



Human Rights Council**Fortieth session**

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Agenda item 3

**Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council
on 22 March 2019****40/15. Thirtieth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child***The Human Rights Council,*

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights and other relevant human rights instruments,

Noting that 2019 marks the thirtieth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 44/25 of 20 November 1989, which constitutes the standard in the promotion and protection of the rights of the child, and the sixtieth anniversary of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, proclaimed by the Assembly in its resolution 1386 (XIV) of 20 November 1959,

Recognizing that the Convention on the Rights of the Child is the most widely ratified international human rights instrument,

Noting the Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict, on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and on a communications procedure,

Welcoming the work of the Committee on the Rights of the Child,

Emphasizing that the anniversaries offer a valuable opportunity to raise awareness and to reflect on achievements, best practices and challenges with regard to the full realization and continued advancement of the rights of the child,

Stressing the necessity for continued national efforts aimed at the full realization of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the rights of the child, and acknowledging the benefits of enhanced international cooperation to that end,

1. *Calls for* renewed efforts towards the full implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child by all parties and ratification by non-party States;
2. *Also calls for* wider ratification of the Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child;
3. *Invites* the President of the Human Rights Council to consider the theme “Thirty years of implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child: challenges and opportunities” for the annual high-level panel discussion on human rights mainstreaming, to be held at the forty-third session of the Council;



4. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to liaise with States, relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, treaty bodies, in particular the Committee on the Rights of the Child, special procedures and regional human rights mechanisms, as well as with civil society, including non-governmental organizations, and national human rights institutions, with a view to ensuring their participation in the panel discussion, and to make the panel discussion fully accessible for persons with disabilities;

5. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to make provisions and to provide resources for the above-mentioned panel discussion, and to circulate the relevant information among States and other stakeholders;

6. *Invites* the High Commissioner to make provisions for events and arrangements for the celebration of the anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and to circulate the relevant information among States and other stakeholders, from within existing resources and, where appropriate, in partnership with other international and regional organizations;

7. *Encourages* States to use the anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child as a tool to raise awareness of the Convention and to maintain momentum and increase action with respect to the rights of the child.

*53rd meeting
22 March 2019*

[Adopted without a vote.]
