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41/12. The rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association

The Human Rights Council,

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

Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and other relevant human rights instruments,

Reaffirming Human Rights Council resolutions 15/21 of 30 September 2010, 21/16 of 27 September 2012, 24/5 of 26 September 2013 and 32/32 of 1 July 2016, and recalling Council resolutions 22/10 of 21 March 2013, 25/38 of 28 March 2014 and 26/13 of 26 June 2014 and relevant resolutions of the Commission on Human Rights,

Recalling Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1 on institution-building of the Council and 5/2 on the Code of Conduct for Special Procedures Mandate Holders of the Council, both of 18 June 2007,

Recognizing that the effective exercise of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, as enshrined in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, is essential for the enjoyment of other human rights and freedoms and constitutes a fundamental pillar for building a democratic society and strengthening democracy, bearing in mind that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated,

Aware of the crucial importance of the active involvement of civil society in processes of governance that affect the life of people,

Taking note of the report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, submitted to the Human Rights Council at its forty-first session,¹

Recognizing the value of the exercise of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, which enables the participation and mobilization of all stakeholders in support of the implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

¹ A/HRC/41/41.



Recognizing also the challenges to the enjoyment of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, the need to continue to monitor these challenges and to assist to overcome them, in particular by providing technical cooperation or capacity-building when requested by States,

1. *Decides* to renew the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, as established by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 15/21, for a period of three years;

2. *Calls upon* States to continue to cooperate fully with and assist the Special Rapporteur in the performance of the mandate, to respond promptly to his or her urgent appeals and other communications, to consider favourably his or her requests for visits and to give due consideration to implementing the recommendations made by the mandate holder in his or her reports;

3. *Requests* the Special Rapporteur to continue to report annually to the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with the assistance necessary to fulfil the mandate, in particular by placing adequate human and material resources at his or her disposal;

5. *Decides* to continue its consideration of the issue of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association in accordance with its programme of work.

*39th meeting
11 July 2019*

[Adopted without a vote.]
