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Note verbale dated 6 October 2022 from the Permanent Mission of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

The Permanent Mission of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of the President of the General Assembly and, with reference to the candidature of Algeria to the Human Rights Council for the term 2023–2025, at the election to be held in New York on 11 October 2022, has the honour to transmit herewith its voluntary pledges and commitments during its tenure with respect to the promotion, protection and fulfilment of all recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms, in accordance with General Assembly resolution [60/251](#) of 15 March 2006 (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the United Nations should be grateful if the present note and its annex were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 117 (c).



**Annex to the note verbale dated 6 October 2022 from the
Permanent Mission of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to
the President of the General Assembly**

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**Candidature of Algeria to the Human Rights Council for the term
2023–2025**

**Voluntary pledges and commitments pursuant to General Assembly
resolution [60/251](#)**

1. The People's Democratic Republic of Algeria is pleased to present its candidature to the Human Rights Council for the term 2023–2025, which has been endorsed by the League of Arab States, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the African Union.

2. This candidature illustrates the steadfast and resolute commitment of Algeria to the respect, promotion and protection of all human rights, which are a priority for its Government. It is in line with efforts to bolster the foundations of democracy, the rule of law and social justice, which were enshrined in the Constitution and were reaffirmed in the revised Constitution following the referendum of November 2020.

3. Algeria has made significant progress in the promotion and protection of human rights, as evidenced by the strengthening of the rule of law, the independence of the judiciary and the balance and independence of powers, and the consolidation of public rights and freedoms and participatory democracy. These achievements are the result of the following developments:

- The designation of the National Council on Human Rights in articles 198 and 199 of the Constitution as an independent consultative body tasked with monitoring, providing early warnings and assessing matters involving human rights;
- The strengthening of participatory democracy through the establishment of the National Civil Society Observatory and the National Youth Council, consultative bodies that advise and submit recommendations to the President of the Republic in their respective fields of expertise;
- Replacement of the Constitutional Council with the Constitutional Court, in line with the expanded powers of that body which, in addition to its traditional duties of ensuring the compliance of laws with the Constitution, now include arbitration and consultation;
- The continuation of the process of updating and strengthening the legislative framework relating to rights and freedoms;
- The adoption of the law on preventing and combating discrimination and hate speech in April 2020;
- The adoption of the organic law on the electoral system, aimed at supporting elections and introducing substantial innovations into the process, in particular with regard to independent monitoring, rigorous financial controls throughout the electoral process, and achieving gender parity and increasing the number of young people on electoral rolls.

Commitment to the protection and promotion of human rights at the national level

4. Algeria has always worked for the promotion and protection of human rights, enshrining them as a priority in its various national constitutions and reinforcing them on the ground through a proactive implementation policy, taking into account the requirements of authenticity, modernity and development of the Algerian society.

5. Algeria is determined to use its seat on the Human Rights Council to build on its accomplishments in promoting human rights at the national level.

6. To this end, Algeria will continue to implement a national plan aimed at strengthening respect for constitutionally guaranteed human rights through thoughtful policy-making, and reaffirms its commitment to consolidating individual and collective freedoms and promoting the values of equality, solidarity, sharing and tolerance.

7. Algeria will also continue to work towards the implementation of the reforms initiated as part of the constitutional review process, by gradually consolidating the institutional and legal systems, pursuing justice reform and evaluating the measures adopted so far in the fields of education, health and social welfare.

8. Therefore, and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution which place an emphasis on the protection of people living in vulnerable conditions, Algeria will spare no effort to ensure the respect, advancement and protection of the rights of women, children, sick persons, persons with disabilities and the elderly.

9. Convinced of the need to further cement the role of women in public life and society, Algeria will continue to strengthen the status of women as a government priority. It will build on its achievements thus far, in particular with regard to gender parity in the labour market, increased institutional representation in elected assemblies and in positions of responsibility in public institutions and companies, and repression of all forms of violence against women in any context or circumstances, including in the private sphere, at work and in public spaces.

10. Algeria devotes the largest share of its budget to the education of children and ensures that they have free and compulsory access to education until the age of 16. It intends to continue to develop programmes and action plans aimed at further modernizing the education system and adapting it to current challenges. In that connection, Algeria presented its statement of commitment at the Transforming Education Summit, held in New York, on 19 September 2022.

11. Algeria also intends to enhance its already rich and varied cooperation with the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system working in the field of child protection.

12. Algeria will maintain its commitment to upholding the rights of persons with disabilities, as guaranteed by the Constitution, in particular their access to health care, education and training, so that they can live a dignified life. Persons with disabilities who are not gainfully employed will continue to receive benefits from the social security system, with a contribution paid by the State.

13. Algeria will bolster its policy aimed at strengthening the participation of young people in public life according to their capacities and their potential, so that they could contribute effectively to national development. It will also continue to build upon the introduction of an unemployment benefit for first-time job seekers, which was a key achievement.

14. In addition, Algeria will continue its awareness-raising efforts to promote a culture of human rights and respect for the fundamental and universal values of

human dignity. To that end, it plans to further strengthen the teaching of human rights in the education system and the dissemination of educational materials. Algeria will also use the annual celebration of Human Rights Day and other thematic days to inform the general public about the various international and regional human rights instruments to which Algeria is a party and, in so doing, learn about ways to improve their implementation.

Commitment to human rights at the international and regional levels

15. Algeria is a party to most of the international and regional human rights instruments. Under its Constitution, treaties and conventions to which Algeria is a party take precedence over national law. Algeria has enacted new laws and amended its existing legislation in order to implement the international instruments it has ratified.

16. Algeria maintains close working relationships with organizations in the United Nations system, the international humanitarian movement and the community of non-governmental organizations. Algeria regularly reports to United Nations bodies on its fulfilment of its international obligations in this area. It engages in ongoing cooperation and complies with all special procedures of the Human Rights Council in good faith.

17. In this spirit, since 2010, Algeria has invited seven thematic mandate holders to come to the country for informational visits. In 2017, invitations were extended to six additional mandate holders.

18. Algeria was among the first countries to complete the three universal periodic review cycles and is preparing to submit its fourth national report as part of this mechanism on 11 November 2022.

19. As a member of the Human Rights Council, Algeria will contribute to ensuring a balanced and responsible handling of the issues discussed in this body and will ensure the promotion and strengthening of human rights in the agendas of the United Nations and regional organizations.

20. To that end, Algeria intends to:

- Work to ensure that human rights, the third pillar of the United Nations, are addressed consistently within the authorized United Nations bodies, without any discrimination, politicization or double standards;
- Advocate the respect of the sovereign right of States to choose their political, economic, social and cultural systems;
- Continue to cooperate with the special procedures mandate holders, in terms of both visits and measures taken to implement their respective mandates;
- Continue to participate actively in the universal periodic review and to view its function as a universal framework for reviewing country situations and ensuring the effective implementation of the recommendations it accepts in this regard;
- Work to strengthen international solidarity among colonial countries and peoples and to ensure the effective realization of the inalienable right of peoples under foreign occupation to self-determination;
- Safeguard the right to development and work towards the full realization of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030;
- Continue its efforts to strengthen the effectiveness of international cooperation in preventing and combating terrorism and violent extremism, as a complement

to the protection of human rights, and support consensus-based initiatives, in particular those aimed at helping victims of terrorism;

- Continue its commitment to peace and living in harmony with all nations of the world, in the spirit of the initiative it launched in 2017 that culminated in the adoption, by consensus, of General Assembly resolution [72/130](#), through which the Assembly proclaimed 16 May the International Day of Living Together in Peace.

21. At the regional level, Algeria attaches great importance to cooperation in the field of human rights with its African and Arab partners. It will continue to pay particular attention to the African Peer Review Mechanism and other human rights mechanisms in these two regions, while ensuring knowledge-sharing and capacity-building in developing countries.

22. In short, the commitments made by Algeria stem from its firm will to use its presence in the Human Rights Council to defend and promote human rights nationally, regionally and internationally. A founding member of the Human Rights Council, Algeria intends to continue and build on the work carried out during its previous terms, when it had the privilege of coordinating the African Group and was a member of the Working Group on Situations and the Consultative Group on the selection process of special rapporteurs.

23. With its election to the Human Rights Council, Algeria will have an opportunity to reinvigorate its commitment to, and the constructive spirit with which it participates in, this body's deliberations. Algeria is committed to using its term as an opportunity to give new impetus to its cooperation with all States and stakeholders concerned, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and other United Nations bodies, and to help the Council to properly discharge its mandate to protect human rights around the world and leave no one behind.
