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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 15 September 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-second 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](#).

2. The Third Committee held a general discussion on the item at its 42nd meeting, on 2 November 2017, and considered a proposal and took action under the item at its 48th meeting, on 16 November. 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-sixth special session and its thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions ([A/72/53](#)) and on its thirty-sixth session ([A/72/53/Add.1](#)).

4. At the 42nd meeting, on 2 November, the President of the Human Rights Council made a statement and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of Colombia, Spain, Japan, Eritrea, Hungary, Latvia, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Australia, Liechtenstein, the European Union, the Republic of Korea, Norway, Ireland, South Africa, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Bahamas, Indonesia, Guatemala and Argentina.

II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.3/72/L.62](#)

5. At its 48th meeting, on 16 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Report of the Human Rights Council” ([A/C.3/72/L.62](#)) submitted

¹ [A/C.3/72/SR.42](#) and [A/C.3/72/SR.48](#).



by Gabon on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States.

6. At the same meeting, the representative of Gabon, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States, made a statement.

7. Subsequently, the Russian Federation joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.3/72/L.62](#), by a recorded vote of 117 to 2, with 60 abstentions (see para. 10). The voting was as follows:

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, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, 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, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu.

9. Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Liechtenstein (also on behalf of Australia, Canada, Iceland, New Zealand, Norway and Switzerland), Israel and Estonia (on behalf of the European Union). After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Costa Rica, Eritrea, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Myanmar.

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, [69/155](#) of 18 December 2014, [70/136](#) of 17 December 2015 and [71/174](#) of 19 December 2016,

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, Seventy-second Session, Supplement No. 53 (A/72/53).*

² *Ibid., Supplement No. 53 (A/72/53/Add.1).*