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Adoption of UPR Outcomes

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Nicaragua



STATE UNDER REVIEW

The delegation of **Nicaragua** is not present.

UNHRC BUREAU PROPOSAL

The President of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) recalls that on 27 February 2025 he received from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, His Excellency Mr. Valdrack Jaentschke, a letter announcing the **decision of Nicaragua to disengage** from the UNHRC and all activities linked to the Council and its subsidiary mechanisms.

On 3rd, 14th and 19th March, the Bureau discussed this question and in particular implications of the decision for the adoption of the outcome document of the UPR Nicaragua provided for at this session. The **Bureau encouraged Nicaragua** to pursue its engagement in the UPR process and agreed to keep this question on its agenda. The President of the UNHRC reminds that during the review on 13 November 2024 at the 47th session of the UPR Working Group, Nicaragua received 279 recommendations. Nicaragua was to present its position on all of these recommendations at the latest before the adoption of its outcome document during this session of the UNHRC. However, the President of the UNHRC was informed that, despite several reminders, the Secretariat has not yet received the position of Nicaragua on the recommendations received.

As indicated in the reports of the Bureau meetings on the 3rd, 14th and 19th March, the Bureau recalled UN General Assembly resolutions 60/251 of 15 March 2006 and UNHRC resolutions 5/1 of 18 June 2007 and 16/21 of 25 March 2011 and agreed to encourage Nicaragua to pursue its commitment to the UPR process and engagement with it to conclude its fourth review under the UPR. However, despite the fact that the current circumstances do not allow the UNHRC to move forward with the adoption of the outcome document of the UPR on Nicaragua, the **Bureau agreed to propose**, for the Human Rights Council's approval, that the Council calls upon Nicaragua to



restart its cooperation with the UPR mechanism, to ask the President of the UNHRC to take all appropriate measures and steps in line with his mandate, to **urge Nicaragua to resume its cooperation** with the UPR mechanism, to request that the President reports on the results of his efforts to the UNHRC during its 59th session and, if need be, during the 60th session, and decides to **postpone the consideration of the adoption** of the outcome document on Nicaragua's UPR to the 60th session, leaving open the possibility to programme this at a date before this if Nicaragua is to resume its cooperation. The President of the UNHRC asks to UNHRC members to express their views on this proposal.

IEWS EXPRESSED BY UNHRC MEMBER STATES

Cuba will align itself with the consensus regarding the proposal for an oral hearing which was circulated by the Bureau and which you have just read out. Cuba would like to put down on record its position, which is that the adoption of this decision today cannot in any way be interpreted in such a way as that there is a possibility open for a subsequent session of the UNHRC the outcome document of the UPR of Nicaragua might be adopted without having had a due response from Nicaragua for the recommendations received as established in the institution-building package of the UNHRC and in the principles and working methods that govern the UPR. This is an absolute prerequisite for the functioning of the interactive dialogue mechanism. There must be the full involvement and participation of the State under Review during all phases of the UPR, including the adoption phase of the outcome document. Cuba asks its position be duly reflected and put on record.

UNHRC DECISION

In the absence of further statements and without any objections, **it is therefore decided** that the UNHRC:

- *urges* Nicaragua to resume its cooperation with the UPR mechanism;
- *requests* the President of the Council to take all necessary measures in accordance with its mandate to enjoin Nicaragua to resume its cooperation with the mechanism and to report on the results of his efforts to the UNHRC during the 59th session; and
- *will decide*, if necessary, to postpone the consideration and adoption of Nicaragua's UPR outcome document to the 60th session while leaving the door open to an earlier date for its adoption, were Nicaragua to resume its cooperation.