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Promotion and protection of human rights

Report of the Third Committee*

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2020, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-fifth session the item entitled:

“Promotion and protection of human rights:

“(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

“(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

“(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

“(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action”

and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

2. An account of the Committee’s consideration of the sub-items is contained in the addenda to the present report. Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 1st to 6th meetings, from 5 to 8 October.¹

3. The Committee, pursuant to the organization of work adopted at its 1st meeting, held on 5 October, and taking into account the prevailing conditions relating to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) on the working arrangements for its seventy-fifth session and the available technological and procedural solutions in the interim period, convened 20 virtual informal meetings to hear introductory statements and hold interactive dialogues on the item and its sub-items 72 (a), entitled “Implementation

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¹ See A/C.3/75/SR.1, A/C.3/75/SR.2, A/C.3/75/SR.3, A/C.3/75/SR.4, A/C.3/75/SR.5 and A/C.3/75/SR.6. Pursuant to the organization of work adopted at the 1st meeting, on 5 October, official statements received by the Secretariat for posting on eStatements can be accessed at the following link: <https://journal.un.org/>.



of human rights instruments”, 72 (b), entitled “Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms”, 72 (c), entitled “Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives”, and 72 (d), entitled “Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action”. The proceedings of the virtual informal meetings are reflected in the annex to present document.

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

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No documents were submitted.

Item 72 (a)

Implementation of human rights instruments

Report of the Human Rights Committee on its 126th, 127th and 128th sessions ([A/75/40](#))

Report of the Committee against Torture on its sixty-seventh and sixty-eighth sessions ([A/75/44](#))

Report of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families on its thirty-first session ([A/75/48](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on disability inclusion in the United Nations system ([A/75/314](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture ([A/75/316](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations voluntary trust fund on contemporary forms of slavery ([A/75/332](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment ([A/75/179](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies on their annual meeting ([A/75/346](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the report of the Secretary-General on the Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment ([A/75/304](#))

Item 72 (b)

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Ombudsman, mediator and other national human rights institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights ([A/75/224](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on missing persons ([A/75/306](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the moratorium on the use of the death penalty ([A/75/309](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights in the administration of justice ([A/75/327](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on combating intolerance, negative stereotyping, stigmatization, discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against persons, based on religion or belief ([A/75/369](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy ([A/75/147](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context ([A/75/148](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment ([A/75/161](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the final report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health ([A/75/163](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights ([A/75/164](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders ([A/75/165](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences ([A/75/166](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to development ([A/75/167](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children ([A/75/169](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism ([A/75/170](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers ([A/75/172](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence ([A/75/174](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to education ([A/75/178](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity ([A/75/180](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights ([A/75/181](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants ([A/75/183](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association ([A/75/184](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities ([A/75/186](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons ([A/75/205](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons ([A/75/207](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation ([A/75/208](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights ([A/75/209](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on minority issues ([A/75/211](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises ([A/75/212](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food ([A/75/219](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity ([A/75/258](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression ([A/75/261](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes ([A/75/290](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights ([A/75/298](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism ([A/75/337](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions ([A/75/384](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief ([A/75/385](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order ([A/75/206](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the right to development ([A/75/223](#))

Item 72 (c)

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea ([A/75/271](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran ([A/75/287](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar ([A/75/295](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine ([A/75/334](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus ([A/75/173](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran ([A/75/213](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the recommendations of the independent international fact-finding mission on Myanmar and on progress in the situation of human rights in Myanmar ([A/75/288](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar ([A/75/335](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea ([A/75/388](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 ([A/75/532](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar ([A/75/197](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the situation of human rights in Somalia ([A/75/239](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the situation of human rights in Eritrea ([A/75/260](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Burundi ([A/75/270](#))

Item 72 (d)

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights ([A/75/36](#))

Annex

Virtual informal meetings to hear introductory statements and hold interactive dialogues on agenda item 72 and its sub-items (a) to (d)

1. At the virtual informal meeting of the Committee in the morning of 13 October 2020, the Senior Adviser on Policy to the Secretary-General made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of New Zealand and Armenia.
2. At the same meeting, the Director of the New York Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the United States of America, Armenia, Ukraine, Ethiopia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Syrian Arab Republic.
3. Also at the same meeting, the Chair of the Human Rights Committee made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Mexico, the European Union and Egypt.
4. Also at the virtual informal meeting, the Chair of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Portugal, the European Union and the Russian Federation.
5. Also at the same meeting, the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement.
6. At the virtual informal meeting of the Committee in the morning of 14 October, the High Commissioner for Human Rights made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Luxembourg, the Republic of Korea (on behalf of the Human Rights and Conflict Prevention Caucus), Lithuania, Chile, the Russian Federation, Italy, Afghanistan, Belarus, the European Union, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Portugal, Germany, Pakistan, Morocco, Qatar, Switzerland, Armenia, Argentina, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Mexico, the Netherlands, Greece, Algeria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Latvia, the Republic of Korea, Canada, Tunisia, Cuba, the United States of America, Slovenia, Mali, the United Arab Emirates, Georgia, Saudi Arabia, Poland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Djibouti, Cameroon (on behalf of the Group of African States), Eritrea, Costa Rica, Indonesia, the Philippines, Myanmar, China, Romania, Egypt, India, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Azerbaijan, Turkey, Japan and Ukraine.
7. At the virtual informal meeting of the Committee in the morning of 15 October, the Chair of the Committee against Torture made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Chile, the Russian Federation, the European Union and Mexico.
8. At the same meeting, the Chair of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Denmark, Brazil, Switzerland and the European Union.
9. Also at the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the Core Group of the Convention against Torture Initiative, composed of Chile, Denmark, Fiji, Ghana, Indonesia and Morocco), the United Kingdom of

Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Denmark, Switzerland, the European Union, Czechia, France, the Russian Federation, Lebanon and the United States of America.

10. At the virtual informal meeting of the Committee in the afternoon of 15 October, the Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, China, Cuba and Azerbaijan (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement).

11. At the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Qatar, the European Union, Switzerland, Pakistan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Russian Federation, Ireland, Mexico, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Indonesia, the United States of America and Ethiopia.

12. Also at the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Chile, Peru, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Russian Federation, the European Union, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Turkey, the United States of America, Mexico and Liechtenstein.

13. At the virtual informal meeting of the Committee in the morning of 16 October, the Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Right to Development made an introductory statement. The representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Pakistan, Malaysia, Cuba, Bangladesh, China, Algeria and Azerbaijan (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) posed questions and made comments.

14. At the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on the right to development made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Cuba, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Russian Federation, the European Union, Cameroon (on behalf of the Group of African States), Malaysia, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Islamic Republic of Iran, China, Algeria and Ethiopia.

15. Also at the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Russian Federation, Zimbabwe, Cuba, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Belarus, Malaysia, Azerbaijan (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Nicaragua and China.

16. At the virtual informal meeting of the Committee in the morning of 19 October, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Luxembourg, Colombia, Ukraine, Mexico, the Russian Federation, Morocco, Pakistan, the United States of America, Norway (also on behalf of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania and Sweden), Czechia, the European Union, Ireland, Malta, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (also on behalf of Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, the Bahamas, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, Fiji, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Latvia, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Marshall Islands, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Nauru, the Netherlands,

New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Panama, Palau, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Ukraine, the United States of America, Uruguay and Vanuatu), Liechtenstein, Slovenia, Germany, Georgia, France, Poland, China and Spain.

17. At the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Lebanon, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the European Union, Czechia, Switzerland, the Netherlands, the United States of America, Mexico, Estonia (on behalf of the Nordic-Baltic countries) and China.

18. Also at the same meeting, the Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of China, the Russian Federation, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Azerbaijan (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) and Cuba.

19. At the virtual informal meeting of the Committee in the afternoon of 19 October, the Chair of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Iraq, the European Union, Argentina, Japan and India.

20. At the same meeting, the Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the European Union, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, the United States of America, France, Japan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Syrian Arab Republic.

21. At the virtual informal meeting of the Committee in the morning of 20 October, the Chair of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Mexico, the European Union, the Syrian Arab Republic, Hungary, Colombia and Turkey.

22. At the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Mexico, the Russian Federation, Turkey, Luxembourg, the European Union, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Greece, the Syrian Arab Republic, Hungary, Switzerland, Lebanon, Eritrea, Malaysia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Philippines, Ethiopia, China and El Salvador, as well as by the observer for the Sovereign Order of Malta.

23. Also at the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Pakistan, Egypt, the Russian Federation, Romania, Denmark (on behalf of the Nordic-Baltic countries), Hungary, the Netherlands, Greece, Austria, the United States of America, Malta, India, Saudi Arabia, Brazil, Albania, the European Union, Cuba, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Poland (on behalf of the Group of Friends of Victims of Acts of Violence based on Religion or Belief, composed of Austria, Brazil, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Ukraine and the United States of America), Israel, Morocco, the Islamic Republic of Iran, China, Canada and Armenia.

24. At the virtual informal meeting of the Committee in the morning of 21 October, the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons made an

introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Mexico, the Russian Federation, Norway, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Myanmar, the European Union, Georgia, Mali, Armenia, Ethiopia, Switzerland and Spain.

25. At the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on the right to education made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Hungary, Bangladesh, Morocco, Qatar, the United States of America, Ukraine, the Syrian Arab Republic, the European Union, Lebanon, Malaysia, Croatia, France, Austria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Czechia (on behalf of the Group of Friends of Education and Lifelong Learning, composed of Angola, Argentina, Bulgaria, Czechia, Egypt, France, Italy, Ireland, Japan, Kenya, Mongolia, Nigeria, Norway, the Philippines, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, Senegal, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Singapore and the Sudan) and China.

26. Also at the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Morocco, the European Union, Malaysia, Mexico, Luxembourg, Ireland, France, China, Eritrea and the Syrian Arab Republic.

27. At the virtual informal meeting of the Committee in the afternoon of 21 October, the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Ethiopia, Egypt, the Russian Federation, Brazil, Germany, Spain, the European Union and the Syrian Arab Republic.

28. At the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the European Union, the Russian Federation, Algeria and Mexico.

29. At the virtual informal meeting of the Committee in the morning of 22 October, the Chair of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Mexico, Afghanistan, the United States of America, Algeria, the Republic of Korea, the European Union, Hungary, Morocco and Colombia.

30. Also at the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Hungary, Mexico, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Philippines, Spain, Algeria, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, Ireland, Italy, Qatar, Poland, the European Union, Guatemala, the United States of America, Georgia, Finland (on behalf of the Nordic-Baltic countries), Malta, Bangladesh, China and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

31. At the virtual informal meeting of the Committee in the afternoon of 22 October, the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Cuba, Greece, Algeria, the European Union, the United States of America and China.

32. At the same meeting, the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Namibia, Ghana, the European Union, Brazil, Israel and Malawi.

33. At the virtual informal meeting of the Committee in the morning of 23 October, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Brazil, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Egypt, Switzerland, the European Union, the United States of America, Austria, Lithuania (on behalf of the Nordic-Baltic countries), Turkey, Bahrain, the Netherlands, France, Poland, Canada, the United Arab Emirates, the Syrian Arab Republic, India, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and China.

34. At the same meeting, the Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights, made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Argentina, the Russian Federation, China, Cuba, Ethiopia and Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Caribbean Community).

35. Also at the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on minority issues made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Mexico, India, Austria, Hungary, Pakistan, the United States of America, the European Union and China.

36. At the virtual informal meeting of the Committee in the afternoon of 23 October, the representative of Azerbaijan (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) made a statement.

37. At the same meeting, the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Myanmar, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Bangladesh, Liechtenstein, the European Union, Denmark, the United States of America, the Philippines, Czechia, Thailand, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Malaysia and Germany.

38. Also at the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Myanmar, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Thailand, Indonesia, Turkey, Bangladesh, the European Union, Luxembourg, the Republic of Korea, Belarus, Canada, Norway, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Viet Nam, Malaysia, Cambodia, Czechia and China, as well as by the observer for the Sovereign Order of Malta.

39. Also at the virtual informal meeting, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Norway, the European Union, Czechia, Germany, Belarus, Japan, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Viet Nam, Cuba, China, the Russian Federation, Nicaragua, the Republic of Korea, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States of America.

40. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia and the United States of America.

41. At the virtual informal meeting of the Committee in the morning of 26 October, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Norway, the Russian Federation, the European Union, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Czechia, Canada, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Germany, the

United States of America, the Syrian Arab Republic, Pakistan, Switzerland, Nicaragua, Eritrea, Cuba, China, Burundi, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Belarus.

42. At the same meeting, the Chair of the Commission of Inquiry on Burundi made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Burundi, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the European Union, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Germany, Namibia, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Eritrea, the United States of America, China, Cameroon (on behalf of the Group of African States), the Netherlands and Gabon (on behalf of the Group of Central African States, composed of Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Chad, the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea and Gabon).

43. Also at the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Eritrea, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Russian Federation, Greece, the European Union, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Germany, Switzerland, Belarus, Cameroon (on behalf of the Group of African States), Burundi, China and the Sudan.

44. At the virtual informal meeting of the Committee in the afternoon of 26 October, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Belarus, the Russian Federation, the European Union, Estonia (on behalf of Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Marshall Islands, Monaco, Montenegro, the Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and the European Union), Egypt, Lithuania, Ireland, Cuba, Poland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Azerbaijan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Philippines, Latvia (on behalf of the Nordic-Baltic countries), the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Czechia, China, Canada, Nicaragua, Kazakhstan, Eritrea, the United States of America, Austria, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Switzerland and Tajikistan.

45. At the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the observer for the State of Palestine and by representatives of the Russian Federation, Cuba, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Norway, Turkey, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ireland, Malaysia, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Azerbaijan (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), the European Union, Qatar and Senegal, as well as by the observer for the Sovereign Order of Malta.

46. Also at the same meeting, the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the European Union, the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Djibouti.

47. Also at the virtual informal meeting, the representative of China made a statement.

48. At the virtual informal meeting of the Committee in the morning of 27 October, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the European Union, Argentina, Switzerland, the United States of America and China.

49. At the same meeting, the Chair of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Luxembourg, the European Union, Japan, Qatar, Spain, Switzerland, the United States of America, Ireland and China.

50. Also at the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Turkey, Liechtenstein, the United States of America, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Pakistan, the European Union, Sweden, Switzerland and Italy.

51. At the virtual informal meeting of the Committee in the afternoon of 27 October, the Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the European Union, Norway, Egypt, Malaysia, Mexico, Colombia, Brazil, Costa Rica (also on behalf of Maldives, Morocco, Slovenia and Switzerland), Monaco, Ethiopia, Germany, Cambodia and Kazakhstan.

52. At the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the European Union and the Syrian Arab Republic.

53. Also at the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on the right to food made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Cuba, the European Union, Azerbaijan (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States) and Djibouti.

54. At the virtual informal meeting of the Committee in the morning of 28 October, the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Luxembourg, the Russian Federation, Liechtenstein, Qatar, Spain, Mexico, Greece, Colombia, Bangladesh, the European Union, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Ireland, the United States of America, Bahrain, China, Saudi Arabia, Germany, El Salvador, Switzerland and Israel, as well as by the observer for the Sovereign Order of Malta.

55. At the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and its consequences, made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the European Union, Liechtenstein, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United States of America, China and Cuba.

56. At the virtual informal meeting of the Committee in the morning of 29 October, the Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy made an introductory statement and

responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Malta, the European Union, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Brazil (on behalf of the Geneva core group of the right to privacy resolution, composed of Austria, Brazil, Germany, Liechtenstein and Mexico), Germany, Qatar, Mexico, China and the Russian Federation.

57. At the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the European Union, Qatar, the Republic of Korea (on behalf of the Group of Friends of Solidarity for Global Health Security, composed of Canada, Denmark, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, Sierra Leone, Algeria, Australia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Cabo Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Palau, Paraguay, Peru, Slovakia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Uganda, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Viet Nam, Zambia and the European Union), El Salvador, Algeria, China, Cuba and the Republic of Korea.

58. Also at the same meeting, the Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Spain, the European Union, Mexico (on behalf of the LGBTI Core Group), Ireland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, New Zealand, France, Malta, Germany, Argentina, Thailand, Belgium, Japan, the Netherlands, the United States of America, Czechia, Canada, Italy, Israel, Norway (on behalf of the Nordic-Baltic countries) and Liechtenstein.