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### Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General

## Conclusions and recommendations of special procedures

### Report of the Secretary-General

1. The Human Rights Council, in its decision 2/102, requested the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to continue their activities in accordance with all previous decisions adopted by the Commission on Human Rights and to update the relevant reports and studies.
2. The Commission on Human Rights, in its resolution 2004/76, requested the Secretary-General to issue annually conclusions and recommendations of the special procedures so as to enable further discussion of their implementation. The Commission also requested the High Commissioner to continue to prepare a comprehensive and regularly updated electronic compilation of recommendations made by the special procedures by country, where such did not yet exist. In paragraph 29 of the annex to its resolution 65/281, the General Assembly provided that the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) would continue to maintain information on special procedures in a comprehensive and easily accessible manner.
3. The Secretary-General draws the attention of the Human Rights Council to the conclusions and recommendations included in annual reports and the relevant addenda thereto, submitted by the special procedures to the Council in 2018 at its thirty-seventh, thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth sessions.<sup>1</sup>
4. In 2018, special procedure mandate holders presented 133 reports to the Human Rights Council. They also presented 44 reports to the General Assembly. The recommendations of special procedures are also available, searchable by country, in the Universal Human Rights Index.
5. As illustrated by the list of themes addressed by special procedure mandate holders in their reports in 2018 (see annex), a variety of issues has been examined, and States and other stakeholders have been provided with advice on promoting and protecting human rights at the national, regional and international levels. In producing their reports, mandate holders have made specific recommendations that have been addressed not only to States

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<sup>1</sup> Available at [www.ohchr.org](http://www.ohchr.org).



and other actors but also to the United Nations, as their reports also relate to various aspects of the work of the United Nations.

6. Several reports related to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. They included the reports of the Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes, the Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material, the Special Rapporteur on the right to development, the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of association and of peaceful assembly and the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination.

7. Mandate holders also made concrete recommendations on how to enhance the preventive approach of the United Nations by, for example, producing the joint study on transitional justice and the prevention of atrocities referred to in paragraph 15.

8. Several reports related to migration issues. Those reports included those of the Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity, the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. The focus of the reports of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants was on returns and reintegration and effective access to justice.

9. Economic issues were examined in such reports as that of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences, which related to the impact of slavery and servitude on marginalized migrant women workers in the global domestic economy. The reports of the Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights, related, for their part, to the development of guiding principles for assessing the human rights impact of economic reform policies and the impact of economic policy reforms and austerity measures on women's human rights. The report of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises focused on the role of the State as an economic actor, while that of the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights focused on the role of the International Monetary Fund and the impact of its programmes on social protection.

10. Issues related to peace and security were addressed by the Special Rapporteur on the right to food, who dealt with humanitarian crises, disasters and the right to food, and the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation, who reported on access to water and sanitation for forcibly displaced persons. The right to education for refugees was the focus of the Special Rapporteur on the right to education, while the Working Group on mercenaries reported on the recruitment of children by non-State armed groups, including mercenaries and private military and security companies. In addition, the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons proposed an agenda for strategic and joint action on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement. The Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons examined the gender dimension of trafficking in persons in conflict and post-conflict settings, in particular as it related to the women and peace and security agenda of the Security Council. The Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief studied the relationship between freedom of religion or belief and national security. The Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions studied armed non-State actors and the protection of the right to life. Finally, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism addressed the impact on the protection and promotion of human rights and, *inter alia*, international humanitarian law following the adoption of multiple resolutions regulating terrorism by the Security Council in the period after 11 September 2001.

11. Emerging issues such as the impact of new technologies on human rights were addressed in the reports of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression on artificial intelligence and on encryption and anonymity, the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy on big data and open data, the report of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance on the contemporary use of digital technology in the spread of neo-Nazi and related intolerance and the report of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, on online violence against women.

## I. Thirty-seventh session of the Human Rights Council

12. At the thirty-seventh session of the Human Rights Council, the following 19 special procedure mandate holders, including the holders of 15 thematic and 4 country mandates, presented their annual reports:

- Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief
- Special Rapporteur on the right to food
- Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment
- Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context
- Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders
- Special Rapporteur on minority issues
- Special Rapporteur on torture
- Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children
- Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights
- Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights
- Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities
- Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism
- Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy
- Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism
- Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence
- Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali
- Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar
- Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967

13. The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea participated in the enhanced interactive dialogue on Eritrea, and the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic participated in the high-level interactive dialogue on the Central African Republic.

14. Thematic special procedure mandate holders presented reports on their visits to 18 countries and territories: Albania, Australia, Chile, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominican Republic, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Mongolia, Panama, Serbia and Kosovo,<sup>2</sup> Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan and Zambia.

15. The Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence presented a joint study with the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide on the contribution of transitional justice to the prevention of gross violations and abuses of human rights and serious violations of international humanitarian law, including genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity, and their recurrence. The study was submitted pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 33/19.

16. In its resolution 34/23, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran to submit a report at its thirty-seventh session. As the mandate holder passed away on 11 February 2018, her report, as shared with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran on 25 January 2018, was transmitted to the Council by the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures.

17. The Special Rapporteur on minority issues presented a report containing the recommendations made at the tenth session of the Forum on Minority Issues, which was held on 30 November and 1 December 2017 and focused on minority youth and progress towards inclusive and diverse societies.

18. The Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism presented reports on the expert workshop on witchcraft and human rights and the Regional Action Plan on Albinism in Africa (2017–2021).

19. The Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment presented a report on the expert seminar on best practices, lessons learned and the way forward with regard to human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment.

20. The special procedures also presented their communications report, which contained communications sent by all mandate holders between 1 June and 30 November 2017. The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders presented reports containing observations on the communications that had been transmitted to Governments and the replies that had been received.

21. The Chair of the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures presented the report on the twenty-fourth annual meeting of special rapporteurs/representatives, independent experts and Chairs of working groups of the special procedures of the Human Rights Council, including updated information on special procedures. The report was accompanied by an addendum with relevant facts and figures.

## II. Thirty-eighth session of the Human Rights Council

22. At the thirty-eighth session of the Human Rights Council, the following 19 special procedure mandate holders – including the holders 17 thematic and 2 country mandates – presented their annual reports:

- Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights
- Special Rapporteur on the right to health
- Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers
- Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons
- Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association

<sup>2</sup> References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).

- Special Rapporteur on the right to education
- Special Rapporteur on the right to freedom of opinion and expression
- Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions
- Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants
- Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children
- Special Rapporteur on violence against women
- Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity
- Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity
- Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice
- Working Group on business and human rights
- Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members
- Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
- Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus
- Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea

23. The Council heard an oral update from the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar and the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic.

24. In addition, mandate holders reported on their visits to 21 countries and territories: Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Bahamas, Canada, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba (two visits), El Salvador (two visits), Ghana, Indonesia, Iraq, Liberia, Libya, Mexico, Nepal, Niger, Peru, Poland, Samoa and United States of America.

25. The Special Rapporteur on the right to freedom of opinion and expression also presented materials supplementing his annual report (A/HRC/38/35). The public and private regulation of user-generated online content is examined in that report. He also presented a report in follow-up to his report to the Council in 2015 on the use of encryption and anonymity to exercise the rights to freedom of opinion and expression in the digital age (A/HRC/29/32).

26. The Working Group on business and human rights presented a report on the third regional consultation for Latin America and the Caribbean on public policy for the implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The consultation was held from 12 to 14 December 2017 at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago. The Working Group also presented a report describing the proceedings and thematic recommendations of the sixth Forum on Business and Human Rights, held from 27 to 29 November 2017 in Geneva.

27. The Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance presented a report on combating glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.

28. The mandate holders also presented their communications report, which contained the communications that had been sent by all mandate holders between 1 December 2017 and 28 February 2018. The Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions presented reports containing observations on the communications that had been transmitted to Governments and the replies that had been received.

### III. Thirty-ninth session of the Human Rights Council

29. At the thirty-ninth session of the Human Rights Council, the following 17 special procedure mandate holders, including holders of 13 thematic and 4 country mandates, presented their annual reports:

- Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order
- Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes
- Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples
- Working Group on mercenaries
- Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons
- Special Rapporteur on the right to development
- Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery
- Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence
- Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights
- Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation
- Working Group on Arbitrary Detention
- Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances
- Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent
- Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia
- Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic
- Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia
- Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan

30. Special procedure mandate holders also presented reports on their visits to 19 countries and territories: Argentina, Denmark and Greenland, Ecuador, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, India, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Paraguay, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and the European Union. The Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances presented a report in follow-up to its missions to Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia and Kosovo.

31. The Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples presented a summary, jointly prepared with the Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, of a working meeting on the rules of international law relating to the human rights of indigenous peoples in voluntary isolation and initial contact in the Amazon and the Gran Chaco.

32. The Working Group on Arbitrary Detention presented a report on revisions to its methods of work. The Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances, for its part, submitted a report on enforced disappearances in the context of migration. The Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence presented a global study on transitional justice.

33. The special procedure mandate holders also presented their communications report, which contained the communications sent by all mandate holders between 1 March and 31 May 2018.

## Annex

### Overview of reports presented by special procedure mandate holders in 2018

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#### *Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-ninth session) – Report of the Working Group on its twenty-first and twenty-second sessions on the theme “Framework for a declaration on the promotion and full respect of human rights of people of African descent”

Human Rights Council (thirty-ninth session) – Missions to Guyana and Spain

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Consolidated report from the Human Rights Council

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#### *Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Right of persons with albinism to the highest attainable standard of health

Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Mission to the United Republic of Tanzania

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the human rights of persons with albinism

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#### *Working Group on Arbitrary Detention*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-ninth session) – Annual report

Human Rights Council (thirty-ninth session) – Missions to Argentina and Sri Lanka

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#### *Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Role of the State as an economic actor (in strengthening respect for human rights by businesses, through the agencies that provide benefits and services to business entities, such as export credit, investment guarantees, export promotion and trade missions)

Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Missions to Canada and Peru

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Human rights due diligence in practice, focusing on the current state of play, challenges and emerging good practices engaged in by companies in line with the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

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#### *Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Contribution of artistic and cultural initiatives to the creation and development of rights-respecting societies

Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Mission to Serbia and Kosovo<sup>3</sup>

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Contribution of cultural rights to strengthening the universality of human rights and respect for cultural diversity

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<sup>3</sup> References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).

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*Special Rapporteur on the right to development*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-ninth session) – Right to development and inequality (Sustainable Development Goal 10)

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – South-South cooperation and the right to development

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*Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Reform of rules on legal capacity and supported decision-making

Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Missions to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Kazakhstan

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Right of persons with disabilities to the highest attainable standard of health

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*Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-ninth session) – Interim report on public policies for an effective investigation of enforced disappearances; a full report on the subject will be presented to the Council at its forty-second session

Human Rights Council (thirty-ninth session) – Mission to the Gambia

Human Rights Council (thirty-ninth session) – Follow-up report to the recommendations made by the Working Group – Missions to Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia and Kosovo

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Interactive dialogue only

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*Special Rapporteur on the right to education*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Governance and accountability and the right to education

Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Mission to Côte d'Ivoire

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Right to education for refugees

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*Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Children's rights and the environment

Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Framework principles on human rights and the environment

Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Missions to Mongolia and Uruguay

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Right to a healthy environment

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*Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Armed non-State actors: protection of the right to life

Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Missions to Iraq and El Salvador

Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Observations on communications report

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Saving lives is not a crime

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*Special Rapporteur on the right to food*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Humanitarian crises, disaster and the right to food

Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Mission to Zambia

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Agricultural workers and the right to food

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*Independent Expert on foreign debt and human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Guiding principles for human rights impact assessments for economic reform policies – mapping report

Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Missions to Panama and Tunisia

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Impact of austerity measures and economic policy reforms on women’s human rights

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*Special Rapporteur on the right to freedom of opinion and expression*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Online content regulation and overview of submission

Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Missions to Mexico and Liberia

Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Follow-up report on encryption and anonymity

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Artificial intelligence and its impact on human rights

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*Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Trends with regard to the exercise of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association

Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Mission to Tunisia

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Links between the exercise of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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*Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-ninth session) – Rights of workers and exposure to toxic and otherwise hazardous substances

Human Rights Council (thirty-ninth session) – Missions to Denmark and Greenland and Sierra Leone

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals and the human rights implications of exposure to toxic substances

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*Special Rapporteur on the right to health*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Right to health and deprivation of liberty

Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Missions to Armenia and Indonesia

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Right to mental health of people on the move

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*Special Rapporteur on adequate housing*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Human rights-based approach to housing strategies

Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Mission to Chile

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General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Right to housing for residents of informal settlements

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*Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Situation of human rights defenders acting to defend the rights of people on the move

Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Observations on communications transmitted to Governments and replies received

Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Missions to Australia and Mexico

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Twentieth anniversary of the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

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*Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – National judicial councils

Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Mission to Poland

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Bar associations

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*Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-ninth session) – Indigenous human rights defenders, criminalization and protection measures

Human Rights Council (thirty-ninth session) – Missions to Guatemala and Mexico

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Self-government of indigenous peoples

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*Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Twentieth anniversary of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement: an agenda for strategic and joint action

Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Missions to El Salvador, Libya and the Niger

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Internal displacement and transitional justice

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*Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-ninth session) – Vision and priorities

Human Rights Council (thirty-ninth session) – Missions to Ecuador and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Vision and priorities

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*Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Vision and priorities

Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Mission to Cuba

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Human rights-based international solidarity in the context of migration

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*Special Rapporteur on the elimination of the discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Vision, priorities and working methods for the next three years

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*Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-ninth session) – Recruitment of children by non-State armed groups, including mercenaries and private military and security companies

Human Rights Council (thirty-ninth session) – Mission to Ghana

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Overview of the work of the Working Group and its links to the Sustainable Development Goals, Goal 16 in particular

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*Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Returns and reintegration

Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Mission to Nepal

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Effective access to justice for migrants.

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*Special Rapporteur on minority issues*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Vision and priorities

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Statelessness: a minority issue

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*Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-ninth session) – Social inclusion, old-age poverty, gentrification

Human Rights Council (thirty-ninth session) – Missions to Georgia and Montenegro

General Assembly – Interactive dialogue only

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*Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Role of the International Monetary Fund and the impact of its programmes on social protection

Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Missions to Ghana and the United States of America

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Privatization and its impact on human rights and persons living in poverty

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*Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Overview of activities undertaken in the first three years of the mandate

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Big data and open data

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*Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Racial discrimination in the context of laws, policies and practices concerning citizenship, nationality and immigration

Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Contemporary manifestations of Nazism and neo-Nazism

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Threat posed by nationalist populism to the fundamental human rights principles of non-discrimination and equality

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Contemporary use of digital technology in the spread of neo-Nazi and related intolerance

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*Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Relationships between State and religion and their impact on freedom of religion or belief

Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Missions to Albania and Uzbekistan

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Relationship between freedom of religion or belief and national security

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*Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Study on surrogacy and the sale of children

Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Mission to the Dominican Republic

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Implementation of targets 5.3, 8.7 and 16.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals from a child rights perspective

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*Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity

Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Mission to Argentina

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Gender recognition as a component of identity and “depathologization” of trans identities

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*Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-ninth session) – Impact of slavery and servitude on marginalized migrant women workers in the global domestic economy

Human Rights Council (thirty-ninth session) – Mission to Paraguay

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Gendered impact of contemporary forms of slavery

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*Special rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Human rights challenge of states of emergency in the context of countering terrorism

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Legal regimes with a focus on Security Council resolutions and the obligations arising from the law of armed conflict and human rights

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*Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Migration-related forms of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Mission to Turkey

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Seventieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: reaffirming and strengthening the prohibition of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

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*Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Early identification of victims of trafficking in persons and indicators of vulnerabilities to trafficking in the context of mixed migration flows

Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Mission to Cuba

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Gender dimension of trafficking in persons in conflict and post-conflict settings as it relates to the Security Council’s women and peace and security agenda

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*Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Joint study on transitional justice and atrocity prevention

Human Rights Council (thirty-ninth session) – Overview of the new mandate holder’s approach to the mandate and a preliminary outline of areas of interest

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Preliminary vision of the new mandate holder’s four main lines of engagement with the General Assembly

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*Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-ninth session) – Situation of some countries and the potential application of humanitarian law to unilateral coercive measures

Human Rights Council (thirty-ninth session) – Missions to the European Union and the Syrian Arab Republic

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Situation of some countries and the potential application of humanitarian law to unilateral coercive measures

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*Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Online violence against women

Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Missions to Australia and the Bahamas

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Violence against women in politics

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*Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Access to water and sanitation by forcibly displaced persons

Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Missions to India and Mongolia

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Principle of accountability in the context of the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation

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*Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Reasserting equality and preventing rollbacks: lessons learned and taking stock after the first six years of the mandate

Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Missions to Chad and Samoa

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*Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Annual report on the situation of human rights in the country

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Annual report on the situation of human rights in the country

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*Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-ninth session) – Annual report on the situation of human rights in the country

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*Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Central African Republic*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-ninth session) – Annual report on the situation of human rights in the country

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*Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Assessment of key human rights developments in the country; the implications of the recent escalation in political and security tensions in the wake of nuclear and ballistic missile tests; emphasis on the need for a diplomatic solution, as well as the evaluation of the situation of human rights, drawing on, inter alia, the testimonies of persons who left the country in 2016 and 2017

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Overview of recent developments in the human rights situation in the country, in particular after it agreed to peace and denuclearization dialogue with the Republic of Korea and the United States of America

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*Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-eighth session) – Annual report on the situation of human rights in the country

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Interactive dialogue only

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*Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (Asma Jahangir)

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (Javaid Rehman)

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*Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Annual report on the situation of human rights in the country

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*Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Annual report on the situation of human rights in the country

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Annual report on the situation of human rights in the country

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*Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-seventh session) – Annual report on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, with an emphasis on the right to health

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Annual report on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967

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*Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-ninth session) – Annual report on the situation of human rights in the country

General Assembly (seventy-third session) – Annual report on the situation of human rights in the country (Human Rights Council report transmitted to the General Assembly)

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*Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan*

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Human Rights Council (thirty-ninth session) – Annual report on the situation of human rights in the country

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