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Agenda item 1

Organizational and procedural matters

Draft decision submitted by the President of the Human Rights Council

55/... Postponement of the implementation of certain activities mandated by the Human Rights Council

At its XXth meeting, on X April 2024, the Human Rights Council decided to adopt the following text:

“The Human Rights Council,

Taking note of information provided by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights according to which certain activities mandated by the Council cannot be implemented in 2024, or as scheduled for the fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sessions of the Council, owing to the current liquidity crisis affecting the United Nations Secretariat;

Decides to postpone the implementation of the mandated activities that cannot be implemented by the Office of the High Commissioner and to reschedule them in accordance with the timelines specified in the annex to the present decision.”



Annex

New timelines for the implementation of certain activities mandated by the Human Rights Council*

<i>Resolutions and mandated activities</i>	<i>New timeline for implementation</i>
<p>1. Human Rights Council resolution 33/25 on the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</p> <p>Mandated activities: holding of intersessional meetings and activities by the Expert Mechanism for five days a year, using information and communications technology to advance its work</p>	<p>The annual intersessional seminar of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples will not be held in 2024.</p>
<p>2. Human Rights Council resolutions 50/3 on the situation of human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar and 52/31 on the situation of human rights in Myanmar</p> <p>Mandated activities: presentation of a report to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-sixth session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue; provision to the Council of a written update, at its fifty-sixth session</p>	<p>Only one, consolidated report will be presented to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-sixth session, followed by an interactive dialogue.</p>
<p>3. Human Rights Council resolution 51/33 on promoting international cooperation to support national mechanisms for implementation, reporting and follow-up</p> <p>Mandated activities: organization of a one-day intersessional seminar in 2024, to be held in Geneva; establishment and maintenance of a virtual knowledge hub</p>	<p>The organization of the in-person seminar is postponed to 2025; and the establishment of the virtual knowledge hub is postponed to 2025.</p>
<p>4. Human Rights Council resolution 52/11 on the question of the realization in all countries of economic, social and cultural rights</p> <p>Mandated activities: preparation of a practical information note compiling best practices on social protection with regard to human rights, before the fifty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council</p>	<p>The preparation of the practical information note is postponed; it will be prepared before the fifty-seventh session of the Human Rights Council.</p>
<p>5. Human Rights Council resolutions 28/14 and 52/22 on human rights, democracy and the rule of law</p> <p>Mandated activities: holding of the Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law every two years; holding of the fifth session of the Forum, in 2024, on the theme “Democracy and climate change: focusing on solutions”</p>	<p>The fifth session of the Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law is postponed to 2025.</p>

* Human Rights Council sessions: fifty-sixth session (June–July 2024), fifty-seventh session (September–October 2024), fifty-ninth session (June–July 2025), sixtieth session (September–October 2025), sixty-second session (June–July 2026), sixty-third session (September–October 2026).

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6. Human Rights Council resolution 53/11 on the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

Mandated activities: organization of a series of regional seminars, one for each of the five geographical regions, on the contribution of North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation to the enjoyment of all human rights, including the right to development, in order to allow stakeholders to augment their activities in identifying challenges and gaps and sharing good practices and experiences in this regard; presentation of a summary report on the discussions held at the seminars to the Human Rights Council at its sixtieth session; undertaking of concrete activities to explore and foster complementarities among North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation aiming at the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights, including by studying, promoting and preparing a compilation of best practices

The five regional seminars are postponed to 2025 and 2026 (four in 2025 and one in 2026); the summary report will be presented to the Human Rights Council at its sixty-third session; and the undertaking of concrete activities to explore and foster complementarities among North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation and preparation of the compilation on best practices are postponed to 2026.

7. Human Rights Council resolution 53/13 on civil society space

Mandated activities: preparation of a thematic report that identifies challenges and best practices in regularly assessing civic space trends and contains recommendations with a view to enhancing information-gathering on civic space, and presentation of the report to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-sixth session

The report is postponed and will be presented to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-seventh session.

8. Human Rights Council resolution 53/16, entitled “The right to a nationality: equality in nationality rights in law and in practice”

Mandated activities: organization of a half-day expert workshop, in an accessible format, to showcase best practices in the promotion of equal nationality rights in law and in practice, prior to the fifty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council; submission of a summary report on the above-mentioned workshop, including any recommendations stemming therefrom, to the Council at its fifty-seventh session

The workshop is postponed and will be held before the fifty-ninth session of the Human Rights Council; and the summary report will be submitted to the Council at its sixtieth session.

9. Human Rights Council resolution 53/21 on the incompatibility between democracy and racism

Mandated activities: convening of an intersessional high-level panel discussion on the incompatibility between democracy and racism, with a view to identifying good practices and challenges on the national, regional and international levels, before the fifty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council; organization of a webcast of the panel discussion, to be held in a hybrid format; submission of a summary report on the panel

The intersessional high-level panel discussion is postponed and will be held before the fifty-ninth session of the Human Rights Council; and the summary report will be submitted to the Council at its sixtieth session.

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discussion to the Council at its fifty-seventh session

10. Human Rights Council resolution 53/23, entitled “Child, early and forced marriage: ending and preventing forced marriage”

Mandated activities: preparation of concise and action-oriented guidelines as a set of orientations for States on the effective application of a human rights-based approach to the development and implementation of laws, policies and programmes to prevent and eliminate child, early and forced marriage, and submission of the guidelines, in a comprehensive report, accessible to persons with disabilities, including in an accessible and easy-to-read format, to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-ninth session; facilitation of the open, transparent and inclusive elaboration of the guidelines through consultations, including through informal online consultations with States and other stakeholders at the regional level

The submission of the guidelines, in a comprehensive report, is postponed to the sixty-second session of the Human Rights Council; and the five consultations are postponed to 2025 and 2026 (four in 2025 and one in 2026).

11. Human Rights Council resolution 53/28 on the contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights

Mandated activities: preparation of a compilation of best practices in the contribution of development to the promotion and protection of all human rights in the context of recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, and submission of the document, including in an accessible and easy-to-read format, to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-sixth session

The preparation of the compilation of best practices is postponed and will be submitted to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-seventh session.

12. Human Rights Council resolution 54/21 on the right to privacy in the digital age

Mandated activities: preparation of a report on challenges and risks with regard to discrimination and unequal enjoyment of the right to privacy associated with data, identification and clarification of related human rights principles, safeguards and best practices, and presentation of the report to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-seventh session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue

The report is postponed to 2025 and will be presented to the Human Rights Council at its sixtieth session, followed by an interactive dialogue.

13. Human Rights Council resolution 54/23 on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation

Mandated activities: Holding of consultations with all stakeholders, including civil society inside and outside the Russian Federation

The holding of consultations is postponed to 2025, subject to the renewal of the mandate.

14. Human Rights Council resolution 54/25 on a world of sports free from racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

The organization of the three regional consultations is postponed to 2025 (all to be held in 2025).

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Mandated activities: organization of regional consultations with a view to identify ways to strengthen national and local actions to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance in and through sport

15. Human Rights Council resolution 54/27, entitled “From rhetoric to reality: a global call for concrete action against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance”

Mandated activities: preparation of an expert study that takes stock of how the work of the different treaty bodies has contributed to the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, making of recommendations on how to address the challenges identified, and presentation of the study to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-seventh session; extension of the comprehensive communications strategy requested by the Council in its resolution 48/18, to continue to raise awareness about and mobilize global public support for racial justice and equality and the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

16. Human Rights Council resolution 54/28 on enhancement of technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights

Mandated activities: establishment and maintenance of an online repository of technical cooperation and capacity-building activities in the implementation of universal periodic review recommendations

17. Human Rights Council resolution 54/30, entitled “Penitentiary system, security and justice: enhancement of technical cooperation and capacity-building to protect human rights in Honduras”

Mandated activities: Provision of technical assistance and capacity-building to national civilian authorities in penitentiary, security and justice matters, for a period of one year, in order to improve the situation of human rights in Honduras, including ways to mainstream gender and that are inclusive of vulnerable and marginalized groups

The expert study is postponed to 2025 and will be presented to the Human Rights Council at its sixtieth session; and the communications strategy will be significantly reduced in 2024, to include delivery, at a minimum, of some communications outputs for social media and web-based platforms, with some digital products and remaining activities postponed to 2025.

The establishment of an online repository of technical cooperation and capacity-building activities in the implementation of universal periodic review recommendations is postponed to 2025; and participation in the five regional seminars organized under Human Rights Council resolution 53/11, to promote the repository among Member States and compile information on the contribution of North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation to the enjoyment of human rights through technical cooperation, is postponed to 2025 and 2026.

The provision of additional technical assistance and capacity-building to national civilian authorities in penitentiary, security and justice matters in order to improve the situation of human rights in Honduras, including ways to mainstream gender and that are inclusive of vulnerable and marginalized groups, is postponed to 2025; the assessment of the penitentiary, security and justice sectors, provision of highly targeted expertise in related sectors, and development and support for the implementation of comprehensive training and capacity-building curricula in the respective areas, are postponed to 2025; and the organization of workshops on penitentiary, security, justice and other priority issues for participants from State authorities and other stakeholders, including civil society organizations, is postponed to 2025.