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1. Organizational and procedural matters

Date and venue of the session

The Human Rights Council will hold its fifty-fifth session from 26 February to 5 April 2024 at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

In accordance with rule 8 (b) of the rules of procedure of the Human Rights Council, as contained in section VII of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, the organizational meeting for the fifty-fifth session will be held on 12 February 2024.

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Composition of the Human Rights Council

The composition of the Human Rights Council at its fifty-fifth session is as follows:¹ Albania (2026); Algeria (2025); Argentina (2024); Bangladesh (2025); Belgium (2025); Benin (2024); Brazil (2026); Bulgaria (2026); Burundi (2026); Cameroon (2024); Chile (2025); China (2026); Costa Rica (2025); Côte d'Ivoire (2026); Cuba (2026); Dominican Republic (2026); Eritrea (2024); Finland (2024); France (2026); Gambia (2024); Georgia (2025); Germany (2025); Ghana (2026); Honduras (2024); India (2024); Indonesia (2026); Japan (2026); Kazakhstan (2024); Kuwait (2026); Kyrgyzstan (2025); Lithuania (2024); Luxembourg (2024); Malawi (2026); Malaysia (2024); Maldives (2025); Montenegro (2024); Morocco (2025); Netherlands (Kingdom of the) (2026); Paraguay (2024); Qatar (2024); Romania (2025); Somalia (2024); South Africa (2025); Sudan (2025); United Arab Emirates (2024); United States of America (2024); and Viet Nam (2025).

Bureau of the Human Rights Council

At the organizational session for the eighteenth cycle of the Human Rights Council, held on 8 December 2023, and at its organizational meeting of 10 January 2024, the Council elected the following members of the Bureau for its eighteenth cycle, which runs from 1 January to 31 December 2024:

<i>President</i>	Omar Zniber (Morocco)
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	Febrian Ruddyard (Indonesia) Marcelo Eliseo Scappini Ricciardi (Paraguay) Heidi Schroderus-Fox (Finland)
<i>Vice-President and Rapporteur</i>	Darius Staniulis (Lithuania)

Review of the work and functioning of the Human Rights Council

Pursuant to paragraph 42 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 16/21, the Council will hold a panel discussion to interact with heads of governing bodies and secretariats of United Nations agencies within their respective mandates on specific human rights themes with the objective of promoting the mainstreaming of human rights throughout the United Nations system.

At its organizational session, the Human Rights Council decided that the theme for 2024 of the annual panel discussion on human rights mainstreaming would be “Harnessing multilateral efforts to embed, amplify and realize the rights of persons with disabilities, with a focus on full and effective participation and inclusion in society” (see annex).

Selection and appointment of mandate holders

In accordance with paragraph 47 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, paragraph 22 of the annex to Council resolution 16/21 and the requirements set out in Council decision 6/102 and President’s statement PRST OS/14/2, the Consultative Group, composed of Claudia Fuentes Julio (Chile), Abdul-Karim Hashim Mostafa (Iraq), Andranik Hovhannisyan (Armenia) and Iakovos Iakovidis (Greece), will propose to the President of the Council a list of candidates for the following vacancies: (a) two members of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (one from Africa and the other from North America); (b) the mandate of Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order; (c) the mandate of Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali; (d) the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence; (e) the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; (f) five members of the Working Group on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas pursuant to the creation of the Working Group by the Council in its resolution 54/9 (one from African States, one from Asia-Pacific States, one from Eastern European States, one from Latin American and Caribbean States and one from Western European and other States); (g) one member of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human

¹ The term of membership of each State expires in the year indicated in parentheses.

rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (from African States); (h) the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment; and (i) the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change. The latter two vacancies, originally unscheduled, were occasioned by the resignation of the mandate holders.

In accordance with the procedure stipulated in paragraphs 52 and 53 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, the appointment of special procedure and expert mechanism mandate holders will be completed upon the subsequent approval by the Council. The mandate holders in question will be appointed before the end of the fifty-fifth session.

Report on the session

At the end of its fifty-fifth session, the Human Rights Council will have before it for adoption a draft report containing a technical summary of the proceedings of the session.

2. Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General

All reports of the Secretary-General, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) are submitted under agenda item 2, which remains an open-ended item throughout the session. The Human Rights Council will consider the reports under the relevant agenda items, as appropriate. The specific timing of their introduction will be reflected in the programme of work.

Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 48/141 and the decision contained in President's statement PRST OS/17/1, the Human Rights Council will hear an oral update by the High Commissioner.

Promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka

In its resolution 51/1, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to enhance its monitoring and reporting on the situation of human rights in Sri Lanka, including on progress in reconciliation and accountability, and on the impact of the economic crisis and corruption on human rights, and to present an oral update to the Council at its fifty-fifth session. The Council will hear an oral update by OHCHR.

Situation of human rights in Eritrea

In its resolution 53/2, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea, for a further period of one year, and to hold an enhanced interactive dialogue on the situation of human rights in Eritrea, at its fifty-fifth session, with the participation of, inter alia, the Special Rapporteur, OHCHR, civil society and other relevant stakeholders. The Council will hold an enhanced interactive dialogue.

Conclusions and recommendations of special procedures

Pursuant to Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/76 and Human Rights Council decision 2/102, the Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the conclusions and recommendations of special procedures (A/HRC/55/19).

Question of human rights in Cyprus

Pursuant to Human Rights Council decision 2/102, the Council will have before it the report of OHCHR on the question of human rights in Cyprus (A/HRC/55/20).

Activities of the offices in Guatemala, Honduras and Colombia

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 48/141, the Human Rights Council will have before it the reports of the High Commissioner on the activities of the OHCHR offices in Guatemala (A/HRC/55/21), Honduras (A/HRC/55/22) and Colombia (A/HRC/55/23).

Effective implementation of international human rights instruments

Pursuant to its resolution 9/8, the Human Rights Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on measures taken to implement that resolution and on obstacles to its implementation, including recommendations for further improving the effectiveness of, and for harmonizing and reforming, the treaty body system (A/HRC/55/24).

Situation of human rights in Myanmar

In its resolution 50/3, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to monitor and follow up on the implementation of the recommendations made by the independent international fact-finding mission, including those on accountability, and to continue to track progress in the situation of human rights in Myanmar, including of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities, with the support of specialist experts and in complementarity to the work of the Independent Mechanism for Myanmar and the reports of the Special Rapporteur, and to present an oral update at its fifty-fifth session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will hear an oral update by the High Commissioner during an interactive dialogue.

In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to submit to the Council, at its fifty-fifth session, a report on the panel discussion on the measures necessary to find durable solutions to the Rohingya crisis and to end all forms of human rights violations and abuses against Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar, held at its fifty-third session. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/55/25).

Situation of human rights in South Sudan

In its resolution 52/1, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan for a further period of one year, and requested the Commission to present a comprehensive written report on the situation of human rights in South Sudan to the Council at its fifty-fifth session, to be followed by an enhanced interactive dialogue that includes the participation of the High Commissioner. The Council will consider the report of the Commission (A/HRC/55/26).

Promotion and protection of human rights in Nicaragua

In its resolution 52/2, the Human Rights Council decided to renew the mandate of the Group of Human Rights Experts on Nicaragua for a further period of two years, and requested the High Commissioner to present an oral update on the situation of human rights in Nicaragua to the Council at its fifty-fifth session. The Council will hear an oral update by the High Commissioner.

In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council requested the Group of Human Rights Experts on Nicaragua to submit a report to the Council at its fifty-fifth session, during an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of the Group of Human Rights Experts (A/HRC/55/27).

Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the obligation to ensure accountability and justice

In its resolution 52/3, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to report on the implementation of the resolution to the Council at its fifty-fifth session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/55/28).

Situation of human rights in the Sudan

In its resolution S-36/1, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner, with the assistance of the designated Expert on human rights in the Sudan, to submit a comprehensive report, at its fifty-fifth session, on the situation of human rights in the Sudan and on violations and abuses committed by all parties in the Sudan, to be followed by an enhanced interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/55/29).

Strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights in Afghanistan

In its resolution 54/1, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan for a period of one year, and requested the Special Rapporteur to present a report to the Council at its fifty-fifth session. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Richard Bennett (A/HRC/55/80), during an interactive dialogue.

3. Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development

Economic, social and cultural rights*Question of the realization in all countries of economic, social and cultural rights*

In its resolution 52/11, the Human Rights Council decided to hold at its fifty-fifth session a panel discussion, in an accessible format, on the challenges and good practices to strengthen the fulfilment of the right to social security and for building, financing and implementing public policies and quality public services as key tools for the realization of economic, social and cultural rights (see annex).

Countering religious hatred constituting incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence

In its resolution 53/1, the Human Rights Council decided to hold at its fifty-fifth session an interactive panel discussion, in accessible format, to identify drivers, root causes and human rights impacts of the desecration of sacred books and places of worship, as well as religious symbols, as a manifestation of religious hatred that could constitute incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence (see annex).

Cultural rights

In its resolutions 46/9, the Human Rights Council decided to renew, for a period of three years, the mandate of Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights. In its resolution 52/18, the Council requested the Special Rapporteur to report to it regularly. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Alexandra Xanthaki (A/HRC/55/44 and [A/HRC/55/44/Add.1](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

Right to food

In its resolution 49/13, the Human Rights Council decided to extend, for a period of three years, the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the right to food. In its resolution 52/16, the Council requested the Special Rapporteur to report to it annually on the implementation of the mandate. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Michael Fakhri ([A/HRC/55/49](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

Adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living

In its resolution 52/10, the Human Rights Council decided to extend, for a period of three years, the mandate of Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit an annual report on the implementation of the mandate to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Balakrishnan Rajagopal ([A/HRC/55/53](#) and [A/HRC/55/53/Add.1](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

Effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights

In its resolution 52/17, the Human Rights Council decided to extend, for a period of three years, the mandate of Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights, and requested the Independent Expert to continue to report regularly to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Attiya Waris (A/HRC/55/54, A/HRC/55/54/Add.1 and A/HRC/55/54/Add.2), during an interactive dialogue.

Civil and political rights

Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 77/209, the Human Rights Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (A/HRC/55/32).

Pursuant to the same resolution, the Human Rights Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (A/HRC/55/33).

In its resolution 52/7, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment for a further period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to report on all of her activities, observations, conclusions and recommendations to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Alice Jill Edwards (A/HRC/55/52 and A/HRC/55/52/Add.1), during an interactive dialogue.

Role of good governance

In its resolution 51/5, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a report of the panel discussion on the most efficient ways of upholding good governance to address the human rights impacts of the various digital divides, that was held on 4 September 2023, and to present the report to the Council at its fifty-fifth session. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/55/38).

Right to privacy

In its resolution 46/16, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy for a period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit an annual report to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Ana Brian Nougrères (A/HRC/55/46 and A/HRC/55/46/Add.1), during an interactive dialogue.

Freedom of religion or belief

In its resolution 49/5, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief for a further period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to report annually to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Nazila Ghanea (A/HRC/55/47, A/HRC/55/47/Add.1 and A/HRC/55/47/Add.2), during an interactive dialogue.

The promotion and protection of human rights in the context of peaceful protests

In its resolution 50/21, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association to engage in global and regional consultations and to develop specific technical and practical tools based on international standards and best practices to assist law enforcement officials in promoting and protecting human rights in the context of peaceful protests. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Clément Nyaletsossi Voule (A/HRC/55/60), during an interactive dialogue.

Rights of peoples and of specific groups and individuals

Safety of journalists

In its resolution 76/173, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report on the safety of journalists and media workers, with a special focus on the safety of women journalists, online and offline, and the activities of the network of focal points in addressing the safety of journalists and the issue of impunity and taking into account the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity and the follow-up thereto. In its decision 76/571, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-fifth session, recalling resolution 76/173. The Council will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the report of the Secretary-General ([A/HRC/55/31](#)).

In its resolution 51/9, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a summary report on the one-day expert seminar on legal and economic threats to the safety of journalists, which was held on 25 April 2023, and to submit the report to the Council at its fifty-fifth session. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/55/39](#)).

Rights of persons with disabilities

In its resolution 49/12, the Human Rights Council decided to hold at its fifty-fifth session an interactive debate on the rights of persons with disabilities, focusing on good practices of support systems enabling community inclusion of persons with disabilities (see annex). The debate will be informed by the report of OHCHR on the good practices of such support systems ([A/HRC/55/34](#)).

In its resolution 53/14, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities, for a further period of three years, with a mandate to continue to report annually to the Council, in accessible formats. The Council will consider the report of the new mandate holder, Heba Hagrass ([A/HRC/55/56](#)) and a report of the previous mandate holder, Gerard Quinn ([A/HRC/55/56/Add.1](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

Rights of the child

Pursuant to its resolutions 7/29 and 49/20, the Human Rights Council will convene an annual full-day meeting on the rights of the child, on the theme, "Rights of the child and inclusive social protection" (see annex).

In its resolution 49/20, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a comprehensive report, in an accessible format, in follow-up to the high-level panel discussion on human rights mainstreaming held in 2020, with specific recommendations on how to strengthen a child rights-based approach in the work of the United Nations, and to present the report to the Council at its fifty-fifth session. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/55/36](#)).

In its resolution 52/26, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material, under the title of Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children, for a further period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to continue to report annually on the implementation of the mandate to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Mama Fatima Singhateh ([A/HRC/55/55](#), [A/HRC/55/55/Add.1](#) and [A/HRC/55/55/Add.2](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

In its resolution 78/187, the General Assembly requested the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict to continue to submit reports to the Human Rights Council on the activities undertaken in fulfilment of her mandate. The Council will consider the report of the Special Representative, Virginia Gamba ([A/HRC/55/57](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly requested the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children to continue to submit an annual report to the Human Rights Council on the activities undertaken in fulfilment of her mandate. The Council will consider the report of the Special Representative, Najat Maalla M'jid ([A/HRC/55/58](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

Youth and human rights

In its resolution 51/17, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to prepare a summary report on the biennial panel discussion on youth and human rights, held at its fifty-fourth session, and to submit the report to the Council at its fifty-fifth session. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR ([A/HRC/55/40](#)).

Rights of persons with albinism

In its resolution 46/12, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism, for a period of three years, on the same terms as provided for in Council resolution 28/6. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Muluka-Anne Miti-Drummond ([A/HRC/55/45](#) and [A/HRC/55/45/Add.1](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

Human rights defenders

In its resolution 52/4, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, for a period of three years, in the same terms as provided for in Council resolution 16/5. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Mary Lawlor ([A/HRC/55/50](#), [A/HRC/55/50/Add.1](#) and [A/HRC/55/50/Add.2](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

Minority issues

In its resolution 52/5, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on minority issues for a period of three years, under the same terms as provided for by the Council in its resolution 25/5. The Council will consider the report of the new mandate holder, Nicolas Levrat ([A/HRC/55/51](#)) and the reports of the previous mandate holder, Fernand de Varennes ([A/HRC/55/51/Add.1](#) and [A/HRC/55/51/Add.2](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

In its resolution 49/14, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to continue to present to the Council an annual report containing information on relevant developments of United Nations human rights bodies and mechanisms and on the activities undertaken by OHCHR at headquarters and in the field that contribute to the promotion of and respect for the provisions of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/55/35](#)).

Interrelation of human rights and human rights thematic issues

Terrorism and human rights

In its resolution 76/169, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of that resolution to the Human Rights Council. Pursuant to that request, the Council will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the report of the Secretary-General on terrorism and human rights ([A/HRC/55/30](#)).

In its resolution 49/10, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism for a period of three years, with the same terms as provided for by the Council in its resolution 40/16. In its resolution 51/24, the Council invited the Special Rapporteur to pay attention to the negative effect of terrorism on the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and to make recommendations in that regard. The Council will consider the report of the new mandate holder, Ben Saul ([A/HRC/55/48](#)) and the reports

of the previous mandate holder, Fionnuala Ní Aoláin (A/HRC/55/48/Add.1 and A/HRC/55/48/Add.2), during an interactive dialogue.

Human rights and climate change

In its resolution 50/9, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to present to the Council at its fifty-fifth session a report identifying the necessary measures for minimizing the adverse impact of climate change on the full realization of the right to food, taking into account the panel discussion and the interactive dialogue held at the fifty-third session on this matter, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/55/37).

Human rights and the environment

In its resolution 46/7, the Human Rights Council decided to renew the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment for a period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit an annual report to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, David R. Boyd (A/HRC/55/43, A/HRC/55/43/Add.1 and A/HRC/55/43/Add.2), during an interactive dialogue.

In its resolution 52/23, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment to submit to the Council, at its fifty-fifth session, a summary report on the one-day expert seminar on the responsibility of business enterprises to respect the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, which was held on 24 November 2023. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur (A/HRC/55/41).

Human rights and unilateral coercive measures

In its resolution 52/13, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights to submit to the Council at its fifty-fifth session a summary report on the biennial panel discussion on unilateral coercive measures and human rights, held at its fifty-fourth session. The Council will have before it the report of the Special Rapporteur (A/HRC/55/42).

Elaboration of an international legally binding instrument on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights

Pursuant to its resolution 26/9, the Human Rights Council will consider the report of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights on its ninth session, held from 23 to 27 October 2023 (A/HRC/55/59), and the text of the updated draft legally binding instrument with the textual proposals submitted by States during the session (A/HRC/55/59/Add.1).

4. Human rights situations that require the Council's attention

Situation of human rights in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

In its resolution 51/29, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to continue to monitor, report on and provide technical cooperation with a view to improving the situation of human rights in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, including through the presentation of an oral update to the Council, at its fifty-fifth session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will hear an oral update by the High Commissioner.

In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council decided to extend, for a period of two years, the mandate of the independent international fact-finding mission on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela with a view to combating impunity and ensuring the full accountability of perpetrators and justice for victims, and requested the mission to present an oral update on its work to the Council, during an interactive dialogue, at its fifty-fifth session. The Council will hear an oral update by the fact-finding mission.

Situation of human rights in Belarus in the run-up to the 2020 presidential election and in its aftermath

In its resolution 52/29, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to present to the Council, at its fifty-fifth session, a comprehensive report on the situation of human rights in Belarus in the run-up to the 2020 presidential election and in its aftermath, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/55/61).

Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

In its resolution 52/27, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran for a further period of one year, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit a report on the implementation of the mandate to the Council at its fifty-fifth session. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Javaid Rehman (A/HRC/55/62), during an interactive dialogue.

In its resolution S-35/1, the Human Rights Council requested the independent international fact-finding mission on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran to present to the Council a comprehensive report on its findings during an interactive dialogue at its fifty-fifth session. The Council will consider the report of the fact-finding mission (A/HRC/55/67).

Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

In its resolution 52/28, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to present an oral update on the implementation of relevant recommendations made by the group of independent experts on accountability in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The Council will hear an oral update by the High Commissioner.

In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for a period of one year, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit regular reports to the Council on the implementation of the mandate, including on the follow-up efforts made in the implementation of the recommendations of the commission of inquiry on human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Elizabeth Salmon (A/HRC/55/63), during an interactive dialogue.

Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic

In its resolution 52/30, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic for a period of one year, and requested the Commission of Inquiry to present to the Council an updated report during an interactive dialogue at its fifty-fifth session. The Council will consider the report of the Commission of Inquiry (A/HRC/55/64).

Situation of human rights in Myanmar

In its resolution 52/31, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar for a further period of one year, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit a written report to the Council at its fifty-fifth session. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Thomas Andrews (A/HRC/55/65), during an interactive dialogue.

Situation of human rights in Ukraine stemming from the Russian aggression

In its resolution 52/32, the Human Rights Council requested the independent international commission of inquiry on Ukraine to provide the Council with a comprehensive written report at its fifty-fifth session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of the commission of inquiry (A/HRC/55/66).

5. Human rights bodies and mechanisms

Social Forum

In its resolution 50/22, the Human Rights Council decided that the Social Forum would meet for two working days in 2023 and that the Forum should focus on the contribution of science, technology and innovation to the promotion of human rights, including in the context of post-pandemic recovery, and invited the Forum to submit a report containing its conclusions and recommendations to the Council at its fifty-fifth session. The Council will have before it the report of the Forum, which was held on 2 and 3 November 2023 ([A/HRC/55/68](#)).

Special procedures

Pursuant to its decision 2/102, the Human Rights Council will have before it the report on the twenty-ninth annual meeting of special rapporteurs, independent experts and chairs of working groups of the special procedures of the Council, held from 12 to 16 June 2023 ([A/HRC/55/69](#) and [A/HRC/55/69/Add.1](#)).

The Human Rights Council will also have before it the communications report of the special procedures ([A/HRC/55/3](#)).

Forum on Minority Issues

In its resolution 19/23, the Human Rights Council decided that the Forum on Minority Issues should continue to meet annually. The Forum held its sixteenth session on 30 November and 1 December 2023, on the theme “Minorities and cohesive societies: equality, social inclusion, and socioeconomic participation”. The Council will have before it the report of the Special Rapporteur on minority issues containing the recommendations made by the Forum at its sixteenth session ([A/HRC/55/70](#)).

6. Universal periodic review

The Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review held its forty-fourth session from 6 to 17 November 2023. At its fifty-fifth session, the Human Rights Council will have before it for adoption the final outcomes of the reviews of Turkmenistan ([A/HRC/55/4](#)), Burkina Faso ([A/HRC/55/5](#)), Cabo Verde ([A/HRC/55/6](#)), Colombia ([A/HRC/55/7](#)), Uzbekistan ([A/HRC/55/8](#)), Tuvalu ([A/HRC/55/9](#)), Germany ([A/HRC/55/10](#)), Djibouti ([A/HRC/55/11](#)), Canada ([A/HRC/55/12](#)), Bangladesh ([A/HRC/55/13](#)), the Russian Federation ([A/HRC/55/14](#)), Azerbaijan ([A/HRC/55/15](#)), Cameroon ([A/HRC/55/16](#)) and Cuba ([A/HRC/55/17](#)).

Pursuant to President’s statement 9/2 on modalities and practices for the universal periodic review process, the outcomes of the review are adopted by the Council at its plenary session by a standardized decision. The outcomes comprise the reports of the Working Group, the views of the State under review concerning the recommendations and/or conclusions, and the voluntary commitments made and replies presented by the State under review, before the adoption of the outcome by the Council in plenary, to questions or issues that were not sufficiently addressed during the interactive dialogue with the Working Group.

7. Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories

Human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan

In its resolution 52/33, the Human Rights Council requested the Secretary-General to report on the situation of human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan to the Council at its fifty-fifth session. The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General ([A/HRC/55/71](#)).

Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan

In its resolution 52/35, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to report on the implementation of the provisions of that resolution to the Council at its fifty-fifth

session. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/55/72).

Situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967

The Human Rights Council will consider, pursuant to Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/2 A and Council resolution 5/1, the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, Francesca Albanese (A/HRC/55/73), during an interactive dialogue.

8. Follow-up to and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

No reports have been submitted under agenda item 8.

9. Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance: follow-up to and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Global call for concrete action for the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 78/234, the Human Rights Council will hold a meeting in commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (see annex).

Combating intolerance, negative stereotyping and stigmatization of, and discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against, persons based on religion or belief

In its resolution 52/38, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare and submit to the Council, at its fifty-fifth session, a comprehensive follow-up report, with elaborated conclusions based upon information provided by States, on the efforts and measures taken for the implementation of the action plan outlined in paragraphs 7 and 8 of the resolution, and views on potential follow-up measures for further improvement of the implementation of that plan. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/55/74).

Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

In its resolution 52/37, the Human Rights Council decided to renew the mandate of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action for a further period of three years, and requested the Chair of the Working Group to submit an annual report on its sessions to the Council. The Council will have before it the report of the Working Group on its twenty-first session, held from 16 to 20 October and 20 to 24 November 2023 (A/HRC/55/75).

10. Technical assistance and capacity-building

Cooperation with and assistance to Ukraine in the field of human rights

In its resolution 53/30, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to present an oral update on the findings of each of the reports of OHCHR on the situation of human rights in Ukraine at its fifty-fifth session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will hear an oral update by the High Commissioner.

Technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights in the Central African Republic

In its resolution 54/31, the Human Rights Council decided to renew, for a period of one year, the mandate of Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic. Pursuant to the same resolution, the Council will convene, at its fifty-fifth session,

a high-level dialogue to enable it to assess human rights developments on the ground, placing special emphasis on the situation of women and girls.

Technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

In its resolution 54/34, the Human Rights Council decided to renew, for one year, the mandate of the team of international experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo and requested the team of international experts to present an oral update to the Council at its fifty-fifth session. In the same resolution, the Council requested the High Commissioner to present an oral update to the Council, at its fifty-fifth session, on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The Council will hear an oral update by the High Commissioner and the team of international experts.

Enhancement of technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights in Colombia to implement the recommendations of the Commission for the Clarification of Truth, Coexistence and Non-Repetition

In its resolution 53/22, the Human Rights Council requested High Commissioner to appoint an international human rights expert tasked with identifying and verifying the obstacles to the implementation of the 2016 peace agreement and identifying the consequences of these obstacles for the full enjoyment of human rights under international law. In the same resolution, the Council requested the expert to submit a report to the Council before the end of 2023, and to present it at its fifty-fifth session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of the expert, Antonia Urrejola (A/HRC/55/18).

Technical assistance and capacity-building to improve the situation of human rights in Haiti in connection with a request from the authorities of Haiti for coordinated and targeted international action

In its resolution 52/39, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to appoint, for a renewable period of one year, an independent human rights expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti and to provide the Council with a comprehensive report at its fifty-fifth session, in the context of an interactive dialogue with the participation of the independent human rights expert. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/55/76).

Technical assistance and capacity-building for South Sudan

In its resolution 52/43, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to present a comprehensive report on technical assistance and capacity-building for South Sudan to the Council, at its fifty-fifth session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/55/77).

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

In its resolution 36/28, the Human Rights Council invited the High Commissioner to make an oral presentation to the Council, on an annual basis, providing an overview of and information on successes, best practices and challenges in technical assistance and capacity-building efforts, in particular those provided by OHCHR and relevant United Nations agencies. The Council will hear an oral presentation by the High Commissioner.

Also in resolution 36/28, the Human Rights Council invited the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights to present to the Council, on an annual basis, a comprehensive report on the Board's work. The Council will have before it the report of the Chair (A/HRC/55/78).

Technical assistance and capacity-building for Mali in the field of human rights

In its resolution 52/42, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali for a period of one year, and requested the Independent Expert to submit a report to the Council at its fifty-fifth session. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Alioune Tine (A/HRC/55/79).

Pursuant to resolution 52/42, the Council will hold a dialogue, in the presence of the Independent Expert and representatives of the Transitional Government of Mali, to assess the changes in the situation of human rights in the country, with a particular focus on the issues of the protection of persons who are victims of descent-based slavery.

Annex

Panel discussions to be held during the fifty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council

<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Panel/discussion</i>
Human Rights Council resolution 16/21	Annual high-level panel discussion on human rights mainstreaming on the theme “Harnessing multilateral efforts to embed, amplify and realize the rights of persons, with disabilities with a focus on full and effective participation and inclusion in society” (accessible to persons with disabilities)
Human Rights Council resolution 53/1	Panel discussion on countering religious hatred constituting incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence (accessible to persons with disabilities)
Human Rights Council resolution 52/11	Panel discussion on challenges and good practices to realize the right to social security and to provide quality public services
Human Rights Council resolutions 7/9 and 49/12	Annual interactive debate on the rights of persons with disabilities on the theme “Good practices of support systems enabling community inclusion of persons with disabilities” (accessible to persons with disabilities)
Human Rights Council resolutions 7/29 and 49/20	Annual full-day meeting on the rights of the child, on the theme “Rights of the child and inclusive social protection” (accessible to persons with disabilities)
General Assembly resolution 78/234	Commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination