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1. Organizational and procedural matters

Date and venue of the session

1. The Human Rights Council will hold its forty-eighth session from 13 September to 8 October 2021 at the United Nations Office at Geneva. The dates are subject to change.

Composition of the Human Rights Council

2. The composition of the Human Rights Council at its forty-eighth session is as follows:¹ Argentina (2021); Armenia (2022); Austria (2021); Bahamas (2021); Bahrain (2021); Bangladesh (2021); Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (2023); Brazil (2022); Bulgaria

* The present report was submitted after the deadline in order to reflect recent developments.

¹ The term of membership of each State expires in the year indicated in parentheses.



(2021); Burkina Faso (2021); Cameroon (2021); China (2023); Côte d'Ivoire (2023); Cuba (2023); Czechia (2021); Denmark (2021); Eritrea (2021); Fiji (2021); France (2023); Gabon (2023); Germany (2022); India (2021); Indonesia (2022); Italy (2021); Japan (2022); Libya (2022); Malawi (2023); Marshall Islands (2022); Mauritania (2022); Mexico (2023); Namibia (2022); Nepal (2023); Netherlands (2022); Pakistan (2023); Philippines (2021); Poland (2022); Republic of Korea (2022); Russian Federation (2023); Senegal (2023); Somalia (2021); Sudan (2022); Togo (2021); Ukraine (2023); United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2023); Uruguay (2021); Uzbekistan (2023); and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (2022).

Bureau of the Human Rights Council

3. At its organizational session held on 16 December 2020, as well as at its organizational meetings held on 15 January, 8 February and 7 June 2021, the Human Rights Council elected the following members of the Bureau for its fifteenth cycle, which runs from 1 January to 31 December 2021:

<i>President</i>	Nazhat Shameem Khan (Fiji)
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	Keva Lorraine Bain (Bahamas) Ebyan Mahamed Salah (Somalia) ² Yuri Borissov Sterk (Bulgaria)
<i>Vice-President and Rapporteur</i>	Monique T.G. van Daalen (Netherlands)

Selection and appointment of mandate holders

4. 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 Mxolisi Nkosi (South Africa),³ Ahmad Faisal Muhamad (Malaysia), Joaquín Alexander Maza Martelli (El Salvador) and Tamara Mawhinney (Canada), will propose to the President of the Council a list of candidates for: (a) the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights; (b) a member of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises from Latin American and Caribbean States; and (c) a member of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, also from Latin American and Caribbean States (an unforeseen vacancy that has arisen due to the resignation of a current member).

5. 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 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 forty-eighth session.

Election of members of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee

6. Pursuant to Human Rights Council decision 18/121, the term of office of four members of the Advisory Committee will end on 30 September 2021.

7. At its forty-eighth session, the Human Rights Council will elect Advisory Committee members for four vacant seats: one for the Group of African States, one for the Group of Asia-Pacific States, one for the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and one for the Group of Western European and other States.

8. Pursuant to paragraph 70 of the annex to its resolution 5/1, the Human Rights Council is to elect the members of the Advisory Committee, in secret ballot, from the list of candidates

² At its organizational meeting held on 7 June 2021, the Human Rights Council elected Ebyan Mahamed Salah (Somalia) to replace Ali ibn Abi Talib Abdelrahman Mahmoud (Sudan).

³ Pursuant to the note verbale dated 11 June 2021 from Cameroon, in its capacity as the coordinator of the Group of African States, Mxolisi Nkosi (South Africa) temporarily replaced Makaila Ahmad (Chad) in the Consultative Group.

whose names have been presented in accordance with the agreed requirements (see A/HRC/48/84).

Report on the session

9. At the end of its forty-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

10. All reports of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Secretary-General 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.

Promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka

11. In its resolution 46/1, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to enhance its monitoring and reporting on the situation of human rights in Sri Lanka, including on progress in reconciliation and accountability, and to present an oral update to the Human Rights Council at its forty-eighth session. The Council will hear the oral update of OHCHR.

Promotion and protection of human rights in Nicaragua

12. In its resolution 46/2, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to present an oral update on the situation of human rights in Nicaragua to the Council at its forty-eighth session. The Council will hear the oral update of the High Commissioner.

Situation of human rights in the Tigray region of Ethiopia

13. In its resolution 47/13, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to present an oral update to the Council at its forty-eighth session on the situation of human rights in the Tigray region and on progress made in the context of the joint investigation undertaken by OHCHR and the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission. The Council will hear the oral update of the High Commissioner during an enhanced interactive dialogue.

Situation of human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar

14. In its resolution 39/2, the Human Rights Council decided to establish an ongoing independent mechanism to collect, consolidate, preserve and analyse evidence of the most serious international crimes and violations of international law committed in Myanmar since 2011, and to prepare files in order to facilitate and expedite fair and independent criminal proceedings, in accordance with international law standards, in national, regional or international courts or tribunals that have or may in the future have jurisdiction over these crimes, in accordance with international law. In the same resolution, the Council also decided that the mechanism should report on its main activities on an annual basis to the Council. The Council will consider the report of the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar (A/HRC/48/18).

Strengthening cooperation and technical assistance in the field of human rights in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

15. In its resolution 45/2, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to present a comprehensive written report on the situation of human rights in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the Council at its forty-eighth session. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/48/19).

Human rights situation in Yemen

16. In its resolution 45/15, the Human Rights Council decided to renew the mandate of the Group of Eminent International and Regional Experts for a further period of one year, and requested the Group to present a comprehensive written report to the Council at its forty-eighth session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of the Group (A/HRC/48/20).

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*Ensuring equitable, affordable, timely and universal access for all countries to vaccines in response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic*

17. In its resolution 46/14, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to provide an oral update on the human rights implications of the lack of affordable, timely, equitable and universal access and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and the deepening inequalities between States, including the related vulnerabilities and challenges and the impact on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. The Council will hear the oral update of the High Commissioner.

Access to medicines and vaccines in the context of the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health

18. In its resolution 41/10, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to convene a full-day intersessional seminar on good practices, key challenges and new developments relevant to access to medicines and vaccines as one of the fundamental elements of the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, in coordination with the World Health Organization, and to submit a report, in the form of a summary, on the seminar to the Council at its forty-sixth session. The Council will have before it the note by the Secretariat on the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/48/24).

Cultural rights and the protection of cultural heritage

19. In its resolution 37/17, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to convene a two-day workshop in Geneva with the participation of experts from all regions of the world to develop appropriate tools for the dissemination 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 forty-sixth session. In line with Council decision 45/113, the two-day workshop was postponed; it was eventually held on 14 and 15 June 2021. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/48/40).

The human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation

20. In its resolution 42/5, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation for a period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to continue to report, on an annual basis, to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the new mandate holder, Pedro Arrojo Agudo (A/HRC/48/50 and Add.1–4).

Environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes

21. In its resolution 45/17, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes for a period of three years, and invited the Special Rapporteur to report to the Council in accordance with its programme of work. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Marcos Orellana (A/HRC/48/61).

Civil and political rights

The promotion and protection of human rights in the context of peaceful protests

22. In its resolution 44/20, the Human Rights Council decided to convene, at its forty-eighth session, a panel discussion on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of peaceful protests, with a particular focus on achievements and contemporary challenges. The Council will hold a panel discussion thereon (see annex).

Conscientious objection to military service

23. In its resolution 20/2, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to prepare a quadrennial analytical report on conscientious objection to military service, in particular on new developments, best practices and remaining challenges. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/48/27).

Question of the death penalty

24. In its decision 18/117, the Human Rights Council requested the Secretary-General to continue to submit to the Council a yearly supplement to his quinquennial report on capital punishment and the implementation of the safeguards guaranteeing protection of the rights of those facing the death penalty. In its resolution 42/24, the Council requested the Secretary-General to dedicate the 2021 supplement to the consequences arising at various stages of the imposition and application of the death penalty on the enjoyment of the human rights of persons facing the death penalty and other affected persons, paying specific attention to the consequences of the lack of transparency in the application and imposition of the death penalty on the enjoyment of human rights. The Council will have before it the note by the Secretariat on the 2021 supplement to the quinquennial report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/48/29).

25. Also in its resolution 42/24, the Human Rights Council decided that the biennial high-level panel discussion to be held at its forty-sixth session would address the human rights violations related to the use of the death penalty, in particular with respect to whether the use of the death penalty has a deterrent effect on crime rate. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR on the biennial panel discussion (A/HRC/48/38).

The right to privacy in the digital age

26. In its resolution 42/15, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to organize a one-day expert seminar to discuss how artificial intelligence, including profiling, automated decision-making and machine-learning technologies may, without proper safeguards, affect the enjoyment of the right to privacy. It also requested the High Commissioner to prepare a thematic report on the issue and to submit it to the Council at its forty-fifth session. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/48/31).

Equal participation in political and public affairs

27. In its resolution 39/11, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to prepare, in consultation with States and all other relevant stakeholders, a follow-up report on good practices and challenges faced by States in using the guidelines on the implementation of the right to participate in public affairs, and to present it to the Council at its forty-eighth session. The Council will have before it the note by the Secretariat on the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/48/33).

Freedom of opinion and expression

28. In its resolution 44/12, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to prepare a report on good practices for establishing national normative frameworks that foster access to information held by public entities and to submit the report to the Council at its forty-seventh session. The Council will have before it the note by the Secretariat on the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/48/37).

Contemporary forms of slavery

29. In its resolution 42/10, the Human Rights Council renewed the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences, for a period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit reports on the implementation of the mandate to the Council in accordance with its annual programme of work. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Tomoya Obokata (A/HRC/48/52).

Arbitrary detention

30. In its resolution 42/22, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention for a further period of three years. The Council will consider the report of the Working Group (A/HRC/48/55).

Enforced or involuntary disappearances

31. In its resolution 45/3, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances for a further period of three years, in conformity with the terms set forth in Council resolution 7/12. The Council will consider the reports of the Working Group (A/HRC/48/57 and Add.1).

Truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence

32. In its resolution 45/10, the Human Rights Council decided to extend for a period of three years the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence, and requested the Special Rapporteur to continue to report annually to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Fabián Salvioli (A/HRC/48/60 and Add.1–2).

Right to development*The right to development*

33. In its resolution 42/23, the Human Rights Council decided to organize a biennial panel discussion on the right to development. In the same resolution, it requested OHCHR to prepare a report on the panel discussion and to submit it to the Council at its forty-sixth session. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR on the biennial panel discussion, which was held during its forty-fifth session (A/HRC/48/22).

34. Pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 45/6 and General Assembly resolution 75/182, the Council will consider the consolidated report of the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner on the right to development (A/HRC/48/26).

35. In its resolution 42/23, the Human Rights Council decided to extend for a period of three years the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the right to development. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Saad Alfarargi (A/HRC/48/56).

36. In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council decided to establish a subsidiary expert mechanism to provide the Council with thematic expertise on the right to development in searching for, identifying and sharing best practices with Member States and to promote the implementation of the right to development worldwide. The Council will consider the annual report of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development (A/HRC/48/62).

37. Pursuant to its resolution 45/6, the Human Rights Council will consider the thematic study by the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development on operationalizing the right to development in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (A/HRC/48/63).

38. Pursuant to its resolutions 9/3, 39/9, 42/23 and 45/6, the Human Rights Council will consider the report of the Working Group on the Right to Development on its twenty-first session (A/HRC/48/64).

Rights of peoples and of specific groups and individuals

Human rights and indigenous peoples

39. In its resolution 18/8, the Human Rights Council decided to hold a half-day panel discussion on the rights of indigenous peoples. In its resolution 45/12, the Council decided that the theme of the panel discussion to be held at its forty-eighth session would be the situation of human rights of indigenous peoples facing the COVID-19 pandemic, with a special focus on the right to participation. The Council will hold its annual half-day panel discussion thereon (see annex).

40. Also in its resolution 45/12, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to continue to submit to the Council an annual report on the rights of indigenous peoples containing information on the relevant developments in human rights bodies and mechanisms and the activities undertaken by OHCHR at headquarters and in the field that contribute to the promotion of, respect for and the full application of the provisions of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and follow-up on the effectiveness of the Declaration. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/48/30).

41. In its resolution 42/19, the Human Rights Council decided to hold an intersessional round table on possible steps to be taken to enhance the participation of indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions in meetings of the Council on issues affecting them. In line with Council decision 45/113, the intersessional round table was postponed; it was eventually held on 16 July 2021. The Council will have before it the note by the Secretariat on the report on the round table (A/HRC/48/41).

42. In its resolution 42/20, the Human Rights Council decided to renew the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples for a period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit a report on the implementation of the mandate to the Council in accordance with its annual programme of work. The Council will consider the report presented by the mandate holder, José Francisco Calí Tzay (A/HRC/48/54).

Rights of the child

43. In its resolution 45/30, the Human Rights Council decided to focus its next annual full-day meeting on the theme "The rights of the child and the Sustainable Development Goals" and requested OHCHR to prepare a summary report thereon and to submit it to the Council at its forty-eighth session. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR on the meeting (A/HRC/48/23).

Promoting and protecting the human rights of women and girls in conflict and post-conflict situations on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000)

44. In its resolution 45/28, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to present to the Council, at its forty-eighth session, an analytical report, based on the contributions of States and other stakeholders, to be followed by an interactive dialogue, on the current state of play of the mainstreaming of the human rights of women and girls in conflict and post-conflict situations in the work of the Council, namely in relevant resolutions and in its mechanisms, with a view to making recommendations, as applicable, to States, Council mechanisms and relevant stakeholders. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/48/32).

The safety of journalists

45. In its resolution 45/18, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to present to the Council at its forty-eighth session a report on the impact and repercussions of measures taken by Governments in response to the COVID-19 pandemic on the safety and work of journalists and media workers. The Council will have before it the note by the Secretariat on the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/48/35).

The human rights of older persons

46. In its resolution 42/12, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons for a period of three years, and requested the Independent Expert to report regularly to the Council in accordance with its programme of work. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Claudia Mahler (A/HRC/48/53).

Interrelation of human rights and human rights thematic issues*Human rights and unilateral coercive measures*

47. In its resolution 27/21, the Human Rights Council decided to organize a biennial panel discussion on the issue of unilateral coercive measures and human rights. The Council will hold a panel discussion thereon (see annex).

48. In its resolution 45/5, the Human Rights Council decided to extend for a period of three years the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights. In its resolution 46/5, the Council requested the Special Rapporteur to continue her work on identifying and proposing concrete measures to ensure the removal of unilateral coercive measures affecting the enjoyment of human rights of victims and to focus on the resources and compensation necessary to promote accountability and reparations for victims in her next report to the Council at its forty-eighth session. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Alena Douhan (A/HRC/48/59 and Add.1–2).

World Programme for Human Rights Education

49. In its resolution 42/7, the Human Rights Council decided to convene at its forty-eighth session a high-level panel discussion to mark the tenth anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training on the theme “The tenth anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training: good practices, challenges and the way forward”. The Council will hold a high-level panel discussion thereon (see annex).

Eliminating inequality within and among States for the realization of human rights

50. In its resolution 45/14, the Human Rights Council decided to hold at its forty-eighth session a half-day panel discussion on deepening inequalities exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and their implications for the realization of human rights. The Council will hold a panel discussion thereon (see annex).

The need for an integrated approach to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for the full realization of human rights, focusing holistically on the means of implementation

51. In its resolution 37/25, the Human Rights Council decided to invite the President of the Economic and Social Council, commencing in 2018, to brief, on an annual basis, the Council, during one of its regular sessions, on the discussions of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, including on gaps, challenges and progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, focusing on the means of implementation taken together as an integrated package. The President of the Economic and Social Council will be invited to provide the briefing to the Council.

The contribution of the Human Rights Council to the prevention of human rights violations

52. In its resolution 45/31, the Human Rights Council decided to invite the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission, commencing in 2021, to brief, on an annual basis, the Council, during one of its regular sessions, under agenda item 3, on the work of the Commission, including in relation to country situations that are on the Council’s agenda. The Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission will be invited to provide the briefing to the Council.

The role of prevention in the promotion and protection of human rights

53. In its resolution 42/6, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to prepare a study, to be presented to the Council at its forty-fifth session, on the contribution of the special procedures in assisting States and other stakeholders in the prevention of human rights violations and abuses. In line with Council decision 45/113, the preparation of the study was postponed. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/48/21).

The contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights

54. In its resolution 41/19, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to organize a one-day intersessional seminar, before the forty-seventh session of the Council, on the contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights and to prepare a summary report on the discussions held at the seminar. In line with Council decision 45/113, the intersessional seminar was postponed; it was eventually held on 28 May 2021. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/48/25).

Human rights and the regulation of civilian acquisition, possession and use of firearms

55. In its resolution 45/13, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a report on the human rights impact of the civilian acquisition, possession and use of firearms by children and youth, with a view to contributing to the strengthening or the development of comprehensive public policies based on socioeconomic interventions and services that address the factors driving firearms-related violence, and to present the report to the Council at its forty-eighth session. The Council will have before it the note by the Secretariat on the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/48/34).

Human rights and transitional justice

56. In its resolution 42/17, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to examine in a report how addressing a legacy of gross violations and abuses of human rights and serious violations of international humanitarian law through transitional justice measures can contribute to sustaining peace and the realization of Sustainable Development Goal 16, and to present the report to the Council at its forty-sixth session. The Council will have before it the note by the Secretariat on the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/48/36).

Fifteenth anniversary of the responsibility to protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity, as enshrined in the 2005 World Summit Outcome

57. In its resolution 44/14, the Human Rights Council decided to convene, before its forty-seventh session, an intersessional panel discussion to mark the fifteenth anniversary of the responsibility to protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity, as enshrined in the 2005 World Summit Outcome, on the exchange of best practices on strengthening national policies and strategies to implement the responsibility to protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity through national mechanisms and other stakeholders. In the same resolution, the Council requested OHCHR to prepare a summary report thereon and to submit it to the Council at its forty-eighth session. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/48/39).

Prevention of genocide

58. In its resolution 43/29, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to convene, before the forty-sixth session of the Council, a one-day intersessional meeting with a dialogue on cooperation in strengthening capacities for the prevention of genocide. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner on the intersessional meeting, which was held on 10 February 2021 (A/HRC/48/42).

The use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

59. In its resolution 42/9, the Human Rights Council renewed for a period of three years the mandate of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human

rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination for it to continue to undertake the tasks set out in Council resolution 7/21 and in all other relevant resolutions on the subject. The Council will consider the report of the Working Group (A/HRC/48/51).

Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order

60. In its resolution 45/4, the Human Rights Council decided to renew the mandate of the Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order for a period of three years and requested the Independent Expert to report regularly to the Council in accordance with its programme of work. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Livingstone Sewanyana (A/HRC/48/58).

Mandate of the open-ended intergovernmental working group to elaborate the content of an international regulatory framework on the regulation, monitoring and oversight of the activities of private military and security companies

61. In its resolution 45/16, the Human Rights Council decided to renew the mandate of the open-ended intergovernmental working group for a period of three years, with a mandate to continue elaborating the content of an international regulatory framework, without prejudging the nature thereof, in efforts to protect human rights and ensure accountability for violations and abuses relating to the activities of private military and private security companies, informed by the discussion document on elements for an international regulatory framework on the regulation, monitoring and oversight of the activities of private military and security companies, as prepared by the Chair-Rapporteur, and further inputs from Member States and other stakeholders, and factoring in the work done under the previous mandate. In that same resolution, the Council also decided that the open-ended intergovernmental working group should meet for five working days and submit an annual progress report to Council in conformity with its annual programme of work. The Council will consider the annual progress report of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on its second session (A/HRC/48/65).

4. Human rights situations that require the Council's attention

Situation of human rights in Belarus in the run-up to the 2020 presidential election and in its aftermath

62. In its resolution 46/20, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to present an interim oral update on the situation of human rights in Belarus in the run-up to the 2020 presidential election and in its aftermath to the Council at its forty-eighth session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will hear the interim oral update of OHCHR.

Situation of human rights in Myanmar

63. In its resolution 46/21, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar for a further period of one year, requested the Special Rapporteur to present an oral progress report to the Council at its forty-eighth session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue, and invited the Special Rapporteur to continue to monitor the situation of human rights and to measure progress in the implementation of recommendations. In the same resolution, the Council requested the Special Rapporteur to assess the situation of human rights since 1 February 2021 and to monitor the implementation of resolution 46/21, including by seeking an urgent visit to Myanmar, and to provide an oral update in his interactive dialogue with the Council at its forty-eighth session, and to make recommendations on additional steps necessary to address the crisis. The Council will consider the oral progress report and the oral update of the mandate holder, Thomas Andrews.

64. In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to monitor and assess the overall situation of human rights in Myanmar, with a particular focus on accountability regarding alleged violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law, as well as rule of law and security sector reform since February 2021, including in monitoring the implementation of the recommendations made

by the independent international fact-finding mission in its reports and conference room papers, and recommendations contained in the reports of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar, and to provide a written update at its forty-eighth session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the written update of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/48/67).

Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic

65. In its resolution 46/22, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to resume its work to establish the extent of civilian casualties in the Syrian Arab Republic, in cooperation with civil society, in order to fully assess the number of people killed as a result of 10 years of conflict, and to report on progress through an oral update to the Council at its forty-eighth session. The Council will hear the oral update of OHCHR.

66. In the same resolution, 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 written report during an interactive dialogue at the forty-eighth session of the Council. The Council will consider the report of the Commission of Inquiry (A/HRC/48/70).

Situation of human rights in South Sudan

67. In its resolution 46/23, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan for a period of one year, renewable as authorized by the Council. In the same resolution, the Council requested the Commission to present an oral update to the Council at its forty-eighth session, including on progress made on the provisions of the resolution, during an enhanced interactive dialogue, with the participation of representatives of the African Union. The Council will hear the oral update of the Commission.

Situation of human rights in Burundi

68. In its resolution 45/19, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Commission of Inquiry on Burundi for a further period of one year in order for it to continue its investigations, including with regard to the economic underpinnings of the State, and requested the Commission of Inquiry to present to the Council, at its forty-eighth session, a comprehensive written report, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of the Commission of Inquiry (A/HRC/48/68).

Situation of human rights in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

69. In its resolution 45/20, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the independent international fact-finding mission on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela for a period of two years, to enable the mission to continue to investigate gross violations of human rights, including extrajudicial executions, enforced disappearances, arbitrary detention, torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, including those involving sexual and gender-based violence, committed since 2014, with a view of combating impunity and ensuring full accountability for perpetrators and justice for victims, and requested the mission to present a written report on its findings to the Council during an interactive dialogue at its forty-eighth session. The Council will consider the report of the mission (A/HRC/48/69).

5. Human rights bodies and mechanisms

Cooperation with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights

70. In its resolution 12/2, the Human Rights Council invited the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council at its fourteenth session, and annually thereafter, containing a compilation and analysis of any available information, from all appropriate sources, on alleged reprisals against those who seek to cooperate or have cooperated with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms, as well as recommendations on how to address

the issues of intimidation and reprisals. Pursuant to its resolution 36/21, the Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/48/28), followed by an interactive dialogue.

Human Rights Council Advisory Committee

71. In its resolution 34/8, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to conduct a study and prepare a report on the negative effects of terrorism on the enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, with a particular focus on economic, social and cultural rights, including as a result of diverting foreign direct investment, reducing capital inflows, destroying infrastructure, limiting foreign trade, disturbing financial markets, negatively affecting certain economic sectors and impeding economic growth, and to present the report to the Council at its thirty-ninth session, to be discussed during an interactive dialogue. Further to the decisions adopted by the Council on 6 July 2018, 27 September 2019 and 24 March 2021, the deadline for the submission of the report was extended until the forty-eighth session. The Council will consider the report of the Advisory Committee (A/HRC/48/66).

72. Pursuant to paragraph 80 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, Council resolution 16/21 and decision 18/121, the Council will have before it the note by the Secretariat on the annual report of the Advisory Committee on its twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sessions (A/HRC/48/71).

73. In its resolutions 72/157, 73/262 and 75/237, the General Assembly requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a study on appropriate ways and means of assessing the situation regarding racial equality in the world, while identifying possible gaps and overlaps. The Council will consider the report of the Advisory Committee (A/HRC/48/72).

Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

74. In its resolution 33/25, the Human Rights Council decided that the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples should report at least once a year to the Council on its work, and keep the Council fully informed of developments on the rights of indigenous peoples. The Council will consider the report of the Expert Mechanism on its fourteenth session, held from 12 to 16 July 2021 (A/HRC/48/73).

75. In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council also decided that the Expert Mechanism should prepare an annual study on the status of the rights of indigenous peoples worldwide in the achievement of the ends of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, focusing on one or more interrelated articles of the Declaration, to be decided by the Expert Mechanism. The Council will consider the study of the Expert Mechanism (A/HRC/48/74).

76. Also in the same resolution, the Human Rights Council further decided that the Expert Mechanism should identify, disseminate and promote good practices and lessons learned regarding the efforts to achieve the ends of the Declaration, including through reports to the Council on this matter. The Council will consider the report of the Expert Mechanism (A/HRC/48/75).

Complaint procedure

77. In its resolution 5/1, the Human Rights Council established the complaint procedure as contained in section IV of the annex to that resolution. In paragraph 98 of the annex to resolution 5/1, the Working Group on Situations was requested, on the basis of the information and recommendations provided by the Working Group on Communications, to present the Council with a report on consistent patterns of gross and reliably attested violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms and to make recommendations to the Council on the course of action to be taken. The Council will have before it the note by the Secretariat on the reports of the Working Group on Situations on its twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh sessions, which were held in closed meetings from 19 to 22 October 2020 and from 12 to 16 April 2021 (A/HRC/48/86).

Special procedures

78. The Human Rights Council will have before it the communications report of the special procedures (A/HRC/48/3).

6. Universal periodic review

79. The Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review held its thirty-eighth session from 3 to 14 May 2021. At its forty-eighth session, the Human Rights Council will consider and adopt the final outcomes of the review of Myanmar (A/HRC/47/13),⁴ Namibia (A/HRC/48/4), the Niger (A/HRC/48/5), Mozambique (A/HRC/48/6), Estonia (A/HRC/48/7), Belgium (A/HRC/48/8), Paraguay (A/HRC/48/9), Denmark (A/HRC/48/10), Somalia (A/HRC/48/11), Palau (A/HRC/48/12), Solomon Islands (A/HRC/48/13), Seychelles (A/HRC/48/14), Latvia (A/HRC/48/15), Singapore (A/HRC/48/16) and Sierra Leone (A/HRC/48/17).

80. 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 Human Rights Council at its plenary session by a standardized decision. The outcomes comprise the reports of the Working Group, 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 in the Working Group.

7. Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories*Ensuring respect for international human rights law and international humanitarian law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in Israel*

81. In its resolution S-30/1, adopted at its thirtieth special session, the Human Rights Council decided to urgently establish an ongoing independent, international commission of inquiry, to be appointed by the President of the Human Rights Council, to investigate in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in Israel all alleged violations of international humanitarian law and all alleged violations and abuses of international human rights law leading up to and since 13 April 2021, and all underlying root causes of recurrent tensions, instability and protraction of conflict, including systematic discrimination and repression based on national, ethnic, racial or religious identity. In the same resolution, the Council requested the High Commissioner to provide an oral update on the progress made in the implementation of that resolution to the Council at its forty-eighth session. The Council will hear the oral update of the High Commissioner.

Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem

82. In its resolution 43/32, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a report on the allocation of water resources in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and to recommend measures to ensure the implementation of equitable access to safe drinking water in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, in accordance with international law, and to present the report to the Council at its forty-eighth session. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/48/43).

⁴ At its forty-seventh session, on 21 June 2021, the Human Rights Council decided to postpone the consideration and adoption of the final outcome of the review of Myanmar.

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

Integrating the human rights of women throughout the United Nations system

83. Pursuant to its resolution 6/30, the Human Rights Council will hold an annual discussion on the integration of a gender perspective throughout its work and that of its mechanisms (see annex).

Contribution of respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms to achieving the purposes and upholding the principles of the Charter of the United Nations

84. In its resolution 44/23, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to prepare a report on the contribution of the respect for all universal, indivisible, interdependent, interrelated and mutually reinforcing human rights and fundamental freedoms to achieving the purposes and upholding the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and to submit the report to the Council at its forty-eighth session. The Council will have before it the note by the Secretariat on the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/48/44).

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

Contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

85. In its resolution 43/36, the Human Rights Council decided to renew the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance for a further period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit an annual report to the Council on all activities relating to the mandate. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, E. Tendayi Achiume (A/HRC/48/76).

Combating glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

86. In its resolution 75/169, the General Assembly requested the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance to prepare, for submission to the Human Rights Council at its forty-seventh session, a report on the implementation of that resolution. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, E. Tendayi Achiume (A/HRC/48/77).

Mandate of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent

87. In its resolution 45/24, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent for a further period of three years, and requested the Working Group to submit an annual report to the Council on all activities relating to its mandate. The Council will consider the report of the Working Group (A/HRC/48/78).

Elaboration of complementary standards to strengthen and update international instruments against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in all their aspects

88. The Human Rights Council will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of Complementary Standards to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (A/HRC/48/85).

10. Technical assistance and capacity-building

Technical cooperation and capacity-building for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Philippines

89. In its resolution 45/33, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to present an oral update to the Council at its forty-eighth session on the progress and results of technical cooperation and capacity-building for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Philippines. The Council will hear the oral update of the High Commissioner.

Technical assistance and capacity-building for South Sudan

90. In its resolution 46/29, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to present an oral update to the Council at its forty-eighth session, including on progress made in the provisions described in that resolution, during an enhanced interactive dialogue, with the participation of representatives of the African Union. The Council will hold an enhanced interactive dialogue on the oral update of the High Commissioner.

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

91. Pursuant to its resolution 47/22, the Human Rights Council will hold an interactive dialogue at which the High Commissioner will present orally to the States members of the Council and observers the findings of the periodic reports of OHCHR on the situation of human rights in Ukraine.

Cooperation with Georgia

92. In its resolution 46/30, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to continue to provide technical assistance through the OHCHR office in Tbilisi and to present to the Council a written report on developments relating to and the implementation of that resolution at its forty-eighth session. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/48/45).

Technical assistance and capacity-building to further improve human rights in the Sudan

93. In its resolution 45/25, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a written report that assesses progress and challenges, including the work of the country office and its field presences, and to present it to the Council at its forty-eighth session, to be followed by an enhanced interactive dialogue thereon. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/48/46).

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

94. In its resolution 45/34, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a comprehensive report on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and to submit it to the Council at its forty-eighth session. In the same resolution, the Council decided to renew the mandate of the team of international experts on the situation in Kasai and requested the team to present a final report to the Council at its forty-eighth session. The Council will consider the reports of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/48/47) and of the team (A/HRC/48/82) during an interactive dialogue.

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

95. In its resolution 45/26, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to continue to provide substantive capacity-building and technical assistance to the Government of Yemen and technical support to the National Commission of Inquiry to ensure that the National Commission continues to investigate allegations of violations and abuses committed by all parties to the conflict in Yemen, and to present a written report on the implementation of technical assistance to the Council at its forty-eighth session. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/48/48).

Advisory services and technical assistance for Cambodia

96. In its resolution 42/37, the Human Rights Council requested the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its forty-eighth session on the role and achievements of OHCHR in assisting the Government and the people of Cambodia in the promotion and protection of human rights. The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/48/49).

97. In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council decided to extend for two years the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia, and requested the Special Rapporteur to report on the implementation of the mandate to the Council at its forty-eighth session. The Council will consider the report of the new mandate holder, Vitit Muntarbhorn (A/HRC/48/79).

Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights

98. In its resolution 45/27, the Human Rights Council decided to renew the mandate of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia for a period of one year to assess, monitor and report on the situation of human rights in Somalia with a view to making recommendations on technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights. In the same resolution, the Council requested the Independent Expert to report to it at its forty-eighth session. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Isha Dyfan (A/HRC/48/80).

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

99. In its resolution 45/35, the Human Rights Council decided to renew, for one year, the mandate of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic, and requested the Independent Expert to submit a written report to the Council at its forty-eighth session. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Yao Agbetse (A/HRC/48/81).

Technical assistance and capacity-building to improve human rights in Libya

100. In its resolution 43/39, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to establish and dispatch a fact-finding mission to Libya, for a period of one year, with the mandate to establish the facts and circumstances of the situation of human rights throughout Libya, and to collect and review relevant information, to document alleged violations and abuses of international human rights law and international humanitarian law by all parties in Libya since the beginning of 2016, including any gendered dimensions of such violations and abuses, and to preserve evidence with a view to ensuring that perpetrators of violations or abuses of international human rights law and international humanitarian law are held accountable. In the same resolution, the Council requested the fact-finding mission to present a comprehensive report on the situation of human rights in Libya, including on efforts to prevent and ensure accountability for violations and abuses of human rights and recommendations for follow-up. The Council will consider the report of the fact-finding mission during an interactive dialogue (A/HRC/48/83).

Annex

Panel discussions and other discussions to be held at the forty-eighth session of the Human Rights Council

<i>Resolution of the Human Rights Council</i>	<i>Panel/discussion</i>
Resolution 27/21 and Corr.1	Biennial panel discussion on the issue of unilateral coercive measures and human rights
Resolution 6/30	Annual discussion on the integration of a gender perspective throughout the work of the Human Rights Council and that of its mechanisms
Resolutions 18/8 and 45/12	Annual half-day panel discussion on the rights of indigenous peoples on the theme “Situation of human rights of indigenous peoples facing the COVID-19 pandemic, with a special focus on the right to participation” (accessible to persons with disabilities)
Resolution 45/14	Half-day panel discussion on deepening inequalities exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and their implications for the realization of human rights (accessible to persons with disabilities)
Resolution 42/7	High-level panel discussion on the theme “The tenth anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training: good practices, challenges and the way forward” (accessible to persons with disabilities)
Resolution 44/20	Panel discussion on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of peaceful protests, with a particular focus on achievements and contemporary challenges (accessible to persons with disabilities)