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## Report of the Human Rights Council

### Report of the Third Committee

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#### I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2014, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-ninth session the item entitled “Report of the Human Rights Council” and to allocate it to both the plenary and the Third Committee, in accordance with its resolution 65/281 and its decision 65/503 A.
2. The Third Committee considered the item at its 45th, 46th, 49th and 53rd meetings, on 17, 18, 21 and 25 November 2014. An account of the Committee’s discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (see [A/C.3/69/SR.45](#), 46, 49 and 53).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Human Rights Council on its twentieth special session, twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sessions and twenty-first special session ([A/69/53](#)) and the report of the Human Rights Council on its twenty-second special session and twenty-seventh session ([A/69/53/Add.1](#) and Corr.1).
4. At the 45th meeting, on 17 November, the President of the Human Rights Council made a statement and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Portugal, Morocco, the European Union, Cameroon, the United States of America, Ireland, Panama and Belarus (see [A/C.3/69/SR.45](#)).

#### II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.3/69/L.65](#)

5. At the 49th meeting, on 21 November, the representative of Djibouti, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States, introduced a draft resolution entitled “Report of the Human Rights Council” ([A/C.3/69/L.65](#)).



6. At the 53rd meeting, on 25 November, the representative of Djibouti, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States, made a statement and orally revised the draft resolution, as follows:

(a) A third preambular paragraph was inserted, reading:

“*Having considered the recommendations contained in the report of the Human Rights Council*”;

(b) Operative paragraph 2, which read:

“2. *Decides to remain seized of this priority issue*”,

was deleted.

7. At the same meeting, the Russian Federation joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

8. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Belarus made a statement and requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution, as orally revised.

9. Also at its 53rd meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.3/69/L.65](#), as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 115 to 3, with 56 abstentions (see para. 12). The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

*Against:*

Belarus, Israel, Tuvalu.

*Abstaining:*

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Eritrea, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic

of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

10. Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Israel, Italy (on behalf of the European Union), the Syrian Arab Republic, Nigeria and Cuba (see [A/C.3/69/SR.53](#)).

11. After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Switzerland (also on behalf of Albania, Iceland, Liechtenstein, New Zealand and Norway), Costa Rica, Canada, the United States of America, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Libya, Bangladesh, Colombia, the Sudan and Djibouti (on behalf of the Group of African States) (see [A/C.3/69/SR.53](#)).

### III. Recommendation of the Third Committee

12. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

#### **Report of the Human Rights Council**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 60/251 of 15 March 2006, by which it established the Human Rights Council, and 65/281 of 17 June 2011 on the review of the Council,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 62/219 of 22 December 2007, 63/160 of 18 December 2008, 64/143 of 18 December 2009, 65/195 of 21 December 2010, 66/136 of 19 December 2011, 67/151 of 20 December 2012 and 68/144 of 18 December 2013,

*Having considered* the recommendations contained in the report of the Human Rights Council,<sup>1</sup>

*Takes note* of the report of the Human Rights Council,<sup>1</sup> including the addendum thereto,<sup>2</sup> and its recommendations.

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<sup>1</sup> [A/69/53](#).

<sup>2</sup> [A/69/53/Add.1](#) and Corr.1.