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## Human Rights Council

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24 February–13 March and 15–23 June 2020

Agenda item 5

### Human rights bodies and mechanisms

## Decision adopted by the Human Rights Council on 22 June 2020

### 43/117. Methods of work of the Consultative Group of the Human Rights Council

At its 46th meeting, on 22 June 2020, the Human Rights Council decided to adopt the text below:

*“The Human Rights Council,*

*Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,*

*Reaffirming* Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1 of 18 June 2007, on institution-building of the Council, and 16/21 of 25 March 2011, on the review of the work and functioning of the Council,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the work of the Consultative Group of the Human Rights Council in selecting candidates for mandate holder positions of the Council,

*Recalling* the important role of Member States in raising awareness and promoting Human Rights Council mechanisms and the special procedures, and in sharing information regarding vacancies for mandate holder positions of the Council,

*Reaffirming* that all candidates for mandate holders shall meet the general criteria of (a) expertise; (b) experience in the field of the mandate; (c) independence; (d) impartiality; (e) personal integrity; and (f) objectivity; and particular requirements as defined by the Human Rights Council in paragraphs 39, 40 and 41 of the annex to its resolution 5/1 and section II, subsection C of its decision 6/102 of 27 September 2007,

*Reaffirming also* that due consideration should be given to gender balance, equitable geographic representation and appropriate representation of different legal systems among mandate holders, and noting with concern the current lack of gender balance, equitable geographic representation and appropriate representation of different legal systems among mandate holders,

*Stressing* the importance of clearly defining the methods of work of the Consultative Group in order to ensure the transparent, objective and independent selection of candidates for mandate holder positions of the Human Rights Council,



1. *Requests* the President of the Human Rights Council to conduct before the end of 2020 no fewer than two and no more than five rounds of open consultations of a maximum of five days with States and relevant stakeholders, aiming to formulate draft methods of work of the Consultative Group of the Human Rights Council, in full compliance with Council resolutions 5/1 and 16/21;
2. *Invites* the President of the Human Rights Council to broadly consult with all relevant stakeholders before the last round of open consultations;
3. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide all necessary resources and assistance to the President of the Human Rights Council in conducting the consultations;
4. *Requests* the President of the Human Rights Council to update the Council on progress at its forty-fifth session, and to submit the draft methods of work of the Consultative Group to the Council for its consideration before the end of 2020.”

[Adopted by a recorded vote of 31 to 12, with 4 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Afghanistan, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Libya, Mauritania, Mexico, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

*Against:*

Australia, Bulgaria, Czechia, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Japan, Marshall Islands, Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia, Ukraine

*Abstaining:*

Austria, Republic of Korea, Spain, Togo]

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