



# HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL - 47<sup>th</sup> SESSION

## Overview of Week 4 (12 - 13 July 2021)

During the last, fourth week of the 47<sup>th</sup> session, the Council will hold **one last panel discussion** (on technical cooperation and capacity building), **one remaining Interactive Dialogues** (on systemic racism) and will listen to the oral update of the High Commissioner on **Georgia**.

The Council will further take action on **28 submitted draft proposals** and **50 written amendments**.

Finally, the Council will **appoint 7 special mandate holders** and **adopt the session report**.

The extraordinary modalities for the **voting process**, including conducting the voting in person in Room XX, will be put to the Council for its approval on Monday 12 July at 9:00 a.m.

**Panel Discussion: Annual thematic panel discussion on technical cooperation and capacity-building** (12 July, 9:00 – 11:00). Theme: Technical cooperation to advance the right to education and ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong learning for all. The panel will address educational inequalities, with particular attention given to girls and to children in the most vulnerable and disadvantaged situations.

**Item 9:** Interactive dialogue on the report of the High Commissioner on **systemic racism, violations of international human rights law against Africans and people of African descent by law enforcement agencies** (pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 43/1).

**Item 10:** Presentation of the Oral update of the High Commissioner on **Georgia**.

### Agenda Item 1: Decisions and Conclusions

#### **Adoption of Draft Resolutions<sup>1</sup>**

##### **Item 1:**

- a Statement by the President of the Human Rights Council, requesting the High Commissioner to prepare a report on the human rights implications of the responses to the **COVID-19 pandemic**;
- a draft resolution asking for **summary records** to be taken for meetings at which Council takes action on proposals, starting from its 48<sup>th</sup> session (*by Egypt, Indonesia, Nigeria, Philippines, Senegal*).

##### **Item 2:**

- Country situations: draft resolution on **Rohingya Muslims** and other **minorities in Myanmar**; draft resolution on **Eritrea**; new draft resolution on situation of human rights in the **Tigray region of Ethiopia**, (*18 written amendments were submitted to the latter, 11 of which submitted by Eritrea*).

##### **Item 3:**

- New initiatives: **menstrual hygiene** management and gender equality; elimination of harmful practices related to accusations of **witchcraft** (*by Cameroon on behalf of the Group of African States*).
- Annual resolutions: the right to **education** (*by Portugal*); **international cooperation** in the field of human rights (*by Azerbaijan on behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries*); **international solidarity** (*by Cuba*); human rights and **climate change** (*by Bangladesh, Viet Nam, Philippines – with 8 amendments submitted by Russia*).

<sup>1</sup> Information updated as of Monday, 12 July 2021, 8 am; a detailed report on the Action Taken on Draft Resolutions will be provided by the Geneva Centre shortly after the meeting.



- Biennial resolutions: negative impact of **corruption; digital technologies** and human rights (*with three amendments submitted by China*); eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls: **violence against women and girls with disabilities** (*by Canada; with three amendments*); human rights on the **Internet** (*with three amendments by China*), preventable **maternal mortality and morbidity** (*with 6 written amendments*); the contribution of **development** to the enjoyment of all human rights (*by China*); human rights of **migrants** (*by Mexico*); impact of **arms transfers** on human rights (*by Peru, Ecuador*).
- Triennial resolutions: **civil society space** – with focus on COVID-19 recovery; realization of the equal enjoyment of the **right to education by every girl** (*by United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom*); human rights in the context of **HIV and AIDS** (*including 10 written amendments by Russia*).

#### Item 4:

- Situation of human rights in the **Syrian Arab Republic**; situation of human rights in **Belarus**.

#### Item 5:

- Draft resolution on the the **Social Forum** (*by Cuba*).

#### Item 9:

- Draft resolution on promotion and protection of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of **Africans and of people of African descent** against **excessive use of force** and other human rights violations **by law enforcement officers** (*by Cameroon on behalf of the Group of African States*).

#### Item 10

- Cooperation with and assistance to **Ukraine** in the field of human rights (*by Ukraine*).

### Appointment of Mandate Holders

In her letter of 6 July 2021, the President of the Human Rights Council, H.E. Ms. Nazhat Shameem KHAN, submitted a **list of candidates for the vacancies of special procedure mandate holders** to be filled at the 47<sup>th</sup> session of the Council:

- Independent Expert on the **effects of foreign debt**: Ms. Attiya WARIS (Kenya).
- Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights of **persons with albinism**: Ms. Muluka-Anne MITI-DRUMMOND (Zambia).
- Special Rapporteur on the **right to privacy**: Ms. Ana BRIAN NOUGRERES (Uruguay).
- Special Rapporteur on **violence against women**, its causes and consequences: Ms. Reem ALSALEM (Jordan).
- Working Group of Experts on **People of African Descent**, member from **Asia-Pacific States**: Mr. Sushil RAJ (India).
- Working Group of Experts on **People of African Descent**, member from **Eastern European States**: Ms. Miriam EKIUDOKO (Hungary).
- Working Group on **Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances**, member from **Western European and other States**: Ms. Gabriella CITRONI (Italy).

The Geneva Centre's summaries of selected meetings are available [here](#).