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41/4. Promotion of the right to peace

The Human Rights Council,

Recalling all previous resolutions on the promotion of the right to peace and the promotion of peace as a vital requirement for the full enjoyment of all human rights by all, adopted by the General Assembly, the Commission on Human Rights and the Human Rights Council, in particular Council resolutions 32/28 of 1 July 2016 and 35/4 of 22 June 2017,

Recalling also the Declaration on the Right to Peace, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 71/189 of 19 December 2016,

Recalling further that States, the United Nations and specialized agencies should take appropriate sustainable measures to implement the Declaration, in particular the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the University for Peace, established by the General Assembly in its resolution 35/55 of 5 December 1980,

Welcoming the important work being carried out by civil society organizations, academia and other stakeholders for the promotion of the right to peace,

Conscious of the determination of the peoples of the world to preserve their independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, and to resolve their political, economic and social problems under conditions of peace and stability,

Convinced that the establishment of zones of peace around the world could have a beneficial influence on the establishment of permanent universal peace based on respect for the principles and rules of international law and on equal rights and justice for all, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Recalls* that everyone has the right to enjoy peace such that all human rights are promoted and protected and development is fully realized;

2. *Stresses* that States should respect, implement and promote equality and non-discrimination, justice and the rule of law, and guarantee freedom from fear and want as a means to build peace within and between societies;

3. *Recognizes* that peace is not only the absence of conflict but also requires a positive, dynamic participatory process where dialogue is encouraged and conflicts are solved in a spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation, and socioeconomic development is ensured;



4. *Welcomes* the holding on 14 June 2018 of the intersessional workshop on the right to peace, at which participants discussed the implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Peace, and takes note of the summary report thereon of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;¹

5. *Invites* Governments, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to disseminate the Declaration on the Right to Peace and to promote universal respect and understanding thereof;

6. *Requests* the Office of the High Commissioner to pay appropriate attention to the right to peace in its work, including in its activities to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations;

7. *Encourages* all Member States, specialized agencies, civil society and relevant stakeholders to contribute to the promotion of the right to peace;

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

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11 July 2019*

[Adopted by a recorded vote of 32 to 13, with 2 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Afghanistan, Angola, 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, Italy, Japan, Slovakia, Spain, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Abstaining:

Argentina, Iceland]

¹ A/HRC/39/31.