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**Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil,
political, economic, social and cultural rights,
including the right to development**

Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council on 16 July 2020

44/3. The right to education

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the human right of everyone to education, which is enshrined in, inter alia, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Convention against Discrimination in Education of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and other relevant international instruments,

Reaffirming also General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 27 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, and welcoming the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly, inter alia, Goal 4 on ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all, and its specific and interlinked targets, and other education-related Goals and targets,

Reaffirming further Human Rights Council resolution 8/4 of 18 June 2008 and all other Council resolutions on the right to education, the most recent of which is resolution 41/16 of 11 July 2019, and the resolutions adopted by the Commission on Human Rights on the subject,

Recalling its resolutions 5/1, on institution-building of the Human Rights Council, and 5/2, on the Code of Conduct for Special Procedures Mandate Holders of the Council, of 18 June 2007, and stressing that the mandate holder shall discharge her or his duties in accordance with those resolutions and the annexes thereto,

Recognizing the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic on the right to education,

1. *Welcomes* the work of the Special Rapporteur on the right to education;



2. *Takes note* of the reports of the Special Rapporteur submitted to the Human Rights Council at its thirty-eighth, forty-first and forty-fourth sessions¹ and to the General Assembly at its seventy-second, seventy-third and seventy-fourth sessions;²

3. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the right to education for a further period of three years;

4. *Encourages* the Special Rapporteur, in fulfilling the mandate, to continue to take into account and support the implementation of the education-related Sustainable Development Goals and targets, the provisions of Human Rights Council resolutions on the right to education, and a gender perspective;

5. *Requests* all States to cooperate fully with the Special Rapporteur with a view to facilitating the performance of her or his tasks, to give due consideration to the recommendations made by the mandate holder, and to respond favourably to her or his requests for information and visits;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to continue to provide the Special Rapporteur with all the human and financial resources necessary for the effective fulfilment of the mandate;

7. *Encourages* all other relevant stakeholders, including United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, funds and programmes, other international organizations, regional human rights mechanisms, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations, to cooperate fully with the Special Rapporteur to enable her or him to fulfil the mandate;

8. *Requests* the Special Rapporteur to continue to submit an annual report to the Human Rights Council and to the General Assembly covering all activities relating to the mandate with a view to maximizing the benefits of the reporting process;

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

*27th meeting
16 July 2020*

[Adopted without a vote.]

¹ A/HRC/38/32 and Add.1, A/HRC/41/37, and A/HRC/44/39 and Add.1–2.

² A/72/496, A/73/262 and A/74/243.