including in an easy-to-read version and in accessible format, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of the group of experts ([A/HRC/58/68](#)).

**5. Human rights bodies and mechanisms***Forum on Minority Issues*

In its resolution 19/23, the Human Rights Council decided that the Forum on Minority Issues should continue to meet annually. The Forum held its seventeenth session on 28 and 29 November 2024, on the theme “Minority representation and self-representation in public spaces and discourses”. The Council will have before it the report of the Special Rapporteur on minority issues containing the recommendations made by the Forum at its seventeenth session ([A/HRC/58/69](#)).

*Special procedures*

Pursuant to its decision 2/102, the Human Rights Council will have before it the report on the thirtieth annual meeting of special rapporteurs, independent experts and chairs of working

groups of the special procedures of the Human Rights Council, held from 9 to 13 December 2024 ([A/HRC/58/70](#) and [A/HRC/58/70/Add.1](#)).

The Human Rights Council will also have before it the communications report of the special procedures ([A/HRC/58/3](#)).

#### *Social Forum*

In its resolution 53/20, the Human Rights Council decided that the Social Forum would meet for two working days in 2024 and that it should focus on the contribution of financing for development to the advancement of all human rights for all. In the same resolution, the Council requested the Forum to submit a report containing its conclusions and recommendations to the Council at its fifty-eighth session. The Council will have before it the report of the Forum, which was held on 31 October and 1 November 2024 ([A/HRC/58/71](#)).

### **6. Universal periodic review**

The Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review held its forty-seventh session from 4 to 15 November 2024. At its fifty-eighth session, the Human Rights Council will have before it for adoption the final outcomes of the reviews of Albania ([A/HRC/58/5](#)), Bhutan ([A/HRC/58/9](#)), Brunei Darussalam ([A/HRC/58/12](#)), Costa Rica ([A/HRC/58/13](#)), Côte d'Ivoire ([A/HRC/58/7](#)), the Democratic People's Republic of Korea ([A/HRC/58/11](#)), the Democratic Republic of the Congo ([A/HRC/58/6](#)), Dominica ([A/HRC/58/10](#)), Equatorial Guinea ([A/HRC/58/14](#)), Ethiopia ([A/HRC/58/15](#)), Nicaragua ([A/HRC/58/17](#)), Norway ([A/HRC/58/4](#)), Portugal ([A/HRC/58/8](#)) and Qatar ([A/HRC/58/16](#)).

Pursuant to President's statement PRST 9/2 on modalities and practices for the universal periodic review process, the outcomes of the review are adopted by the Council at its plenary session by a standardized decision. The outcomes comprise the reports of the Working Group on the review, the views of the State under review concerning the recommendations and/or conclusions and the voluntary commitments made and replies presented by the State under review, before the adoption of the outcome by the Council in plenary, to questions or issues that were not sufficiently addressed during the interactive dialogue with the Working Group.

### **7. Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories**

#### *Human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan*

In its resolution 55/31, the Human Rights Council requested the Secretary-General to report on the situation of human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan to the Council at its fifty-eighth session. The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General ([A/HRC/58/72](#)).

#### *Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan*

In its resolution 55/32, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to report on the implementation of the provisions of that resolution to the Council at its fifty-eighth session. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/58/73](#)).

### **8. Follow-up to and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action**

No reports have been submitted under agenda item 8.

**9. Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance: follow-up to and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action**

*Global call for concrete action for the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action*

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 79/161, the Human Rights Council will hold a meeting in commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (see annex).

*Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action*

In its resolution 52/37, the Human Rights Council decided to renew the mandate of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action for a further period of three years and requested the Chair of the Working Group to submit an annual report on its sessions to the Council. The Council will have before it a note by the Secretariat referring the Council to the status report on the elaboration of the draft United Nations declaration on the promotion and full respect of the human rights of people of African descent that was presented to the General Assembly at its seventy-ninth session (A/79/304). That report also contains a summary of the discussions of the Working Group at its twenty-second session, held from 20 to 24 May 2024, and at its intersessional meeting held on 8 and 9 February 2024 (A/HRC/58/75).

**10. Technical assistance and capacity-building**

*Cooperation with and assistance to Ukraine in the field of human rights*

In its resolution 53/30, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to present an oral update on the findings of each of the reports of OHCHR on the situation of human rights in Ukraine at its fifty-eighth session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will hear an oral update by the High Commissioner.

*Cooperation with Georgia*

In its resolution 57/33, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to present to the Council an oral update on the follow-up to that resolution at its fifty-eighth session. The Council will hear an oral update by the High Commissioner.

*Technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo*

In its resolution 57/34, the Human Rights Council decided to renew, for one year, the mandate of the team of international experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo and requested the team of international experts to present an oral update to the Council at its fifty-eighth session. In the same resolution, the Council requested the High Commissioner to present an oral update on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in the framework of an enhanced interactive dialogue, at its fifty-eighth session. The Council will hear an oral update by the High Commissioner and the team of international experts.

*Technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights in the Central African Republic*

In its resolution 57/35, the Human Rights Council decided to renew, for a period of one year, the mandate of Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic. In the same resolution, the Council decided to convene, at its fifty-eighth session, a high-level dialogue to enable it to assess human rights developments on the ground, with particular emphasis on decentralization and local governance as tools for implementing human rights recommendations at the local level, as political and social responses to the restoration and consolidation of State authority throughout the Central African Republic, and as levers to support the peace and national reconciliation process.

*Technical assistance and capacity-building to improve the situation of human rights in Haiti, in connection with a request from the authorities of Haiti for coordinated and targeted international action*

In its resolution 55/24, the Human Rights Council decided to extend, for a renewable period of one year, the mandate of the independent human rights expert appointed by the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in Haiti and requested the High Commissioner to provide the Council with a report on the situation of human rights in Haiti at its fifty-eighth session, within the framework of an interactive dialogue with the participation of the independent human rights expert. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/58/76](#)).

*Technical assistance and capacity-building for South Sudan*

In its resolution 55/26, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to present a comprehensive report on technical assistance and capacity-building for South Sudan to the Council, at its fifty-eighth session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR ([A/HRC/58/77](#)).

*Enhancement of technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights*

In its resolution 36/28, the Human Rights Council invited the High Commissioner to make an oral presentation to the Council, on an annual basis, providing an overview of and information on successes, best practices and challenges in technical assistance and capacity-building efforts, in particular those provided by OHCHR and relevant United Nations agencies. The Council will hear an oral presentation by the High Commissioner.

In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council invited the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights to present to the Council, on an annual basis, a comprehensive report on the Board's work. The Council will have before it the report of the Chair ([A/HRC/58/78](#)).

*Technical assistance and capacity-building for Mali in the field of human rights*

In its resolution 55/25, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali for a period of one year and requested the Independent Expert to submit a report to the Council at its fifty-eighth session. The Council will consider the report of the new mandate holder, Eduardo Gonzalez ([A/HRC/58/79](#)). In the same resolution, the Council decided to hold a dialogue at its fifty-eighth session, in the presence of the Independent Expert and representatives of the Transitional Government of Mali, to assess the changes in the situation of human rights in the country, with a particular focus on the issue of the protection of civilians while countering terrorism.

## Annex

### Panel discussions to be held during the fifty-eighth session of the Human Rights Council

<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Panel/discussion</i>
Human Rights Council resolutions 16/21 and 57/4	Annual high-level panel discussion on human rights mainstreaming, on the theme “Thirtieth anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action” (accessible to persons with disabilities)
Human Rights Council resolutions 26/2 and 54/35	Biennial high-level panel discussion on the question of the death penalty, on the theme “Contribution of the judiciary to the advancement of human rights and the question of the death penalty” (accessible to persons with disabilities)
Human Rights Council resolution 55/13	Panel discussion on early warning and genocide prevention (accessible to persons with disabilities)
Human Rights Council resolution 56/20	Panel discussion on the realization of human rights in sustaining and increasing the gains made in the HIV response and leaving no one behind (accessible to persons with disabilities)
Human Rights Council resolution 55/9	Panel discussion on the realization of the rights to work and to social security in the informal economy
Human Rights Council resolutions 7/9, 55/8 and 57/6	Annual interactive debate on the rights of persons with disabilities, on the theme “Rights of persons with disabilities: digital and assistive technologies, countering cyberbullying, and digital inclusion” (accessible to persons with disabilities)
Human Rights Council resolutions 7/29 and 55/29	Annual full-day meeting on the rights of the child, on the theme “Early childhood development” (accessible to persons with disabilities)
General Assembly resolution 79/161	Commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination