



Seventy-seventh session

Agenda item 68 (a)

**Promotion and protection of human rights: implementation
of human rights instruments****Resolution adopted by the General Assembly
on 15 December 2022***[on the report of the Third Committee (A/77/463/Add.1, para. 14)]***77/210. Human rights treaty body system***The General Assembly,*

Recalling the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,¹ the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,² the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,³ the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance,⁴ the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families,⁵ the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,⁶ the Convention on the Rights of the Child,⁷ the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,⁸ the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment⁹ and the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment,¹⁰

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution [1985/17](#) of 28 May 1985,

Recalling further its resolution [68/268](#) of 9 April 2014 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system,

¹ See resolution [2200 A \(XXI\)](#), annex.

² *Ibid.*

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2515, No. 44910.

⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. 2716, No. 48088.

⁵ *Ibid.*, vol. 2220, No. 39481.

⁶ *Ibid.*, vol. 1249, No. 20378.

⁷ *Ibid.*, vol. 1577, No. 27531.

⁸ *Ibid.*, vol. 660, No. 9464.

⁹ *Ibid.*, vol. 1465, No. 24841.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, vol. 2375, No. 24841.



Recalling its resolution [75/174](#) of 16 December 2020 on the human rights treaty body system,

Reaffirming that the full and effective implementation of international human rights instruments by States parties is of major importance to the efforts of the United Nations to promote universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and that the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system is indispensable for the full and effective implementation of such instruments,

Recognizing the important, valuable and unique role and contribution of each of the human rights treaty bodies in the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including through their examination of the progress made by States parties to the respective human rights treaties in fulfilling their relevant obligations and their provision of recommendations to States parties on the implementation of such treaties,

Expressing concern over the effect that the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and COVID-19-related restrictions had on the work of the treaty bodies and efforts to address the backlog of State party reports pending review, including full suspension or postponement of sessions between 13 March 2020 and 6 September 2021,

Emphasizing the importance of multilingualism in the activities of the United Nations, including those linked to the promotion and protection of human rights, and reaffirming the paramount importance of the equality of the six official languages of the United Nations for the effective functioning of the human rights treaty bodies,

Welcoming the ongoing process of the consideration of the state of the human rights treaty body system, and taking note of the 2020 report of the co-facilitators, the Permanent Representatives of Morocco and Switzerland to the United Nations, to the President of the General Assembly,¹¹

Noting the human rights treaty bodies' continuing efforts, within their respective mandates, towards achieving greater efficiency, transparency, effectiveness, predictability, coordination and harmonization through their working methods, outlined in the report of the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies on their thirty-fourth annual meeting,¹²

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the human rights treaty body system;¹³

2. *Welcomes* the annual reports of the human rights treaty bodies submitted to the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth¹⁴ and seventy-seventh¹⁵ sessions and to the Economic and Social Council at its 2021¹⁶ and 2022 sessions;¹⁷

¹¹ [A/75/601](#), annex.

¹² See [A/77/228](#).

¹³ [A/77/279](#).

¹⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-sixth Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/76/18)*; *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 38 (A/76/38)*; *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 40 (A/76/40)*; *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 44 (A/76/44)*; *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 48 (A/76/48)*; *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 55 (A/76/55)*; and *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 56 (A/76/56)*; see also [A/76/254](#).

¹⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-seventh Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/77/18)*; *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 38 (A/77/38)*; *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 40 (A/77/40)*; *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 41 (A/77/41)*; *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 44 (A/77/44)*; *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 48 (A/77/48)*; and *ibid.*, *Supplement No. 56 (A/77/56)*.

¹⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2021, Supplement No. 2 (E/2021/22)*.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, 2022, *Supplement No. 2 (E/2022/22)*.

3. *Invites* the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies to address and engage in an interactive dialogue with the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth and seventy-ninth sessions under the item relevant to the work of the treaty body;

4. *Encourages* all stakeholders to continue their efforts for the full implementation of resolution [68/268](#);

5. *Reaffirms* paragraphs 26 to 28 of its resolution [68/268](#), in which it set out how the allocation of meeting time to the treaty bodies would be identified and requested the Secretary-General to provide the corresponding financial and human resources, decided that the meeting time allocated would be reviewed biennially and amended on that basis at the request of the Secretary-General in line with established budgetary procedures, and requested the Secretary-General accordingly to take into account the meeting time needed by the human rights treaty body system in his future biennial programme budget;

6. *Notes* that the COVID-19 pandemic showed the need to strengthen the capacity of the treaty bodies to engage and interact online, also notes the considerable potential of digitalization for improved efficiency, transparency and accessibility of the treaty bodies and the interaction with all relevant stakeholders, and encourages the treaty bodies to continue their efforts to further the use of digital technologies in their work, while stressing that in-person interaction remains a crucial component of the work of the treaty bodies;

7. *Expresses appreciation* for the organization of discussions on matters related to the implementation of each human rights treaty at meetings of the States parties thereto, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to support such practices;

8. *Also expresses appreciation* for the opportunity to interact with the Chairs of the treaty bodies during their annual meetings, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to support such opportunities;

9. *Further expresses appreciation* for the advisory services, capacity-building and technical assistance provided by the Secretary-General to support States parties in building their capacity to implement their treaty obligations, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in this regard;

10. *Reiterates its request*, made in paragraph 40 of its resolution [68/268](#), that the Secretary-General submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-ninth session a report on the status of the human rights treaty body system.

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