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## Promotion and protection of human rights

### Report of the Third Committee\*

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## I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 September 2024, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-ninth 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. The Committee considered the item jointly with its sub-items, heard introductory statements and held interactive dialogues and a general discussion at its 16th to 40th meetings from 16 to 30 October and on 1 and 4 November 2024. An account of the Committee’s discussion under the item is contained in the relevant summary records.<sup>1</sup> An account of the Committee’s consideration of the sub-items is contained in the addenda to the present report.

\* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in five parts, under the symbols [A/79/458](#), [A/79/458/Add.1](#), [A/79/458/Add.2](#), [A/79/458/Add.3](#) and [A/79/458/Add.4](#).

<sup>1</sup> [A/C.3/79/SR.16](#), [A/C.3/79/SR.17](#), [A/C.3/79/SR.18](#), [A/C.3/79/SR.19](#), [A/C.3/79/SR.20](#), [A/C.3/79/SR.21](#), [A/C.3/79/SR.22](#), [A/C.3/79/SR.23](#), [A/C.3/79/SR.24](#), [A/C.3/79/SR.25](#), [A/C.3/79/SR.26](#), [A/C.3/79/SR.27](#), [A/C.3/79/SR.28](#), [A/C.3/79/SR.29](#), [A/C.3/79/SR.30](#), [A/C.3/79/SR.31](#), [A/C.3/79/SR.32](#), [A/C.3/79/SR.33](#), [A/C.3/79/SR.34](#), [A/C.3/79/SR.35](#), [A/C.3/79/SR.36](#), [A/C.3/79/SR.37](#), [A/C.3/79/SR.38](#), [A/C.3/79/SR.39](#) and [A/C.3/79/SR.40](#).



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

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No documents were submitted.

**Item 71 (a)**

**Implementation of human rights instruments**

Report of the Human Rights Committee on its 138th session (26 June–26 July 2023), 139th session (9 October–3 November 2023) and 140th session (4–28 March 2024) ([A/79/40](#))

Report of the Committee against Torture on its seventy-seventh session (10–28 July 2023), seventy-eighth session (30 October–24 November 2023) and seventy-ninth session (15 April–10 May 2024) ([A/79/44](#))

Report of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances on its twenty-fifth session (11–29 September 2023) and twenty-sixth session (19 February–1 March 2024) ([A/79/56](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary trust fund on contemporary forms of slavery ([A/79/279](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture ([A/79/291](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the human rights treaty body system ([A/79/336](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies ([A/79/292](#))

Note by the Secretariat on cooperation with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights ([A/79/140](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights ([A/79/184](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment ([A/79/283](#))

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

Report of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families on its thirty-seventh session (27 November–8 December 2023) and thirty-eighth session (3–14 June 2024) ([A/79/48](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders ([A/79/123](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on disability inclusion in the United Nations system ([A/79/233](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on a moratorium on the use of the death penalty ([A/79/276](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on missing persons ([A/79/282](#))

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/79/284](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights in the administration of justice ([A/79/296](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of Ombudsman and mediator institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights, good governance and the rule of law ([A/79/307](#))

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/79/142](#))

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/79/151](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy (Hansen's disease) and their family members ([A/79/152](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences ([A/79/159](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children ([A/79/161](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights ([A/79/162](#))

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/79/163](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons ([A/79/167](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to development ([A/79/168](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on minority issues ([A/79/169](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity ([A/79/170](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food ([A/79/171](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions ([A/79/172](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy ([A/79/173](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism ([A/79/175](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change ([A/79/176](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health ([A/79/177](#))

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/79/178](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities ([A/79/179](#))<sup>2</sup>

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/79/180](#))

Note by the Secretary-General on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment ([A/79/181](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief ([A/79/182](#))

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/79/183](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation ([A/79/190](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants ([A/79/213](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association ([A/79/263](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment ([A/79/270](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights ([A/79/299](#))

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/79/317](#))

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/79/319](#))

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/79/324](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons ([A/79/334](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers ([A/79/362](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to education ([A/79/520](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the human rights of migrants ([A/79/144](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas ([A/79/145](#))

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<sup>2</sup> Available also in an easy-to-read version at <https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/thematic-reports/a79179-report-special-rapporteur-rights-persons-disabilities-heba>.

Note by the Secretariat on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order ([A/79/212](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development ([A/79/271](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the right to development ([A/79/281](#))

### **Item 71 (c)**

#### **Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives**

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine, including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol ([A/79/258](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar ([A/79/275](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea ([A/79/277](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran ([A/79/509](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus ([A/79/201](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi ([A/79/202](#))

Note by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in the Sudan ([A/79/203](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel ([A/79/232](#))

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/79/235](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea ([A/79/241](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan ([A/79/330](#))

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/79/371](#))

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/79/384](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation ([A/79/508](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine ([A/79/549](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar ([A/79/550](#))

Note by the Secretariat on technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights in the Central African Republic ([A/79/204](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic ([A/79/205](#))

Note by the Secretariat on assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights ([A/79/206](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the situation of human rights in South Sudan ([A/79/215](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar ([A/79/280](#))

Note by the Secretariat on the situation of human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar ([A/79/331](#))

#### **Item 71 (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/79/36](#))

4. At the 16th meeting, on 16 October 2024, the High Commissioner for Human Rights made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Venezuela (the Bolivarian Republic of) (on behalf of the Group of Friends in Defence of the Charter of the United Nations), Poland, Greece, Canada, Pakistan, Austria, Mexico, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Liechtenstein, Belarus, Slovenia, Montenegro, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Spain, Cuba, Lebanon, Rwanda (also on behalf of Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Chad, the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon and Sao Tome and Principe), Germany, Georgia, Japan, Zimbabwe, the European Union, the Islamic Republic of Iran, New Zealand, the United States of America, Switzerland, Ethiopia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ireland, Cameroon, France, China, Czechia, Djibouti (on behalf of the Group of African States), Portugal, Malaysia, Cyprus, Algeria, Paraguay, the Russian Federation, Brazil, Myanmar, the Syrian Arab Republic, Mali, Morocco, Armenia, Egypt, Colombia, the United Arab Emirates, Eritrea, Qatar, the Sudan, Iraq, Costa Rica, India and Bangladesh, as well as by the observer for the State of Palestine.

5. At the 17th meeting, on 16 October 2024, the Chair of the Human Rights Committee made an introductory statement (via video link) and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Croatia, Greece, the European Union, the Russian Federation, Morocco, Mexico and Paraguay.

6. At the same meeting, the Chair of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights made an introductory statement (via video link) and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Portugal, Colombia, the Russian Federation, Ireland, China, the European Union, Cameroon and Mexico.

7. Also at the same meeting, the Chair of the working group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the European Union, the Russian Federation and Colombia.

8. At the 18th meeting, on 17 October 2024, the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Ireland, Ukraine, Hungary, Chile (on behalf of the Group of Friends of the United Nations voluntary trust fund for victims of trafficking in persons, especially women and children), Latvia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Luxembourg (on behalf of the Benelux countries), the European Union, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United States of America, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Viet Nam and Djibouti.

9. At the same meeting, the Director of the Sustainable Development Unit of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General made an introductory statement and

responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Poland, New Zealand and the European Union.

10. Also at the same meeting, statements on points of order were made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, to which the Chair and the Secretary responded.

11. At the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences, 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, Japan, India, Australia, Cuba, the European Union and China, as well as by the observer for the Sovereign Order of Malta.

12. Also at the same meeting, 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 Belarus, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Greece, the Philippines, Algeria, Montenegro, Switzerland, Ukraine, Qatar, the United States of America, Lesotho, Chile, Germany, Egypt, the European Union, Australia, Colombia, Belgium, the Syrian Arab Republic and Pakistan.

13. Also at the 18th meeting, 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 Norway, Mexico, Yemen, Myanmar, South Africa, Cyprus, Algeria, the United States of America, Brazil, Ukraine, Lebanon, Georgia, the European Union, Egypt, the Russian Federation and Türkiye, as well as by the observer for the Sovereign Order of Malta.

14. At the same meeting, a statement on a point of order was made by the representative of Cyprus, to which the Chair responded.

15. At the 19th meeting, on 17 October 2024, 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 the Kingdom of the Netherlands (on behalf of the Benelux countries), Mexico, Pakistan, Spain, Switzerland, Brazil, Myanmar, Slovenia, Canada, Poland, Germany, the European Union, Czechia, Ireland, Iraq, the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Tajikistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Croatia, Colombia, Norway (on behalf of the Nordic and Baltic countries), China, France, India, Afghanistan and Viet Nam.

16. 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 Switzerland, Mexico, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Ukraine, India, Belgium (on behalf of the Benelux countries), Ireland, the European Union, the United States of America, China, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Colombia, Afghanistan, Latvia (on behalf of the Nordic and Baltic countries), the Russian Federation and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, as well as by the observer for the State of Palestine.

17. Also at the same meeting, 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 Romania, the United States of America, Mexico, Indonesia, Switzerland, Bulgaria, the European Union, Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic and Baltic countries), Ireland, Czechia, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Chile, Argentina, Austria, Canada, Luxembourg, Australia, China, Iraq, Afghanistan, Yemen, Pakistan and India, as well as by the observer for the State of Palestine.

18. At the 20th meeting, on 18 October 2024, 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, made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of India, Lebanon, Malaysia, the European Union, Ukraine, the Russian Federation, Cameroon, Brazil and El Salvador, as well as by the observer for the State of Palestine.

19. 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 Yemen, Belarus, Uganda (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Pakistan, Lebanon, Cameroon, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ireland, Brazil, Malaysia, Chile, Iraq, Ukraine, South Africa, Indonesia, the European Union, Nicaragua, the Syrian Arab Republic, Colombia, the Russian Federation, Bangladesh and Costa Rica, as well as by the observers for the State of Palestine and the Sovereign Order of Malta.

20. Also at the 20th meeting, a statement on a point of order was made by the representative of Uganda, to which the Chair responded.

21. Also at the same meeting, 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 Lebanon, Mexico, Mongolia, Pakistan, the United States of America, India, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Croatia, Spain, Germany, Bangladesh, Iraq, Ukraine, the European Union, Tajikistan and Indonesia, as well as by the observer for the Sovereign Order of Malta.

22. At the 21st meeting, on 18 October 2024, the Special Rapporteur on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Greece, Slovenia, the European Union, Iraq, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Croatia, Chile, Morocco, Brazil, Mexico, Italy, Costa Rica (on behalf of the core group on human rights and the environment), the United States of America, Colombia, China, Japan, Malaysia and the Russian Federation, as well as by the observer for the Sovereign Order of Malta.

23. At the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Greece, Germany, Costa Rica and the European Union.

24. Also 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 Chile, the United States of America, the Russian Federation and the European Union.

25. At the 22nd meeting, on 21 October 2024, the Chair of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances and the Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances made introductory statements and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Brazil, Mexico, Switzerland, France, Bangladesh, the Republic of Korea, Ukraine, Armenia, the United States of America, Iraq, China, Croatia, the European Union, Myanmar, Pakistan, India, Japan, Morocco and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

26. At the same meeting, 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 Afghanistan, Brazil, Mexico, Switzerland, Ukraine, Morocco, the European Union and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

27. At the 23rd meeting, on 21 October 2024, the Chair of Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (via video link) and the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants made introductory statements and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Pakistan, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, the Philippines, Bangladesh, Greece, Malaysia, the Russian Federation, the United States of America, Egypt, Afghanistan, the European Union, Chile, Cameroon, Morocco, El Salvador, China, Mexico, Canada, Portugal, Colombia, Cuba and the Islamic Republic of Iran, as well as by the observer for the Sovereign Order of Malta.
28. 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 the European Union and the United States of America.
29. At the 27th meeting, on 23 October 2024, the Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the United States of America, the Russian Federation, Germany, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Burundi, the European Union, China, Burkina Faso and Brazil.
30. At the 28th meeting, on 24 October 2024, the Special Rapporteur on the right to education made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Portugal, Yemen, Lebanon, Mongolia, the United States of America, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Ukraine, Qatar, the European Union, Cuba, Egypt, Luxembourg, Chile, South Africa, Ireland, Italy, Cameroon, Brazil, Georgia, Morocco, Indonesia, India, China, Eritrea and the Russian Federation, as well as by the observer for the Sovereign Order of Malta and the representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.
31. At the same meeting, 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 United States of America, Cameroon, Morocco, Brazil, Cyprus, Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Greece, Pakistan, Egypt, India, Qatar, the European Union, South Africa, China, Chile and Afghanistan, as well as by the representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.
32. 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 Poland, Yemen, Ukraine, Liechtenstein, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Brazil, Portugal, Pakistan, Australia, the United States of America, Morocco, Cuba, Greece, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the European Union, Ireland, India, Canada, Indonesia, China, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Lithuania (on behalf of the Nordic and Baltic countries), as well as by the observer for the Sovereign Order of Malta.
33. At the 29th meeting, on 24 October 2024, 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 Brazil, Chile, the United States of America, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Cuba, the European Union, Egypt, South Africa, Colombia, Cameroon, China and the Republic of Korea.
34. 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 France (on behalf of the penholders of the resolution on extreme poverty and human rights (Albania, Belgium, Chile, France,

Morocco, Peru, the Philippines, Romania and Senegal)), Brazil, Cameroon, Indonesia, Egypt, the Russian Federation, Malaysia, Cuba, Chile, Eritrea, Algeria, Morocco, China, the European Union and Colombia, as well as by the observer for the Sovereign Order of Malta.

35. Also at the same meeting, 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 Uganda (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Cuba (also on behalf of Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (the Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, the Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, Qatar, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Sudan, Suriname, the Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, Uganda, the United Arab Emirates, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe), China and Colombia.

36. At the 30th meeting, on 25 October 2024, the Chair of the Committee against Torture (via video link), the Chair of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (via video link), and the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment made introductory statements and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the United States of America, Mexico, Indonesia (on behalf of the Convention Against Torture Initiative core States), Myanmar, Ireland, Denmark, the Russian Federation, the European Union, Georgia, Chile, Spain, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Republic of Korea, Algeria, Burkina Faso, Belarus, China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Morocco, Brazil, Colombia, Japan, Kazakhstan and Liechtenstein, as well as by the observer for the Sovereign Order of Malta.

37. At the 31st meeting, on 25 October 2024, the Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Right to Development, the Chair of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development and the Special Rapporteur on the right to development made introductory statements and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of Friends in Defence of the Charter of the United Nations), Yemen, Malaysia, Ethiopia, Pakistan, Cuba, South Africa (on behalf of the Group of African States), the Russian Federation, Uganda (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Belarus, Morocco, Egypt, China, Algeria, Indonesia, Burkina Faso, Islamic Republic of Iran, the European Union, Brazil, Bangladesh, Mali, Nigeria and Costa Rica.

38. At the 32nd meeting, on 28 October 2024, 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 the Russian Federation, Liechtenstein, Norway, Mexico, the European Union, Chile, the United

States of America, Montenegro, Morocco, Burkina Faso, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and China.

39. 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 Brazil, the United States of America, Iraq, Morocco, Finland (on behalf of the Nordic and Baltic countries), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Kenya, Canada, the Russian Federation, the European Union, Ireland, Chile, Belgium, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Colombia, India, Myanmar and China.

40. Also 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 the Russian Federation, Nigeria, Mexico, Ireland, Israel, Cuba, Egypt, Belgium, China, the European Union, Switzerland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, India and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

41. At the 33rd meeting, on 28 October 2024, 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 Uganda (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), China, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of Friends in Defence of the Charter of the United Nations), the Russian Federation, Belarus, Malaysia, Cuba, Nicaragua, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Zimbabwe, Burkina Faso, the European Union, Egypt, the Syrian Arab Republic, South Africa (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community) and Eritrea.

42. 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 Pakistan, the Russian Federation, Cuba, China, Ethiopia, Colombia, Egypt, Nigeria and South Africa (on behalf of the Group of African States).

43. 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 Cuba, Uganda (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), the Russian Federation and China.

44. At the 34th meeting, on 29 October 2024, the representative of Uganda (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) made a statement.

45. At the same 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 Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of Friends in Defence of the Charter of the United Nations), the Russian Federation, Peru, Nicaragua, Cuba, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Zimbabwe, Switzerland, Belarus, Burundi, Canada, Viet Nam, the European Union, the United States of America, the Syrian Arab Republic, Ireland, Eritrea, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Australia, the Islamic Republic of Iran and China.

46. Also at the same meeting, the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar, the Head of the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar and the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar made introductory statements and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Myanmar, Japan, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, Poland, Malta, France, Belarus, the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great

Britain and Northern Ireland, Ireland, Norway, Germany, Slovenia, Luxembourg, Canada, Thailand, the European Union, Malaysia, the Russian Federation, Czechia, the Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Australia and China, as well as by the representative of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance.

47. At the 35th meeting, on 29 October 2024, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus made an introductory statement (via video link) and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Burundi, Poland, Liechtenstein, Lithuania (on behalf of the Nordic and Baltic countries), Switzerland, Ukraine, the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, Germany, Czechia, the European Union and Ireland.

48. At the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of Friends in Defence of the Charter of the United Nations), Burundi, Poland, Liechtenstein, Czechia, Portugal, the United States of America, Ukraine, France, Switzerland, Montenegro, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Croatia, Georgia, Canada, Luxembourg, Ireland, Australia, Bulgaria, Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic and Baltic countries), Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Belarus, the European Union, Nicaragua, China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Syrian Arab Republic and Eritrea.

49. Also at the same meeting, the Chair of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Ukraine, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of Friends in Defence of the Charter of the United Nations), the United States of America, Czechia, Chile, Liechtenstein, Finland (on behalf of the Nordic and Baltic countries), Montenegro, France, Switzerland, Canada, Japan, Bulgaria, Germany, Poland, Georgia, the European Union, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Australia, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Croatia, the Republic of Korea, Ireland, China and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, as well as by the observer for the Sovereign Order of Malta.

50. At the 36th meeting, on 30 October 2024, the Chair of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Chile, Canada, Liechtenstein, Pakistan, South Africa, the United States of America, Yemen, Brazil, Albania, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Hungary, Cuba, the Russian Federation, Iraq, Uganda, the European Union, Australia, Spain, Ireland, Austria, Germany, Malaysia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Romania, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Federated States of Micronesia, Algeria, Colombia, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, China, the Syrian Arab Republic, Nauru and Indonesia, as well as by the observer for the State of Palestine.

51. 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 representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Uganda (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Chile, Liechtenstein, Iraq, Nicaragua, Djibouti, Norway, Lebanon, Malaysia, Yemen, Qatar, the Islamic Republic of Iran, South Africa, Cuba, Brazil, Bulgaria, Algeria, Tunisia, Ireland, the European Union, Colombia, Indonesia, Egypt, the Syrian Arab Republic, Saudi Arabia, China, Bangladesh, Jordan and the Sudan, as well as by the observers for the State of Palestine and the Sovereign Order of Malta.

52. 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 Poland, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the European Union, the United States of America, Egypt and China.

53. At the 37th meeting, on 30 October 2024, the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the Central African Republic, the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the European Union and China.

54. At the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of Friends in Defence of the Charter of the United Nations), Belarus, South Africa (on behalf of the Group of African States), Nicaragua, the United States of America, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Cuba, Eritrea, Morocco, Uganda, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ireland, China, Burkina Faso, the Syrian Arab Republic and the European Union.

55. 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, Pakistan, Algeria (on behalf of the Group of African States), China, the United States of America, Nicaragua, the Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Burkina Faso, Cuba, the Russian Federation, Luxembourg, Burundi, Mali, Belarus, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Egypt, the European Union, the Sudan and South Sudan.

56. Also at the same meeting, a member of the Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Norway, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, South Sudan, Switzerland, the United States of America, Burundi, the European Union, Ireland, China and Australia.

57. At the 38th meeting, on 1 November 2024, 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 United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of Friends in Defence of the Charter of the United Nations), Pakistan, Chile, Nicaragua, the European Union, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Switzerland, Algeria, Canada, France, Ukraine, Czechia, the United States of America, Israel, Australia, Belarus, Cuba, the Russian Federation, Iceland, Eritrea, China, Ireland, the Syrian Arab Republic and Burundi.

58. At the same meeting, the Chair of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic made an introductory statement. Subsequently, a member of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of Friends in Defence of the Charter of the United Nations), the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Switzerland, Brazil, Germany, Cuba, Nicaragua, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, the Russian Federation, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the United States of America, China, France, the European Union, Burundi, Belarus, Ireland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel, Australia, Eritrea, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Sudan.

59. Also at the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Afghanistan, Ireland, Norway, Malta, Austria, Liechtenstein, Canada, France, China, Malaysia, the Republic of Korea, Slovenia, Australia, Poland, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Croatia, Chile, Japan, the European Union, Germany, Israel, the United States of America and Pakistan.

60. At the 39th meeting, on 1 November 2024, the Chair of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (via video link) and the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities made introductory statements and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Chile, Brazil, Greece, Canada, Finland (on behalf of the Nordic and Baltic Countries), Egypt, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Portugal, New Zealand, Poland, Hungary, the United States of America, the Russian Federation, Georgia, Luxembourg (on behalf of the Benelux countries), Ireland, Ukraine, Italy, Morocco, Australia, the Dominican Republic, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, Israel, Japan, Iraq, Algeria, Burkina Faso, the European Union, China, South Africa, Myanmar, Costa Rica, Mexico and Malaysia, as well as by the observer for the Sovereign Order of Malta.

61. 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 China, Chile, Belgium, the European Union, Ireland and the Russian Federation.

62. At the 40th meeting, on 4 November 2024, the Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy (Hansen's disease) and their family members made an introductory statement and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Portugal, Japan, China, Indonesia, Brazil and the European Union, as well as by the observer for the Sovereign Order of Malta and the representative of the World Health Organization.

63. 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 Hungary, Switzerland, Romania, Albania, the United States of America, Austria, Cameroon, Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, the European Union and China.

64. 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 Chile (on behalf of the LGBTI Core Group), Portugal, Australia, Cuba, Brazil, Japan, the United States of America, Belgium, China, Germany, Slovenia, Greece, Malta, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Ireland, Israel, the European Union, Colombia, Canada, Iceland (on behalf of the Nordic and Baltic countries), Montenegro, Albania, Spain and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

65. At the 47th meeting, on 11 November 2024, the representative of the United States of America made a statement with regard to the draft resolutions before the Committee.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> See [A/C.3/79/SR.47](#).