



HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL 43RD SESSION

TRENDS, FACTS & FIGURES FROM THE YEAR'S MAIN ANNUAL SESSION



105 HIGH LEVEL DIGNITARIES DELIVERED STATEMENTS DURING THE HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT

More than during any other session of the HRC

17 THEMATIC AND COUNTRY REPORTS PRESENTED BY SPECIAL RAPPORTEURS

Themes included: Torture, Persons with disabilities, Environment, Foreign debt, Freedom of religion, Sale of children, Albinism, Food, Cultural rights, Human rights defenders, Counter terrorism, Privacy, Housing, Minorities, Eritrea, DPRK, Iran, Myanmar



13 COUNTRY REPORTS PRESENTED BY THE HIGH-COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS & THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Countries included: Palestine, Eritrea, Myanmar, Colombia, Cyprus, Guatemala, Honduras, Iran, Nicaragua, Sri Lanka, Venezuela, Yemen, DPRK,



4 ANNUAL HIGH LEVEL PANEL DISCUSSIONS



- Human Rights Mainstreaming: 30 years of the Convention on the Rights of the child
- Beijing 25+ Women's Rights
- Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- International Decade for People of African Descent

9 GENERAL DEBATES SCHEDULED (WITH 5 CANCELED DUE TO HRC43 SUSPENSION)

Pursuant to the HRC President's [statement](#), general debates will only be convened during March and September sessions. No general debates will take place during its June session.



UPR OUTCOMES OF 14 COUNTRIES ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE

Italy, El Salvador, Gambia, Bolivia, Fiji, San Marino, Kazakhstan, Angola, Iran, Madagascar, Iraq, Slovenia, Egypt, Bosnia and Herzegovina

19 SPECIAL PROCEDURES MANDATES APPOINTED.

Exceptionnally, HRC decided to **extend all mandates** and mandated activities that would otherwise expire (Draft Resolution A/HRC/43/L.14 adopted by consensus):

Mandates include: Right to development (5 new experts), Expert mechanism on indigenous peoples (2 new experts), Foreign debt, Older persons, Housing, Slavery, Poverty, Indigenous peoples, Unilateral coercive measures, Food, Sale of children, Human rights defenders, Myanmar, Somalia



40 RESOLUTIONS TABLED

Due to the exceptional suspension of the session, resolutions will be considered when the Council resumes its activities.

NEW RULES & INITIATIVES

- Call to Action for Human Rights, launched by the Secretary General Antonio Guterres
- Establishment of a Code of Conduct to prevent sexual harassment at United Nations' events
- Only individual interactive dialogue (no longer clustered) with special procedures



EXCEPTIONNAL MEASURES DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS

- Starting from 2 March 2020, a total of 236 Side Events were cancelled
- On 13 March 2020, the Bureau took an unprecedented decision to suspend the Human Rights Council until further notice

