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Annotations

1. Organizational and procedural matters

Date and venue of the session

1. The Human Rights Council will hold its forty-fourth session from 15 June to 3 July 2020 at the United Nations Office at Geneva. The dates and venue are subject to change in view of the evolving situation in response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

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2. 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 forty-fourth session will be held on a date to be determined at the end of May or at the beginning of June.

Agenda of the session

3. The agenda of the Human Rights Council is contained in section V of the annex to Council resolution 5/1. The Council will have before it the present annotations relating to items included in the agenda for the forty-fourth session.

Composition of the Human Rights Council

4. The composition of the Human Rights Council at its forty-fourth session is as follows:¹ Afghanistan (2020); Angola (2020); Argentina (2021); Armenia (2022); Australia (2020); Austria (2021); Bahamas (2021); Bahrain (2021); Bangladesh (2021); Brazil (2022); Bulgaria (2021); Burkina Faso (2021); Cameroon (2021); Chile (2020); Czechia (2021); Democratic Republic of the Congo (2020); Denmark (2021); Eritrea (2021); Fiji (2021); Germany (2022); India (2021); Indonesia (2022); Italy (2021); Japan (2022); Libya (2022); Marshall Islands (2022); Mauritania (2022); Mexico (2020); Namibia (2022); Nepal (2020); Netherlands (2022); Nigeria (2020); Pakistan (2020); Peru (2020); Philippines (2021); Poland (2022); Qatar (2020); Republic of Korea (2022); Senegal (2020); Slovakia (2020); Somalia (2021); Spain (2020); Sudan (2022); Togo (2021); Ukraine (2020); Uruguay (2021); and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (2022).

Bureau of the Human Rights Council

5. At its organizational session, held on 6 December 2019, the Human Rights Council elected the following members of the Bureau for its fourteenth cycle, which will run from 1 January to 31 December 2020:

<i>President</i>	Elisabeth Tichy-Fisslberger (Austria)
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	Nasir Ahmad Andisha (Afghanistan)
	Socorro Flores Liera (Mexico)
	Juraj Podhorský (Slovakia)
<i>Vice-President and Rapporteur</i>	Yackoley Kokou Johnson (Togo)

Selection and appointment of mandate holders

6. 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, the Consultative Group for the period from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 is composed of Ahmad Makaila (Chad), Jiang Duan (China), Sabina Stadler Repnik (Slovenia), Erika Gabriela Martínez Liévano (Mexico) and Carlos Dominguez Díaz (Spain). The Group will propose to the President of the Council a list of candidates for: (a) the Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes; (b) the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression;² (c) the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health; and (d) the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children.³

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

² A mandate holder will be appointed provided the mandate itself is extended by the Human Rights Council at its resumed forty-third session.

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7. 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 mandate holders will be completed upon subsequent approval by the Council. The mandate holders in question will be appointed before the end of the forty-fourth session.

Report of the session

8. At the end of its forty-fourth 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

9. All reports of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Secretary-General 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. Pursuant to paragraph 6 of President's statement PRST OS/13/1 adopted on 6 December 2019, no general debates will be held during the Council's June session. Therefore, the reports or oral updates listed below will be considered during the relevant general debates at the forty-fifth session, unless they are mandated to be considered in the context of an interactive dialogue.

Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

10. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 48/141, the Human Rights Council will consider the annual report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/43/3) in an interactive dialogue.

Situation of human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar

11. In its resolution S-27/1, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to track progress concerning the human rights situation of Rohingya people, and to provide an oral update, followed by an interactive dialogue, at its forty-fourth session. The Council will hold an interactive dialogue on the oral update by the High Commissioner.

Promotion and protection of human rights in Nicaragua

12. Subject to the adoption of the draft resolution of the Human Rights Council entitled "Promotion and protection of human rights in Nicaragua" (A/HRC/43/L.35) at its resumed forty-third session, the Council will hear the oral update by the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in Nicaragua at its forty-fourth session.

Situation of human rights in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

13. In its resolution 42/4, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to present to the Council, at its forty-fourth session, a comprehensive written report on the situation of human rights, including the outcomes of the investigation on the ground into allegations of possible human rights violations of the human rights to life, liberty and physical and moral integrity in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, to ensure the accountability of perpetrators and redress for victims. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/44/20).

14. Reference is made to the comprehensive written report of the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, with a special focus on the independence of the justice system and access to justice, including for violations of economic and social rights and the situation of human rights in the Arco Minero del Orinoco region (A/HRC/44/54) (see para. 80 below).

Situation of human rights in Ukraine

15. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 74/168 entitled “Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine”, the Human Rights Council will have before it the interim report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of that resolution, including options and recommendations to improve its implementation (A/HRC/44/21).

16. Reference is made to the oral presentation by the High Commissioner on the situation of human rights in Ukraine (see para. 92 below).

Situation of human rights in the Philippines

17. In its resolution 41/2, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a comprehensive written report on the situation of human rights in the Philippines, and to present it to the Council at its forty-fourth session, followed by an enhanced interactive dialogue. The Council will hold an enhanced interactive dialogue on the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/44/22).

Situation of human rights in Eritrea

18. In its resolution 41/1, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea for a further period of one year and requested the Special Rapporteur to present during an interactive dialogue a report on the implementation of the mandate to the Council at its forty-fourth session. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Daniela Kravetz (A/HRC/44/23).

Violence against women

19. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 50/166, the Human Rights Council will have before it the report of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) on the activities of the United Nations trust fund in support of actions to eliminate violence against women (A/HRC/44/3-E/CN.6/2020/8).

20. Reference is made to the report of OHCHR on the annual full-day discussion on the human rights of women held at the forty-first session of the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/44/36) (see para. 59 below).

Child, early and forced marriage

21. Reference is made to the oral update by the High Commissioner on child, early and forced marriage, and measures to ensure accountability at the community and national levels, including for women and girls at risk of and those subjected to this harmful practice (see para. 51 below).

Rights of the child

22. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on realizing the rights of the child through a healthy environment (A/HRC/43/30), which will inform the annual full-day meeting on the rights of the child (see para. 52 below and annex).

Promotion and protection of human rights in the context of peaceful protests

23. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the impact of new technologies, including information and communications technology, on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of assemblies, including peaceful protests (A/HRC/44/24) (see para. 42 below).

Civil society space: engagement with international and regional organizations

24. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on progress made in improving civil society engagement with international and regional organizations (A/HRC/44/25) (see para. 69 below).

Elimination of discrimination against women

25. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the intersection of race and gender discrimination in sports (A/HRC/44/26) (see para. 48 below).

26. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the outcome of the two-day meeting on progress, gaps and challenges in the application of human rights norms, standards and principles to the measures taken by State and non-State actors to prevent and eliminate female genital mutilation (A/HRC/44/33) (see para. 49 below).

Negative impact of corruption on the enjoyment of human rights

27. Reference is made to the report of OHCHR on the challenges faced and best practices applied by States in integrating human rights into their national strategies and policies to fight against corruption, including those addressing non-State actors, such as the private sector (A/HRC/44/27) (see para. 70 below).

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

28. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the implementation and enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights (A/HRC/44/28) (see para. 71 below).

Impact of arms transfers on human rights

29. Reference is made to the report of OHCHR on the impact of the diversion of arms and unregulated or illicit arms transfers on the human rights of women and girls (A/HRC/44/29) (see para. 72 below).

Human rights and climate change

30. Reference is made to the analytical study of OHCHR on the promotion and the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities in the context of climate change (A/HRC/44/30) (see para. 68 below).

Human rights of migrants

31. Reference is made to the note of the Secretariat on the report of the Secretary-General on the human rights of migrants (A/HRC/44/31) (see para. 55 below).

Business and human rights

32. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on challenges, opportunities, best practices and lessons learned with regard to non-State-based grievance mechanisms that are relevant to the respect by business enterprises for human rights (A/HRC/44/32 and Add.1) (see para. 73 below).

Human rights and indigenous peoples

33. Reference is made to the report of OHCHR on the panel discussion on the rights of indigenous peoples (A/HRC/44/34) (see para. 57 below).

34. Reference is made to the summary report of OHCHR on the intersessional interactive dialogue on ways to enhance the participation of indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions in meetings of the Human Rights Council on issues affecting them (A/HRC/44/35) (see para. 58 below).

Operations of the voluntary fund for participation in the universal periodic review and the Voluntary Fund for Financial and Technical Assistance in the implementation of the universal periodic review

35. Reference is made to the reports of OHCHR on the operations of the voluntary fund for participation in the universal periodic review (A/HRC/44/18) and on the operations of the Voluntary Fund for Financial and Technical Assistance in the implementation of the universal periodic review (A/HRC/44/19) (see para. 86 below).

Cooperation with Georgia

36. Reference is made to the oral update by the High Commissioner on cooperation with Georgia (see para. 91 below).

Technical assistance and capacity-building to improve human rights in the Sudan

37. Reference is made to the oral report of OHCHR on progress towards the opening of a country office in the Sudan (see para. 95 below).

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

38. Reference is made to the report of OHCHR on the activities undertaken by OHCHR and relevant United Nations country teams and agencies and regional organizations to support States' efforts to promote and protect the human rights of prisoners, including women prisoners and offenders, in particular in the implementation of the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules) and the United Nations Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-custodial Measures for Women Offenders (the Bangkok Rules) (A/HRC/44/37) (see para. 94 below).

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*Right to education*

39. In its resolution 35/2, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the right to education for a period of three years. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Koumbou Boly Barry (A/HRC/44/39 and Add.1–2).

Extreme poverty and human rights

40. In its resolution 35/19, the Human Rights Council decided to extend, for a period of three years, the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit an annual report on the implementation of that resolution to the Council. The Council will have before it the reports of the former mandate holder, Philip Alston, (A/HRC/44/40 and Add.1–2) presented by the new mandate holder, Olivier De Schutter.

Right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health

41. In its resolution 42/16, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health for a further period of three years and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit an annual report to the Council covering all activities relating to the mandate. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Dainius Pūras (A/HRC/44/48 and Add.1–2).

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

42. In its resolution 38/11, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a thematic report on new technologies, including information and communications technology, and their impact on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of assemblies, including peaceful protests, and to submit it to the Council prior to its forty-fourth session. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/44/24) (see para. 23 above).

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

43. In its resolution 35/15, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions for three years and requested the Special Rapporteur, in carrying out the mandate, to continue to examine situations of extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions in all circumstances and for whatever reason, and to submit her findings on an annual basis, together with conclusions and recommendations. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Agnès Callamard (A/HRC/44/38 and Add.1).

Independence of judges and lawyers

44. In its resolution 35/11, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers for a period of three years. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Diego García-Sayán (A/HRC/44/47 and Add.1–2).

Freedom of opinion and expression

45. Subject to the adoption of the draft resolution of the Human Rights Council entitled “Freedom of opinion and expression: mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression” (A/HRC/43/L.2) at its resumed forty-third session, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression will submit an annual report to the Council covering all activities relating to the mandate. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, David Kaye (A/HRC/44/49 and Add.1–2 and 4).

Rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association

46. In its resolution 41/12, the Human Rights Council decided to renew the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association for a period of three years and requested the Special Rapporteur to continue to report annually to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Clément Nyaletsossi Voule (A/HRC/44/50 and Add.1–3).

Rights of peoples, and of specific groups and individuals*Elimination of discrimination against women*

47. In its resolution 6/30, the Human Rights Council decided to incorporate into its programme of work sufficient and adequate time, at minimum an annual full-day meeting, to discuss the human rights of women, including measures that could be adopted by States and other stakeholders to address human rights violations experienced by women. The Council will hold a full-day discussion thereon (see annex).

48. In its resolution 40/5, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a report on the intersection of race and gender discrimination in sports, including in policies, regulations and practices of sporting bodies, and elaborating on relevant international human rights norms and standards, and to present the report to the Council at its forty-fourth session. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/44/26) (see para. 25 above).

49. In its resolution 38/6, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner, in close collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund, the World Health Organization, UN-Women and other United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programmes, international human rights mechanisms and civil society organizations, to organize a two-day meeting to discuss progress, gaps and challenges in the application of human rights norms, standards and principles to the measures taken by State and non-State actors to prevent and eliminate female genital mutilation in different contexts, including in the context of communities, humanitarian assistance and migration and other population movements, and to submit a report on the outcome of the above-mentioned meeting at the forty-fourth session of the Council. The Council will have before it the report on the meeting, held on 17 and 18 July 2019 (A/HRC/44/33) (see para. 26 above).

50. In its resolution 41/6, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Working Group on discrimination against women and girls for a period of three years and to additionally request the Working Group to take into account, and mainstream across all its work, an age dimension in the fulfilment of its mandate, and to examine the specific forms of discrimination that girls face. The Council will consider the report of the Working Group (A/HRC/44/51).

Child, early and forced marriage

51. In its resolution 41/8, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to provide an oral update at its forty-fourth session on progress, gaps and challenges in addressing child, early and forced marriage and measures to ensure accountability at the community and national levels, including for women and girls at risk of and those subjected to this harmful practice. The High Commissioner will present an oral update to the Council (see para. 21 above).

Rights of the child

52. Pursuant to its resolutions 7/29 and 40/14, the Human Rights Council will focus its annual full-day meeting on the rights of the child on the theme “Realizing the rights of the child through a healthy environment”, which will be informed by the report of the High Commissioner thereon (A/HRC/43/30) (see para. 22 above and annex).

53. In its resolution 74/133, 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 the fulfilment of her mandate. The Council will consider the report of the Special Representative, Virginia Gamba (A/HRC/43/38).

54. In its resolutions 73/155 and 74/133, the General Assembly requested the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children to continue to submit annual reports to the Council on the activities undertaken in the fulfilment of her mandate. The Council will consider the report of the Special Representative, Najat Maalla M’jid (A/HRC/43/39).

Human rights of migrants

55. In its resolution 74/148, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Human Rights Council at its forty-fourth session a comprehensive report entitled “Human rights of migrants”, covering all aspects of the implementation of that resolution. The Council will have before it the note of the Secretariat on the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/44/31) (see para. 31 above).

56. In its resolution 34/21, the Human Rights Council decided to extend for a period of three years, effective from the end of its thirty-fifth session, the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, whose functions include reporting regularly to the Council. In its resolution 41/7, the Council requested the Special Rapporteur to continue to report on solutions and to contribute to and participate in key discussions relating to the promotion and protection of the human rights of migrants. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Felipe González Morales (A/HRC/44/42 and Add.1–2).

Human rights and indigenous peoples

57. Pursuant to its resolution 39/13, the Human Rights Council will have before it the report of OHCHR on the panel discussion on the rights of indigenous peoples held at its forty-second session (A/HRC/44/34) (see para. 33 above).

58. Pursuant to its resolutions 39/13 and 42/19, the Human Rights Council will have before it the summary report of OHCHR on the intersessional interactive dialogue on ways to enhance the participation of indigenous peoples’ representatives and institutions in meetings of the Council on issues affecting them, held on 15 July 2019 (A/HRC/44/35) (see para. 34 above).

Violence against women

59. Pursuant to its resolution 41/17, the Human Rights Council will have before it the report of OHCHR on the annual full-day discussion on the human rights of women held at its forty-first session, which focused on the themes “Violence against women in the world of work” and “The rights of older women and their economic empowerment” (A/HRC/44/36) (see para. 20 above).

60. In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, for a period of three years. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Dubravka Šimonović (A/HRC/44/52 and Add.1–2).

Human rights of internally displaced persons

61. In its resolution 41/15, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons for a period of three years and requested the Special Rapporteur to continue to submit an annual report on the implementation of the mandate to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Cecilia Jimenez-Damary (A/HRC/44/41 and Add.1).

Trafficking in persons, especially women and children

62. In its resolution 35/5, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, for a period of three years. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Maria Grazia Giammarinaro (A/HRC/44/45 and Add.1).

Elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members

63. In its resolution 35/9, the Human Rights Council decided to appoint, for a period of three years, a Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members and requested the Special Rapporteur to report annually to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Alice Cruz (A/HRC/44/46 and Add.1–2).

Protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity

64. In its resolution 41/18, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity for a period of three years and requested the Independent Expert to continue to report annually on the implementation of the mandate to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Victor Madrigal-Borloz (A/HRC/44/53 and Add.1).

Interrelation of human rights and human rights thematic issues*Promoting human rights through sport and the Olympic ideal*

65. In its resolution 37/18, the Human Rights Council decided to incorporate into its programme of work a thematic panel discussion with regard to promoting human rights through sport and the Olympic ideal, to be held once every four years at the session of the Council preceding the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Council will convene a panel discussion on the theme “The potential of leveraging sport and the Olympic ideal for promoting human rights for young people”⁴ (see annex).

⁴ Subject to the adoption of the draft resolution entitled “Promoting human rights through sport and the Olympic ideal” (A/HRC/43/L.24) at the resumed forty-third session of the Human Rights Council.

New and emerging digital technologies and human rights

66. In its resolution 41/11, the Human Rights Council decided to convene a panel discussion at its forty-fourth session on the impacts, opportunities and challenges of new and emerging digital technologies with regard to the promotion and protection of human rights and requested the Advisory Committee to present an oral update on its report on new and emerging digital technologies during the panel discussion (see annex).

Human rights and climate change

67. In its resolution 41/21, the Human Rights Council decided to incorporate into the programme of work for its forty-fourth session, on the basis of the different elements contained in that resolution, a panel discussion on the theme “Promoting and protecting the rights of persons with disabilities in the context of climate change”, focusing on best practices and lessons learned in the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities in the context of the adverse impact of climate change (see annex).

68. Pursuant to the same resolution, the Human Rights Council will consider the report of OHCHR on the analytical study on the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities in the context of climate change (A/HRC/44/30) (see para. 30 above).

Civil society space: engagement with international and regional organizations

69. In its resolution 38/12, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a report on progress made in improving civil society engagement with international and regional organizations and to present it to the Council at its forty-fourth session. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner on that topic (A/HRC/44/25) (see para. 24 above).

Negative impact of corruption on the enjoyment of human rights

70. Pursuant to its resolution 41/9, the Human Rights Council will have before it the report of OHCHR on the challenges faced and best practices applied by States in integrating human rights into their national strategies and policies to fight against corruption, including those addressing non-State actors, such as the private sector (A/HRC/44/27) (see para. 27 above).

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

71. In its resolution 41/3, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a report on the work of OHCHR in the implementation and enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights, proposing also possible ways to face the challenges to the promotion and protection of human rights, including the right to development, and to submit the report to the Council at its forty-fourth session. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/44/28) (see para. 28 above).

Impact of arms transfers on human rights

72. In its resolution 41/20, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to prepare a report, in consultation with States, United Nations agencies and other relevant stakeholders, on the impact of the diversion of arms and unregulated or illicit arms transfers on the human rights of women and girls, and to present it to the Council at its forty-fourth session. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/44/29) (see para. 29 above).

Business and human rights

73. In its resolution 38/13, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to identify and analyse challenges, opportunities, best practices and lessons learned with regard to non-State-based grievance mechanisms that are relevant to the respect by business enterprises for human rights, to convene two consultations, involving representatives of States and other stakeholders to discuss such issues, and to submit a report thereon to the

Council for consideration at its forty-fourth session. The Council will have before it the reports of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/44/32 and Add.1) (see para. 32 above).

74. In its resolution 35/7, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises for a period of three years. In its resolution 38/13, the Council requested the Working Group, mindful of the guidance provided by the OHCHR Accountability and Remedy Project, to analyse further the role of national human rights institutions in facilitating access to remedy for business-related human rights abuses, to convene a two-day global consultation on those issues, open to all stakeholders, and to inform the Council by its forty-fourth session as appropriate. The Council will consider the reports of the Working Group (A/HRC/44/43 and Add.1–4).

75. Reference is made to the report of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises on the eighth session of the Forum on Business and Human Rights (A/HRC/44/56) (see para. 82 below).

Human rights and international solidarity

76. In its resolution 35/3, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity for a period of three years. In its resolution 41/5, the Council requested the Independent Expert to report regularly to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the Independent Expert, Obiora C. Okafor (A/HRC/44/44 and Add.1).

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

Human rights situation in the Syrian Arab Republic

77. Subject to the adoption of the draft resolution of the Human Rights Council entitled "Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic" (A/HRC/43/L.33) at its resumed forty-third session, the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic will provide an oral update to the Council during an interactive dialogue at its forty-fourth session.

Situation of human rights in Myanmar

78. Subject to the adoption of the draft resolution of the Human Rights Council entitled "Situation of human rights in Myanmar" (A/HRC/43/L.23) at its resumed forty-third session, the new Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, Thomas H. Andrews, will present an oral progress report to the Council.

Situation of human rights in Burundi

79. Pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 42/26, in which the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Commission of Inquiry on Burundi, the Commission will present an oral briefing to the Council at its forty-fourth session during an interactive dialogue.

Situation of human rights in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

80. In its resolution 42/25, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a comprehensive written report on the situation of human rights in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, with a special focus on the independence of the justice system and access to justice, including for violations of economic and social rights and the situation of human rights in the Arco Minero del Orinoco region, and to present the report to the Council at its forty-fourth session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will hold an interactive dialogue on the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/44/54) (see para. 14 above).

Situation of human rights in Belarus

81. In its resolution 41/22, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus for a period of one year and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit a report to the Council at its forty-fourth session. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Anaïs Marin (A/HRC/44/55).

5. Human rights bodies and mechanisms*Forum on Business and Human Rights*

82. Pursuant to its resolutions 17/4 and 35/7, the Human Rights Council will have before it the report of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises on the eighth session of the Forum on Business and Human Rights, held from 25 to 27 November 2019 (A/HRC/44/56) (see para. 75 above). Pursuant to paragraph 6 of President's statement PRST OS/13/1, adopted on 6 December 2019, no general debates will be held during the Council's June session. Therefore, the above-mentioned report of the Working Group will be considered during the relevant general debate at the forty-fifth session.

Special procedures

83. The Human Rights Council will have before it the communications report of the special procedures (A/HRC/44/59).

6. Universal periodic review

84. The Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review held its thirty-fifth session from 20 to 31 January 2020. At its forty-fourth session, the Human Rights Council will consider and adopt the final outcomes of the review of Kyrgyzstan (A/HRC/44/4), Guinea (A/HRC/44/5), the Lao People's Democratic Republic (A/HRC/44/6), Spain (A/HRC/44/7), Lesotho (A/HRC/44/8), Kenya (A/HRC/44/9), Armenia (A/HRC/44/10), Guinea-Bissau (A/HRC/44/11), Sweden (A/HRC/44/12), Grenada (A/HRC/44/13), Turkey (A/HRC/44/14), Kiribati (A/HRC/44/15), Guyana (A/HRC/44/16) and Kuwait (A/HRC/44/17).

85. 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 report 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 plenary, to questions or issues that were not sufficiently addressed during the interactive dialogue in the Working Group.

Operations of the voluntary fund for participation in the universal periodic review and the Voluntary Fund for Financial and Technical Assistance in the implementation of the universal periodic review

86. In its decision 17/119, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to provide an annual written update to the Council on the operations of the voluntary fund for participation in the universal periodic review and the Voluntary Fund for Financial and Technical Assistance in the implementation of the universal periodic review and the resources available thereto. The Council will have before it the reports of OHCHR (A/HRC/44/18 and A/HRC/44/19) (see para. 35 above).

7. Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories*Situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967*

87. Pursuant to resolution 1993/2 A of the Commission on Human Rights and resolution 5/1 of the Human Rights Council, the Council will consider the report of the Special

Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, Michael Lynk (A/HRC/44/60).

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

88. 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

Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

89. Subject to the adoption of the draft resolution of the Human Rights Council entitled “Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance” (A/HRC/43/L.16) at its resumed forty-third session, the Special Rapporteur will submit an annual report to the Council on all activities relating to the mandate. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, E. Tendayi Achiume (A/HRC/44/57 and Add.1–2).

Combating glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

90. In its resolution 74/136, the General Assembly requested the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance to prepare, for submission to the Human Rights Council at its forty-fourth session, a report on the implementation of that resolution. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, E. Tendayi Achiume (A/HRC/44/58).

10. Technical assistance and capacity-building

Cooperation with Georgia

91. Subject to the adoption of the draft resolution of the Human Rights Council entitled “Cooperation with Georgia” (A/HRC/43/L.7) at its resumed forty-third session, the High Commissioner will present an oral update on the follow-up to the resolution (see para. 36 above).

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

92. Pursuant to its resolution 41/25, the Human Rights Council will hold an interactive dialogue at which the High Commissioner will present orally to the States members of the Council and observers the findings of the periodic report of OHCHR on the situation of human rights in Ukraine (see para. 16 above).

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

93. In its resolution 42/32, the Human Rights Council decided, in accordance with its resolution 18/18, that the theme for the annual thematic panel discussion under agenda item 10 to be held during its forty-fourth session would be “Upholding the human rights of prisoners, including women prisoners and offenders: enhancing technical cooperation and capacity-building in the implementation of the Nelson Mandela Rules and the Bangkok Rules” (see annex).

94. In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to prepare a report, to be submitted to the Council at its forty-fourth session, to serve as a basis for the panel discussion, on the activities and plans of OHCHR and relevant United Nations country teams and agencies, in particular the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and regional organizations to support States’ efforts to promote and protect the human rights of prisoners, including women prisoners and offenders, in particular in the implementation of the Nelson Mandela Rules and the Bangkok Rules (A/HRC/44/37) (see para. 38 above).

Technical assistance and capacity-building to improve human rights in the Sudan

95. In its resolution 42/35, the Human Rights Council requested the Government of the Sudan and OHCHR to present their oral reports on progress towards the opening of a country office during an enhanced interactive dialogue at the forty-fourth session of the Council. The Council will hold an enhanced interactive dialogue on the oral reports of the Government of the Sudan and OHCHR (see para. 37 above).

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

96. In its resolution 42/36, the Human Rights Council decided to renew, for one year, the mandate of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic and requested the Independent Expert to provide an oral update on his report on technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights in the Central African Republic to the Council at its forty-fourth session. The Council will hear the oral update by the Independent Expert, Yao Agbetse.

Annex

Panel and other discussions to be held during the forty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council

<i>Resolution/decision</i>	<i>Panel/discussion</i>
Human Rights Council resolution 37/18	Quadrennial panel discussion on promoting human rights through sport and the Olympic ideal on the theme “The potential of leveraging sport and the Olympic ideal for promoting human rights for young people” ^a (accessible to persons with disabilities)
Human Rights Council resolution 6/30	Annual full-day discussion on the human rights of women
Human Rights Council resolutions 7/29 and 40/14	Annual full-day meeting on the rights of the child on the theme “Realizing the rights of the child through a healthy environment”
Human Rights Council resolution 41/11	Panel discussion on the impacts, opportunities and challenges of new and emerging digital technologies with regard to the promotion and protection of human rights (accessible to persons with disabilities)
Human Rights Council resolution 41/21	Panel discussion on promoting and protecting the rights of persons with disabilities in the context of climate change (accessible to persons with disabilities)
Human Rights Council resolutions 18/18 and 42/32	Annual thematic panel discussion on technical cooperation and capacity-building on the theme “Upholding the human rights of prisoners, including women prisoners and offenders: enhancing technical cooperation and capacity-building in the implementation of the Nelson Mandela Rules and the Bangkok Rules”

^a Subject to the adoption of the draft resolution entitled “Promoting human rights through sport and the Olympic ideal” (A/HRC/43/L.24) at the resumed forty-third session of the Human Rights Council.