

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL – 55th SESSION

Overview of Week 6 (02 – 05 April 2024)

During the **sixth week** of the 55th session, the UN Human Rights Council will continue interactive dialogues under **Agenda Item 10**¹. In particular, the Council will discuss with the High Commissioner the findings of the OHCHR report on the situation of human rights in **Ukraine**, with the expert appointed by the High Commissioner on technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights in **Colombia**, with the High Commissioner on technical assistance and capacity-building for **South Sudan**, with the High Commissioner and the independent human rights expert on technical assistance and capacity-building to improve the human rights situation in **Haiti**, and with the High Commissioner and the team of international experts on technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights in the **Democratic Republic of the Congo**. Finally, during the last days (03 – 05 April) of the session, the Council will take action on (34) draft proposals.



Agenda Item 10: Presentation of Reports and Interactive Dialogues



02 April: Interactive dialogue with the High Commissioner on the findings of the OHCHR report on the situation of human rights in **Ukraine**.

02 April: Interactive dialogue with the expert appointed by the High Commissioner, **Antonia Urrejola**. Enhancement of technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights in **Colombia** to implement the recommendations of the Commission for Clarification of Truth, Coexistence, and Non-Repetition.

[A/HRC/55/18](#)²: The report identified the obstacles to the implementation of the 2016 peace agreement, especially those announced by the Special Jurisdiction for Peace in March 2023. The expert highlighted the **progress made**, such as the adoption of the legislation required to implement the peace agreement, the functioning of the transitional justice mechanisms, and the measures taken to advance the implementation of Chapter One of the agreement. **The Expert identified** some obstacles that can be overcome with political will, allocation of sufficient resources, and adequate use of these resources, along with better inter-institutional coordination to comprehensively implement the peace agreement. It is also necessary to strengthen the fight against corruption, one of the structural causes of the conflict. **In conclusion, she made recommendations** on the need to implement the peace agreement as a State policy, put an end to violence, guarantee the human rights of the peace signatories, improve inter-institutional coordination, fight against corruption, and accelerate the implementation of the ethnic chapter and the gender provisions.

02 April: Interactive dialogue on the report of the High Commissioner on technical assistance and capacity-building for **South Sudan**.

[A/HRC/55/77](#): The report contained an overview of the technical assistance and capacity-building provided by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, as well as the main human rights challenges in South Sudan. **The challenges listed** were the protection of civilians, the rule of law,

¹ Enhancement of technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights.

² As of 30 March, only the unofficial English translation is available.

accountability and transitional justice, civic space and participation, and conflict-related sexual violence and sexual and gender-based violence. It also contained **recommendations for the Government and other stakeholders to strengthen the promotion and protection of human rights in the country**. In particular, the Government of South Sudan should take effective measures to guarantee human rights protection and protect civilians from violence, including from inter-communal violence; take steps to stem the pervasive impunity by conducting independent, impartial, prompt, effective, thorough, credible, and transparent investigations into all allegations of human rights violations and abuses and violations of international humanitarian law and hold perpetrators to account, including those in positions of command and authority; and take comprehensive measures to tackle systematic challenges faced by victims and survivors of sexual violence, including through reforms in the legal and societal structures.

02 April: Interactive dialogue with the High Commissioner, with the participation of the independent human rights expert on technical assistance and capacity-building to improve the human rights situation in **Haiti**, in connection with a request from the authorities of Haiti for coordinated and targeted international action.

[A/HRC/55/76](#)³: The report provided an overview of the human rights situation in Haiti. The human rights situation in Haiti has sharply deteriorated over the period, mainly due to endemic gang violence. **Gang violence remains the main driver of human rights abuses and violations in Haiti and results in dire humanitarian impact**. The situation of violence on children is particularly worrying. The report highlighted the main developments related to the rule of law institutions, the police, justice, and penitentiary systems. Some progress has been made in this domain, but challenges persist. In particular, the High Commissioner **called on all national stakeholders and relevant Haitian authorities to engage constructively in meaningful and participatory dialogue to ensure and facilitate a broad political agreement, providing for a democratic transition, leading to free and fair legislative and presidential elections, in strict compliance with international law, including international human rights law; and to urgently undertake all necessary steps to address gang violence to establish a minimum level of public order as a first step to ensure access of humanitarian aid, provide basic needs to the population**.

02 April: Enhanced interactive dialogue with the High Commissioner and the team of international experts on technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights in the **Democratic Republic of the Congo**.

General Debate

03 April: General Debate under Agenda Item 10.

Presentation of reports and oral updates: Annual comprehensive report on the work of the **Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation** in the Field of Human Rights to the Council.

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