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

Bangladesh, Belarus,* China,* Egypt,* Nepal, Pakistan, Russian Federation* and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): draft resolution

45/... People-centred approaches in promoting and protecting human rights

The Human Rights Council,

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

Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, and recalling the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and other relevant human rights instruments, including the Declaration on the Right to Development and the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action,

Reaffirming that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interrelated, interdependent and mutually reinforcing, and that all human rights must be treated in a fair and equal manner, on the same footing and with the same emphasis,

Reaffirming also that all human rights derive from the dignity and worth inherent in the human person, and that the human person is the central subject of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and consequently should be the principal beneficiary and should participate actively in the realization of these rights and freedoms,

Reaffirming further that, while the significance of national and regional particularities and various historical, cultural and religious backgrounds must be borne in mind, all States, regardless of their political, economic and cultural systems, have the duty to promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Emphasizing the responsibilities of all States, in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations, to respect human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction of any kind as to race, colour, sex, language or religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status,

Expressing concern that development progress has been uneven, the number of persons living in extreme poverty remains unacceptably high, and persistent and growing inequalities inhibit the full and effective enjoyment of all human rights,

* State not a member of the Human Rights Council.



Recalling 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, a historic decision on a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets, its recognition that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, its commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions – economic, social and environmental – in a balanced and integrated manner,

Acknowledging that the promotion and protection of human rights and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda are interrelated and mutually reinforcing, and recognizing that the 2030 Agenda pledges to leave no one behind and envisages a world of universal respect for human rights and human dignity, the rule of law, justice, equality and non-discrimination; of respect for race, ethnicity and cultural diversity; and of equal opportunity permitting the full realization of human potential and contributing to shared prosperity,

Recognizing that economic growth should lead to the improvement of living standards, particularly of those in vulnerable situations,

Reaffirming that climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our time, that its adverse impacts undermine the ability of all countries to achieve sustainable development and have a range of implications, both direct and indirect, for the effective enjoyment of human rights,

Deeply concerned that the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbates existing inequalities, and that those most at risk are persons in vulnerable and marginalized situations,

Deploring the resurgent scourges of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, as well as hate speech, in many regions of the world, including those surfacing in the COVID-19 pandemic, and stressing the need to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, as well as hate speech,

Recognizing that social protection system makes a critical contribution to the realization of human rights for all, in particular those in vulnerable situations,

1. *Calls upon* all States to pursue people-centred approaches in their efforts and relevant national strategies and policies in promoting and protecting human rights, to bring peaceful and prosperous lives to their people, and to ensure everyone can fulfil potential in dignity and equality and leave no one behind;

2. *Reaffirms* the commitment of all States to ending poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including by eradicating extreme poverty, and encourages the international community to strengthen its efforts to address challenges that are contributing to extreme poverty;

3. *Emphasizes* that promoting human rights and the well-being of all people requires concrete actions, including strategies and policies at national and international levels, that address existing inequalities by distributing services, resources and infrastructure fairly, as well as ensure equal access to food, health care, education and opportunity of decent work;

4. *Calls upon* all States to promote sustainable development with active, free and meaningful participation of all people, and the fair distribution of the benefits resulting therefrom, with a view to promoting and protecting human rights, and constantly improving the well-being of all people;

5. *Recognizes* that, in order to leave no one behind and bring everyone forward, actions are needed for the promotion of equality of opportunity so that no person is denied basic economic and social opportunities, and also recognizes that the promotion of equality of opportunity contributes significantly to the enjoyment of all human rights;

6. *Emphasizes* the importance of combating inequalities and of promoting social security systems that provide universal access to essential social services, particularly for those in vulnerable situations, and stresses the importance of promoting gender equality and

the empowerment of women and girls and the active participation of people in public affairs and decision-making processes;

7. *Recognizes* the important role of fostering peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence, in promoting the well-being of all;

8. *Calls upon* Member States, United Nations bodies and other relevant international organizations to take decisive actions to address and alleviate negative economic and social impacts of COVID-19 and its negative impact on the realization of all human rights for all, including combating discrimination, inequalities and poverty exacerbated during the pandemic;

9. *Stresses* the need to strengthen efforts in fighting racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, as well as hate speech, to promote tolerance, inclusion and respect for diversity;

10. *Requests* the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee to conduct a study on best practices of States in pursuing people-centred approaches in promoting and protecting human rights, and to submit a report to the Human Rights Council before its fifty-first session.
