



Human Rights Council**Forty-first session**

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Agenda item 3

**Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council
on 12 July 2019****41/19. The contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights***The Human Rights Council,**Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,**Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and all other relevant human rights instruments,**Recalling also the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, the 2005 World Summit Outcome, the Declaration on the Right to Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,**Recalling further Human Rights Council resolution 35/21 of 22 June 2017, and other resolutions relating to development adopted by the Council,**Reaffirming that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated and that the international community must treat human rights globally in a fair and equal manner, on the same footing and with the same emphasis,**Emphasizing the important role of sustainable development in promoting and protecting human rights, including economic, social and cultural rights, as well as civil and political rights, recognizing that development contributes to the process of promoting and protecting human rights, and stressing the importance of development cooperation and the promotion and protection of human rights in ensuring that no one is left behind,**Acknowledging that development is the basis for the improvement of living standards and the welfare of the population of each State, and hence contributes to the enjoyment of all human rights,**Recognizing that development and the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms are interdependent and mutually reinforcing,**Reaffirming that meeting the aspiration of the people for a better life is the priority of each State,**Recognizing that, while the significance of national and regional particularities and various historical, cultural and religious backgrounds must be borne in mind, it is the duty of States, regardless of their political, economic and cultural systems, to promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms,**Welcoming the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, which contains a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development*

Goals and targets, and reaffirming that the 2030 Agenda is of unprecedented scope and significance, accepted by all countries, taking into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development and respecting national policies and priorities; its goals and targets are universal, integrated and indivisible, and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development,

Recognizing that, four years into the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, progress has been made across some of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, but it has not been at the pace required to achieve this ambitious agenda and has been uneven across countries and regions, and emphasizing that urgent progress is needed towards all targets, in particular those with a time frame of 2020,

Reaffirming that the existence of extreme poverty inhibits the full and effective enjoyment of human rights, emphasizing that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is a great global challenge, an indispensable requirement and an overarching priority for sustainable development, and reaffirming also that the immediate alleviation and eventual eradication of extreme poverty must remain a high priority for the international community, and that joint efforts towards the achievement of this goal should be strengthened,

Affirming the commitments to end poverty and hunger, in all their forms and dimensions, and to ensure that all human beings can fulfil their potential in dignity and equality and in a healthy environment,

Welcoming the remarkable progress made since 1990, which has lifted over 1.1 billion people out of extreme poverty, but also expressing deep concern that the progress in reducing poverty remains uneven; with 1.3 billion people still living in multidimensional poverty, this number continues to be significant and unacceptably high,

Welcoming also the tremendous efforts made by States in promoting sustainable development and eradicating poverty, including extreme poverty, and the progress made, which significantly promotes the enjoyment of human rights, reaffirming that each country faces specific challenges in its pursuit of sustainable development and the eradication of poverty, and recognizing the importance of supporting countries in their efforts to eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions,

Affirming that international cooperation for sustainable development has an essential role in shaping our shared future, particularly in assisting developing countries in promoting sustainable development and eliminating obstacles to development, and emphasizing the importance of continued efforts to promote international development cooperation,

1. *Reaffirms* the significant contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights by all;
2. *Recognizes* that development and the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms are interdependent and mutually reinforcing;
3. *Calls upon* all countries to promote sustainable development to enable better enjoyment of human rights and to achieve gender equality;
4. *Calls upon* all States to realize people-centred development of the people, by the people and for the people;
5. *Also calls upon* all States to spare no effort to promote sustainable development, in particular while implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as it promotes the enjoyment of human rights;
6. *Emphasizes* the importance for people of each State to benefit from sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth;
7. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee on the contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights;¹

¹ A/HRC/41/50.

8. *Reaffirms* the commitment of all States to ending poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including by eradicating extreme poverty, and emphasizes that eradicating poverty, including extreme poverty, is an indispensable requirement for sustainable development and an overarching objective of the 2030 Agenda;

9. *Welcomes and appreciates* the efforts and investments made by States, international organizations and other stakeholders to eradicate poverty, as well as the remarkable progress made in this field, which is of significant importance for the enjoyment of human rights, and calls for enhanced international cooperation and exchanges regarding poverty eradication;

10. *Calls upon* Member States and the United Nations system, including its funds and programmes and specialized agencies, in accordance with their mandates, to mobilize resources to carry out development cooperation and assist States, upon their request, in promoting sustainable development;

11. *Encourages* Member States, relevant United Nations bodies and other stakeholders to take the 2030 Agenda into account when delivering technical assistance and capacity-building, as requested by the countries concerned, in the field of human rights;

12. *Invites* relevant United Nations human rights mechanisms and procedures to continue to take into account the role of development in promoting and protecting human rights when fulfilling their mandates;

13. *Invites* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to strengthen its work relevant to sustainable development, including studies on the role of development in the enjoyment of human rights;

14. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize a one-day intersessional seminar, before the forty-seventh session of the Human Rights Council, on the contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights, in order to allow Member States, relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, international organizations, national human rights institutions, civil society organizations and other stakeholders to identify challenges and gaps and share good practices and experiences in this regard;

15. *Also requests* the High Commissioner to provide the above-mentioned intersessional seminar with all necessary resources for the services and facilities, and to prepare a summary report on the discussions held at the seminar for presentation to the Human Rights Council at its forty-seventh session;

16. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

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12 July 2019*

[Adopted by a recorded vote of 33 to 13, with no abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Afghanistan, Angola, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, China, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Eritrea, Fiji, India, Iraq, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Togo, Tunisia, Uruguay

Against:

Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Slovakia, Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland]