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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 3 April 2023****52/14. Promotion and protection of human rights and the implementation of
the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development***The Human Rights Council,**Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,**Reaffirming the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interrelated, interdependent and mutually reinforcing,**Recalling the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and all other human rights instruments,**Reaffirming General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 3 April 2006, in which the Assembly decided that the work of the Human Rights Council would be guided by the principles of universality, impartiality, objectivity and non-selectivity, constructive international dialogue and cooperation, with a view to enhancing the promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development,**Reaffirming also General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which the Assembly adopted the outcome document of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda and pledged that no one would be left behind,**Recalling General Assembly resolution 69/313 of 27 July 2015, in which the Assembly endorsed the Addis Ababa Action Agenda adopted at the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, and recognizing the importance of the means of implementation and of revitalizing global partnerships for sustainable development,**Reaffirming Human Rights Council resolutions 37/24 of 23 March 2018 and 43/19 of 22 June 2020, and recalling other relevant resolutions adopted by the Council,**Expressing concern at the interlinked global crises that negatively affect progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, reversing years of progress and development, including in ending poverty, combating inequalities and achieving gender equality,*

Recognizing that the 2030 Agenda is guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter, including full respect for international law, and is grounded in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, international human rights treaties, the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the 2005 World Summit Outcome, and is informed by other instruments, such as the Declaration on the Right to Development,

Recognizing also that the implementation of the 2030 Agenda must be consistent with a State's obligations under international human rights law,

Acknowledging that the promotion and protection of human rights and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda are interrelated and mutually reinforcing,

Recognizing that national human rights mechanisms for implementation, reporting and follow-up and voluntary national reviews contribute to the promotion and protection of human rights and to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals,

Noting the contribution of the Secretary-General's Call to Action for Human Rights, the Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for a Just Transition and the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Our Common Agenda" to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda,

Recognizing the importance of coordinating high-level meetings of the United Nations to promote all human rights and ensure a coherent and integrated sustainable development agenda,

Noting the contribution of international human rights mechanisms, including the treaty bodies, the special procedures of the Human Rights Council and the universal periodic review, in promoting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, in line with States' obligations and commitments to respect, protect and fulfil human rights,

Reaffirming that the high-level political forum on sustainable development, consistent with its universal intergovernmental character, shall provide political leadership, guidance and recommendations for sustainable development, and follow up on and review progress in the implementation of sustainable development commitments, enhancing the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development in a holistic and cross-sectoral manner at all levels, and have a focused, dynamic and action-oriented agenda, ensuring the appropriate consideration of new and emerging sustainable development challenges,

Reaffirming also General Assembly resolution 74/4 of 15 October 2019, in which the Assembly endorsed the political declaration adopted by the high-level political forum on sustainable development at the Sustainable Development Goals Summit on 24 and 25 September 2019, in which Heads of State and Government and high representatives recognized the urgent need to accelerate action on all levels and by all stakeholders in order to implement the 2030 Agenda,

Noting the invitation made by participants in the 2022 high-level political forum on sustainable development to the Secretary-General to mobilize Governments, the United Nations system and stakeholders in preparing for the 2023 Sustainable Development Goals Summit so that it marks the beginning of a new phase of accelerated progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals,¹

Taking note of the report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on best practices, challenges and lessons learned concerning integrated approaches to the promotion and protection of human rights and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the national level,²

Noting the important role that technical cooperation and capacity-building can play in building States' capacities to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in a way that is consistent with their respective obligations under international human rights law,

Noting also the surge initiative of the Office of the High Commissioner, which continues to increase technical assistance in integrating human rights in country

¹ See E/HLS/2022/1.

² A/HRC/51/9.

implementation plans and strategies to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, and the Office's work on Sustainable Development Goal indicators and data,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 75/233 of 21 December 2020, in which the Assembly recognized the United Nations contribution to the promotion of all human rights for sustainable development, called upon all entities of the United Nations development system in accordance with their respective mandates, to assist States upon their request and in consultation with them in their efforts to respect and fulfil their human rights obligations and commitments under international law, as a critical tool to operationalize the pledge to leave no one behind,

Taking note of the 2022 report of the Secretary-General on progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals³ and the Global Sustainable Development Report 2019,

Recalling that the organizations of the United Nations system and other relevant intergovernmental organizations are invited to contribute within their respective mandates to the discussions of the high-level political forum on sustainable development,

Welcoming the holding of the third, fourth and fifth intersessional meetings for dialogue and cooperation on human rights and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, on 14 January 2021, on 18 January 2022 and on 19 January 2023, and taking note of the summary reports thereof,

1. *Decides* to organize three full-day intersessional meetings for dialogue and cooperation on human rights and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which will provide a space for States, relevant United Nations and regional human rights mechanisms, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, national human rights institutions, local and regional governments, and civil society organizations to voluntarily share good practices, achievements, challenges and lessons learned concerning integrated and gender responsive approaches in the promotion and protection of human rights and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;

2. *Also decides* that the focus of each of the intersessional meetings will be informed by the stated themes of the 2024, 2025 and 2026 meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development;

3. *Further decides* that the intersessional meetings should be held in advance of the 2024, 2025 and 2026 meetings of the high-level political forum;

4. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize the three intersessional meetings in consultation with Member States, relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, international human rights mechanisms, national human rights institutions, civil society organizations and other relevant stakeholders, and to facilitate their participation in the meetings, as appropriate;

5. *Also requests* the High Commissioner to provide, for the above-mentioned full-day intersessional meetings, all the services and facilities necessary to make the discussions fully accessible to persons with disabilities, and to provide webcasting services for the meetings;

6. *Requests* the President of the Human Rights Council to appoint for each meeting, on the basis of regional rotation, and in consultation with regional groups, a chair for the meeting from candidates nominated by members and observers of the Council, who, together with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, shall be responsible for the preparation of summary reports of the discussions of the meetings, to be made available to all their participants, and for presenting them to the Council at its fifty-sixth, fifty-ninth and sixty-second sessions, respectively;

7. *Requests* the Office of the High Commissioner to increase its support, technical assistance and capacity-building for States, upon their request, to implement approaches that integrate the promotion and protection of human rights and the realization of the 2030 Agenda, taking into account a gender-responsive approach, including by working with

³ E/2022/55.

national mechanisms for implementation, reporting and follow-up, national human rights institutions and other stakeholders, as well as with United Nations country teams, and requests the Secretary-General to further strengthen the dedicated capacity of the Office at the regional level to provide such increased support;

8. *Also requests* the Office of the High Commissioner, to prepare a report on best practices, challenges and lessons learned concerning integrated approaches to the promotion and protection of human rights and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the global level, seeking input from States at the national and regional level, relevant United Nations and regional human rights mechanisms, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, national human rights institutions and civil society organizations, taking into account previous reports of the Office relating to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and further requests the Office to present the report to the Human Rights Council at its sixtieth session;

9. *Decides* that the summary reports of the discussions of the intersessional meetings and of the report should be made available to the high-level political forum on sustainable development and the Sustainable Development Goals Summit, where applicable.

*55th meeting
3 April 2023*

[Adopted without a vote.]
