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**Human Rights Council**

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Agenda item 3

**Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council  
on 26 September 2019****42/5. The human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation***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 Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which the Assembly pledged to leave no one behind,*Reaffirming* all previous Human Rights Council resolutions on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation,*Recalling* all previous General Assembly resolutions on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation, including resolution 64/292 of 28 July 2010,

1. *Welcomes* the work of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation;<sup>1</sup>
2. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation for a period of three years;
3. *Requests* the Special Rapporteur to continue to report, on an annual basis, to the Human Rights Council and to submit an annual report to the General Assembly;
4. *Also requests* the Special Rapporteur, in view of the tenth anniversary of General Assembly resolution 64/292 and Human Rights Council resolution 15/9 of 30 September 2010 recognizing the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation, to initiate and participate in awareness-raising activities, including through social media and with the use of accessible materials, and in collaboration with States, to compile good

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<sup>1</sup> A/HRC/42/47 and Add.1–6.



practices at the local, national, regional and international levels in order to promote the progressive realization of the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation, and to report thereon to the Human Rights Council at its forty-fifth session;

5. *Encourages* the Special Rapporteur to facilitate, including through engagement with relevant stakeholders, the provision of technical assistance in the area of the implementation of the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation;

6. *Encourages* all Governments to respond favourably to requests by the Special Rapporteur for visits and information, to follow up effectively on the recommendations of the mandate holder and to make available information on measures taken in this regard;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the Special Rapporteur with all the resources and assistance necessary for the effective fulfilment of the mandate;

8. *Decides* to continue its consideration of this matter.

*39th meeting  
26 September 2019*

[Adopted without a vote.]

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