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Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

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[on the report of the Third Committee ([A/74/399/Add.2](#))]

74/163. United Nations Human Rights Training and Documentation Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab Region

The General Assembly,

Guided by the fundamental and universal principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,¹

Recalling the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action of 1993,² which reiterated the need to consider the possibility of establishing regional and subregional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights where they do not already exist,

Recalling also its resolutions [32/127](#) of 16 December 1977 and [51/102](#) of 12 December 1996 and all its subsequent resolutions concerning regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights,

Recalling further its resolutions [60/153](#) of 16 December 2005, [67/162](#) of 20 December 2012, [68/241](#) of 27 December 2013, [69/171](#) of 18 December 2014, [70/171](#) of 17 December 2015 and [72/166](#) of 19 December 2017 on the United Nations Human Rights Training and Documentation Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab Region,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/51 of 9 March 1993³ and all its subsequent resolutions concerning regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights,

¹ Resolution [217 A \(III\)](#).

² [A/CONF.157/24 \(Part I\)](#), chap. III.

³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 3* and corrigenda ([E/1993/23](#), [E/1993/23/Corr.2](#), [E/1993/23/Corr.4](#) and [E/1993/23/Corr.5](#)), chap. II, sect. A.



Reaffirming that regional cooperation plays a fundamental role in promoting and protecting human rights and should reinforce universal human rights, as contained in international human rights instruments, and their protection,

Recognizing that the Centre has made noticeable progress in the promotion of human rights and advocacy in the region and will continue to strengthen its effectiveness and efficiency in responding to ongoing and emerging needs and will enhance its capacity-building and technical assistance, in particular in countries in conflict and post-conflict countries,

Mindful of the vastness and the diversity of the needs in the field of human rights within South-West Asia and the Arab region, and taking into account the need for appropriate and sustainable funding of the Centre to fully realize its significant function and crucial role in the region,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General;⁴
2. *Notes with appreciation* the successful assistance that the United Nations Human Rights Training and Documentation Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab Region has provided through human rights capacity-building activities, technical assistance programmes and training programmes on human rights and media and human rights education, as well as support to national human rights institutions on several human rights topics, and notes that the Centre also provided capacity-building activities in the areas of civil and political rights, as well as economic, social and cultural rights, such as on freedoms of opinion and expression, countering hate speech and incitement to discrimination, and preventing violent extremism;
3. *Also notes with appreciation* the Centre's full commitment to ensuring greater effectiveness and efficiency in the implementation of its mandate;
4. *Welcomes* the expansion of the Centre's outreach to the League of Arab States and additional countries in the region, as well as to a growing number of beneficiaries, including youth;
5. *Also welcomes* the Centre's efforts to reinforce its documentation mandate and its production of several publications on human rights issues in Arabic;
6. *Underlines* the Centre's role as a source for regional expertise and the need to meet an increasing number of requests for training and documentation, including in Arabic;
7. *Notes* that the increasing demand that has been placed on the Centre by Member States and other stakeholders reveals a growing recognition of its role and impact on strengthening human rights capacities in the region;
8. *Encourages* the continued engagement of the Centre to work with other United Nations regional offices to strengthen its work and to avoid duplication;
9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth session a report, in accordance with existing rules and procedures, on the implementation of the present resolution.

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⁴ A/74/262.