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Organizational and procedural matters

Decision adopted by the Human Rights Council on 10 July 2024

56/115. Strengthening documentation within the Human Rights Council: webcasts

At its 34th meeting, on 10 July 2024, the Human Rights Council decided to adopt the text below:

“The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006 and Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007 on institution-building of the Council,

Recognizing that the work of the Human Rights Council shall be guided by the principles of universality, impartiality, objectivity and non-selectivity, constructive international dialogue and cooperation, with a view to enhancing the promotion and protection of all human rights,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 66/246 of 24 December 2011, in which the Assembly stressed the importance of an open, transparent and all-inclusive United Nations, and decided to approve the live webcasting, and subsequent storage, of all the formal meetings of its six Main Committees,

Recalling also Human Rights Council decision 22/115 of 21 March 2013, wherein it took note of the current arrangement between the Department of Public Information, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Information Service, which relies mainly on extrabudgetary resources to fund webcast coverage of the meetings of the Human Rights Council,

Recalling further Human Rights Council decision 47/114 of 12 July 2021 on strengthening documentation within the Human Rights Council, in which the Council decided that summary records should be taken for meetings at which the Council takes action on proposals and adopts the report on each session,

Reiterating the importance of the live webcasting and subsequent storage of the formal and public meetings of the Human Rights Council during its sessions, its organizational and intersessional meetings, the meetings of its subsidiary bodies and mechanisms, including the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, which constitute archive records of those meetings, ensure inclusivity and are important to government representatives, civil society, including journalists, and United Nations



staff, in particular in view of the lack of summary records, as well as being an important tool for public outreach,

Reiterating also the importance of written meeting summaries – the only written documents reporting on the proceedings of the Human Rights Council – to Governments, civil society, including journalists, and United Nations staff,

1. *Decides* that all formal and public meetings of the Human Rights Council during its sessions and in the intersessional period and those of its subsidiary bodies and mechanisms, including the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, should continue to be webcast live and subsequently stored in all the official languages of the United Nations;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide all the resources necessary to ensure live webcasting and subsequent storage of all formal and public meetings of the Human Rights Council during its sessions and in the intersessional period and those of its subsidiary bodies and mechanisms, including the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, in all the official languages of the United Nations.”

[Adopted without a vote.]
