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Report of the Human Rights Council

Report of the Third Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventieth session the item entitled “Report of the Human Rights Council” and to allocate it to both the plenary and the Third Committee, in accordance with its resolution 65/281 and its decision 65/503 A.
2. The Third Committee held a general discussion on the item at its 47th meeting, on 16 November 2015, and considered a proposal and took action under the item at its 54th meeting, on 24 November 2015. An account of the Committee’s discussion is contained in the relevant summary records.¹
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Human Rights Council on its twenty-eighth session, twenty-third special session and twenty-ninth session (A/70/53) and the report of the Human Rights Council on its thirtieth session (A/70/53/Add.1).
4. At the 47th meeting, on 16 November, the President of the Human Rights Council made a statement and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of the United States of America, Eritrea, Liechtenstein, China, Mexico, Hungary, the Sudan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Switzerland, Morocco and Pakistan.

II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.3/70/L.66](#)

5. At the 54th meeting, on 24 November, the representative of Sierra Leone, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States, introduced a draft resolution entitled “Report of the Human Rights Council” (A/C.3/70/L.66). Subsequently, the Russian Federation and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

¹ [A/C.3/70/SR.47](#) and [A/C.3/70/SR.54](#).



6. At the same meeting, the representative of Belarus made a statement and requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

7. Also at its 54th meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.3/70/L.66](#) by a recorded vote of 111 to 2, with 59 abstentions (see para. 10). The voting was as follows:²

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Belarus, Israel.

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Eritrea, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

8. Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Israel, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), Liechtenstein (also on behalf of Albania, Australia, Canada, Iceland, New Zealand, Norway and Switzerland) and the United States of America.

9. After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Costa Rica and Myanmar.

² The delegation of Malawi subsequently indicated that, had it been present, it would have voted in favour.

III. Recommendation of the Third Committee

10. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Report of the Human Rights Council

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 60/251 of 15 March 2006, by which it established the Human Rights Council, and 65/281 of 17 June 2011 on the review of the Council,

Recalling also its resolutions 62/219 of 22 December 2007, 63/160 of 18 December 2008, 64/143 of 18 December 2009, 65/195 of 21 December 2010, 66/136 of 19 December 2011, 67/151 of 20 December 2012, 68/144 of 18 December 2013 and 69/155 of 18 December 2014,

Having considered the recommendations contained in the report of the Human Rights Council,^{1,2}

Takes note of the report of the Human Rights Council,¹ including the addendum thereto,² and its recommendations.

¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventieth Session, Supplement No. 53 (A/70/53).

² Ibid., Supplement No. 53A (A/70/53/Add.1).