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## Human Rights Council

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Agenda item 3

### Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council on 30 June 2016

#### 32/1. Youth and 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 relevant international human rights instruments, in particular the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,

*Recalling also* all previous relevant resolutions, including the most recent, namely, General Assembly resolution 70/127 of 17 December 2015 on policies and programmes involving youth, and Assembly resolution 50/81 of 14 December 1995, by which the Assembly adopted the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond,

*Recalling further* the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, which states that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interrelated, interdependent and mutually reinforcing, and that all human rights must be treated in a fair and equal manner, on the same footing and with the same emphasis,

*Welcoming* the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,<sup>1</sup> and reaffirming the need to develop and implement strategies that give young people everywhere real opportunities for full, effective and constructive participation in society,

*Welcoming also* the high-level event held by the General Assembly on 29 May 2015 to mark the twentieth anniversary of the World Programme of Action for Youth, which offered an important opportunity for Member States and other relevant stakeholders to take stock of progress made in its implementation, and to identify gaps and challenges and the way forward for its full, effective and accelerated implementation,

*Looking forward* to further contributions by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the special procedures and the treaty bodies, and the Envoy of the Secretary-General on Youth, and other relevant international and regional human rights

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<sup>1</sup> General Assembly resolution 70/1.

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mechanisms in identifying and addressing obstacles to the enjoyment of human rights by youth,

*Bearing in mind* that young people face specific challenges that require integrated responses by States, the United Nations system and other stakeholders,

*Bearing in mind also* that today's generation of youth is the largest the world has ever witnessed, and that the ways in which the challenges and the potential of young people are addressed by policy will influence the well-being and livelihood of future generations,

*Underlining* the important role that youth can play in the promotion of peace, sustainable development and human rights, and the importance of active and wide participation of youth in decision-making,

*Stressing* that the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms by young people empowers them to contribute to the political, civil, economic, social, and cultural development of their countries,

*Recalling* the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training, and recognizing that human rights education and training for youth can contribute to the promotion of inclusive and tolerant societies, thereby favouring the progressive realization of all human rights,

1. *Decides* to convene at its thirty-third session a panel discussion on the theme, "Youth and human rights", the objective of which will be to identify challenges, best practices and lessons learned in the exercise of human rights by young people, and relevant opportunities for the empowerment of youth in the exercise of their rights, and requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to liaise with States and all stakeholders, including relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, the treaty bodies, the special procedures of the Human Rights Council, national human rights institutions and civil society, including representatives of youth organizations, with a view to ensuring their participation in the panel discussion;

2. *Requests* the High Commissioner to prepare a report on the panel discussion in the format of a summary, and to submit the report to the Human Rights Council at its thirty-fifth session;

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

*41st meeting  
30 June 2016*

[Adopted without a vote.]

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