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1. Organizational and procedural matters

Date and venue of the session

The Human Rights Council will hold its fifty-third session from 19 June to 14 July 2023 at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

Composition of the Human Rights Council

The composition of the Human Rights Council at its fifty-third session is as follows:¹ Algeria (2025); Argentina (2024); Bangladesh (2025); Belgium (2025); Benin (2024); Bolivia

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¹ The term of membership of each State expires in the year indicated in parentheses.



(Plurinational State of) (2023); Cameroon (2024); Chile (2025); China (2023); Costa Rica (2025); Côte d'Ivoire (2023); Cuba (2023); Czechia (2023); Eritrea (2024); Finland (2024); France (2023); Gabon (2023); Gambia (2024); Georgia (2025); Germany (2025); Honduras (2024); India (2024); Kazakhstan (2024); Kyrgyzstan (2025); Lithuania (2024); Luxembourg (2024); Malawi (2023); Malaysia (2024); Maldives (2025); Mexico (2023); Montenegro (2024); Morocco (2025); Nepal (2023); Pakistan (2023); Paraguay (2024); Qatar (2024); Romania (2025); Senegal (2023); Somalia (2024); South Africa (2025); Sudan (2025); Ukraine (2023); United Arab Emirates (2024); United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2023); United States of America (2024); Uzbekistan (2023); and Viet Nam (2025).

Bureau of the Human Rights Council

At the organizational session for the seventeenth cycle of the Human Rights Council, held on 9 December 2022, the Council elected the following members of the Bureau for the seventeenth cycle, which runs from 1 January to 31 December 2023:

<i>President</i>	Václav Bálek (Czechia)
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	Muhammadou M.O. Kah (Gambia) Asim Ahmed (Maldives) Marc Bichler (Luxembourg)
<i>Vice-President and Rapporteur</i>	Maira Mariela Macdonal Alvarez (Plurinational State of Bolivia)

Selection and appointment of mandate holders

In accordance with paragraph 47 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, paragraph 22 of the annex to Council resolution 16/21 and the requirements set out in Council decision 6/102 and President's statement OS/14/2, the Consultative Group, composed of Stuart Harold Comberbach (Zimbabwe), Abdul-Karim Hashim Mostafa (Iraq), Andranik Hovhannisyan (Armenia), Iakovos Iakovidis (Greece) and Álvaro Moerzinger Pagani (Uruguay), will propose to the President of the Council a list of candidates for the following vacancies: (a) the mandate of Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity; (b) the mandate of Special Rapporteur on minority issues; (c) the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants; and (d) the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism.

In accordance with the procedure stipulated in paragraphs 52 and 53 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, the appointment of special procedure mandate holders will be completed upon the subsequent approval by the Council. The mandate holders in question will be appointed before the end of the fifty-third session.

Report on the session

At the end of its fifty-third session, the Human Rights Council will have before it for adoption a draft report containing a technical summary of the proceedings of the session.

2. Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General

All reports of the Secretary-General, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) are submitted under agenda item 2, which remains an open-ended item throughout the session. The Human Rights Council will consider the reports under the relevant agenda items, as appropriate. The specific timing of their introduction will be reflected in the programme of work.

Pursuant to President's statement PRST OS/16/1 of 9 December 2022, no general debates will be held at the Council's June session. The reports and oral updates listed below will therefore be considered during the relevant general debate to be held at the fifty-fourth session, unless they are mandated to be considered in the context of an interactive dialogue.

Situation of human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar

Pursuant to its resolution 50/3, the Human Rights Council will hold a panel discussion on the measures necessary to find durable solutions to the Rohingya crisis and to end all forms of human rights violations and abuses against Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar (see annex).

Promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka

In its resolution 51/1, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to enhance its monitoring and reporting on the situation of human rights in Sri Lanka, including on progress in reconciliation and accountability, and on the impact of the economic crisis and corruption on human rights, and to present an oral update to the Council at its fifty-third session. The Council will hear the oral update of OHCHR.

Promotion and protection of human rights in Nicaragua

In its resolution 52/2, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to strengthen monitoring and engagement, including by preparing comprehensive and gender-responsive reports on the situation of human rights in Nicaragua, building on previous reports of the High Commissioner and the reports and recommendations of the Council mechanisms and those of the treaty bodies, including on justice and due process for political dissidents and groups in vulnerable situations, and to present an oral update to the Council at its fifty-third session. The Council will hear the oral update of the High Commissioner.

Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 48/141, the Human Rights Council will consider the annual report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/53/17](#)) in the context of an interactive dialogue.

Elimination of discrimination against women

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 50/166, the Human Rights Council will have before it the note by the Secretariat on the report of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) on the activities of the United Nations trust fund in support of actions to eliminate violence against women ([A/HRC/53/18-E/CN.6/2023/7](#)).

Situation of human rights in the Sudan

In its resolution 50/1, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner, with the assistance of the designated Expert on Human Rights in the Sudan, to present to the Council, at its fifty-third session, a comprehensive report on the situation of human rights in the Sudan, to be followed by an interactive dialogue with the High Commissioner and the designated Expert. In its resolution S-36/1, the Council decided to enhance the interactive dialogue to include the participation of other stakeholders. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/53/19](#)), during an enhanced interactive dialogue.

Situation of human rights in Eritrea

In its resolution 50/2, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea, for a further period of one year, and requested the Special Rapporteur to present a report on the implementation of the mandate to the Council at its fifty-third session. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Mohamed Abdelsalam Babiker ([A/HRC/53/20](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

Situation of human rights in Afghanistan

In its resolution 51/20, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan and the Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, with the support of other relevant special procedure mandate holders, to prepare a report on the situation of women and girls in Afghanistan, and to present it to the

Council at its fifty-third session, followed by an enhanced interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur and the Working Group ([A/HRC/53/21](#)).

Ensuring respect for international human rights law and international humanitarian law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in Israel

In its resolution S-30/1, the Human Rights Council decided to establish an ongoing independent, international commission of inquiry to investigate in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in Israel, all alleged violations of international humanitarian law and all alleged violations and abuses of international human rights law leading up to and since 13 April 2021, and all underlying root causes of recurrent tensions, instability and protraction of conflict, including systematic discrimination and repression based on national, ethnic, racial or religious identity. In the same resolution, the Council requested the commission of inquiry to report on its main activities on an annual basis. The Council will consider the report of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel ([A/HRC/53/22](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

In its resolution 77/228, on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit an interim report on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution, including options and recommendations to improve its implementation, to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-third session. The Council will have before it the interim report of the Secretary-General ([A/HRC/53/23](#)).

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

Pursuant to President's statement PRST OS/16/1, no general debates will be held at the Council's June session. The reports and oral updates listed below will therefore be considered during the relevant general debate to be held at the fifty-fourth session, unless they are mandated to be considered in the context of an interactive dialogue.

Economic, social and cultural rights

Right to education

In its resolution 44/3, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the right to education, for a further period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to continue to submit an annual report to the Council covering all activities relating to the mandate. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Farida Shaheed ([A/HRC/53/27](#) and [A/HRC/53/27/Add.1](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

Extreme poverty and human rights

In its resolution 44/13, the Human Rights Council decided to extend, for a period of three years, the mandate of Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit an annual report on the implementation of the resolution to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Olivier De Schutter ([A/HRC/53/33](#), [A/HRC/53/33/Add.1](#) and [A/HRC/53/33/Add.2](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

Right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health

In its resolution 50/13, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to present to the Council a compendium of good practices in relation to access to medicines and vaccines in the context of the right of everyone to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR containing the compendium of good practices ([A/HRC/53/50](#)).

In its resolution 51/21, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, for a further period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit an annual report to the Council covering all activities relating to the mandate. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Tlaleng Mofokeng ([A/HRC/53/65](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

Civil and political rights

Freedom of opinion and expression

Pursuant to its resolution 50/15, the Human Rights Council will hold a panel discussion, fully accessible to persons with disabilities, on the role of digital, media and information literacy in the promotion and enjoyment of the right to freedom of opinion and expression (see annex).

In its resolution 52/9, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, for a further period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit an annual report to the Council covering all activities relating to the mandate. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Irene Khan ([A/HRC/53/25](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

In its resolution 44/5, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, for three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur, in carrying out the mandate, to continue to examine situations of extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, in all circumstances and for whatever reason, and to submit his findings on an annual basis, together with conclusions and recommendations. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Morris Tidball-Binz ([A/HRC/53/29](#) and [A/HRC/53/29/Add.1](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

Independence of judges and lawyers

In its resolution 44/8, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, for a period of three years. The Council will consider the report of the new mandate holder, Margaret Satterthwaite ([A/HRC/53/31](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

Rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association

In its resolution 50/17, the Human Rights Council decided to renew the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, for a period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to continue to report annually to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Clément Nyaletsossi Voule ([A/HRC/53/38](#), [A/HRC/53/38/Add.1](#), [A/HRC/53/38/Add.3](#) and [A/HRC/53/38/Add.4](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

Rights of peoples and of specific groups and individuals

Participation of persons with disabilities in sport, and statistics and data collection

In its resolution 49/12, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to present an oral report to the Council, at its fifty-third session, on the implementation of the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy across its programmes and operations. The Council will hear the oral report of OHCHR.

Human rights of migrants

In its resolution 43/6, the Human Rights Council decided to extend, for a period of three years, effective from the end of its forty-fourth session, the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants. In its resolution 47/12, the Council requested the Special

Rapporteur to continue to report on the situation of the human rights of migrants and to participate in key discussions relating to the promotion and protection of their rights, including with respect to migrants in vulnerable situations and in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, by identifying best practices and concrete areas and means for international cooperation. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Felipe González Morales ([A/HRC/53/26](#), [A/HRC/53/26/Add.1](#), [A/HRC/53/26/Add.2](#) and [A/HRC/53/26/Add.3](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 76/172, the Human Rights Council will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the report of the Secretary-General on the human rights of migrants ([A/HRC/53/51](#)).

Trafficking in persons, especially women and children

In its resolution 44/4, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, for a period of three years. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Siobhán Mullally ([A/HRC/53/28](#), [A/HRC/53/28/Add.1](#) and [A/HRC/53/28/Add.2](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

Elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members

In its resolution 44/6, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members, for a period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to continue to report annually to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Alice Cruz ([A/HRC/53/30](#), [A/HRC/53/30/Add.1](#) and [A/HRC/53/30/Add.2](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

Human rights of internally displaced persons

In its resolution 50/6, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons, for a period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to continue to submit an annual report on the implementation of the mandate to the Council, making suggestions and recommendations regarding the human rights of internally displaced persons, including on the impact of measures taken at the inter-agency level. The Council will consider the report of the new mandate holder, Paula Gaviria Betancur ([A/HRC/53/35](#)) and the reports of the former mandate holder, Cecilia Jimenez-Damary ([A/HRC/53/35/Add.1](#) and [A/HRC/53/35/Add.2](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

Elimination of discrimination against women and girls

In its resolutions 6/30 and 47/15, the Human Rights Council decided to incorporate into its programme of work sufficient and adequate time, at minimum an annual full-day meeting, to discuss the human rights of women, including measures that could be adopted by States and other stakeholders to address human rights violations experienced by women. The Council will hold a full-day discussion thereon, fully accessible to persons with disabilities (see annex).

In its resolution 50/7, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, for a period of three years, under the title of Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences, on the same terms provided for by the Council in its resolution 41/17, and to additionally request the Special Rapporteur to examine the specific ways that girls are impacted by violence. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Reem Alsalem ([A/HRC/53/36](#), [A/HRC/53/36/Add.1](#) and [A/HRC/53/36/Add.2](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

In its resolution 50/18, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, for a period of three years, on the same terms provided for by the Council in its resolution 15/23, and requested the Working Group to continue to consider, and to mainstream across all its work, an age dimension in the

fulfilment of its mandate, and to examine the specific forms of discrimination that girls faced. The Council will consider the reports of the Working Group ([A/HRC/53/39](#), [A/HRC/53/39/Add.1](#) and [A/HRC/53/39/Add.2](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

Pursuant to its resolution 47/4, the Human Rights Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner on the panel discussion on menstrual hygiene management, human rights and gender equality, held at its fiftieth session ([A/HRC/53/40](#)).

Pursuant to its resolution 47/15, the Human Rights Council will have before it the report of OHCHR on the annual full-day discussion on the human rights of women, held at its fiftieth session ([A/HRC/53/41](#)).

Protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity

In its resolution 50/10, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, for a period of three years, and requested the Independent Expert to continue to report annually on the implementation of the mandate to the Council. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Victor Madrigal-Borloz ([A/HRC/53/37](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

Human rights and Indigenous Peoples

Pursuant to its resolution 48/11, the Human Rights Council will have before it the summary report of OHCHR on the panel discussion on the impact of social and economic recovery plans in the COVID-19 context on Indigenous Peoples, with a special focus on food security ([A/HRC/53/43](#)).

Pursuant to the same resolution, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to convene a four-day expert workshop, on possible ways to enhance the participation of Indigenous Peoples in the work of the Council, and to prepare a report on the discussion and the resulting recommendations, and submit it to the Council prior to its fifty-third session. The Council will have before it the summary report of OHCHR ([A/HRC/53/44](#)).

Interrelation of human rights and human rights thematic issues

Business and human rights

In its resolution 44/15, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, as set out by the Council in its resolution 17/4, for a period of three years. The Council will consider the reports of the Working Group ([A/HRC/53/24](#), [A/HRC/53/24/Add.1](#), [A/HRC/53/24/Add.2](#), [A/HRC/53/24/Add.3](#), [A/HRC/53/24/Add.4](#) and [A/HRC/53/24/Add.5](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

Human rights and international solidarity

In its resolution 44/11, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity, for a period of three years, and requested the Independent Expert to report regularly to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Obiora Chinedu Okafor ([A/HRC/53/32](#) and [A/HRC/53/32/Add.1](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

Human rights and climate change

In its resolution 50/9, the Human Rights Council decided to incorporate into its annual programme of work, beginning in 2023, at a minimum a panel discussion on different specific themes on the adverse impacts of climate change on human rights, and also decided that, at the fifty-third session of the Council, the panel discussion would be focused on the adverse impact of climate change on the full realization of the right to food for all people and ways forward to address the challenges therefor, as well as on best practices and lessons learned, including science-based approaches and local and Indigenous knowledge, and also decided

that the panel discussion would have International Sign interpretation and captioning (see annex).

In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Council, at its fifty-third session, a report on the adverse impact of climate change on the full realization of the right to food, to be followed by an interactive dialogue, and also requested the Secretary-General to make the report available in accessible formats, including plain language and Easy Read versions. The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General ([A/HRC/53/47](#)).

In its resolution 48/14, the Human Rights Council decided to appoint, for a period of three years, a Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change, and requested the Special Rapporteur to report annually to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Ian Fry ([A/HRC/53/34](#) and [A/HRC/53/34/Add.1](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

New and emerging digital technologies and human rights

In its resolution 47/23, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to convene two expert consultations to discuss the relationship between human rights and technical standard-setting processes for new and emerging digital technologies and the practical application of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights to the activities of technology companies, and to submit a report thereon, reflecting the discussions in an inclusive and comprehensive manner, to the Council at its fiftieth and fifty-third session. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR on the second expert consultation ([A/HRC/53/42](#)).

Prevention of genocide

Pursuant to its resolution 49/9, the Human Rights Council will hold an interactive dialogue with the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide, Alice Wairimu Nderitu, to discuss the progress made in discharging her duties.

In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council requested the Secretary-General to prepare a follow-up report on the implementation of the provisions of the resolution, with a particular focus on the impact of technological advances on prevention of genocide efforts, and on the risks of the perpetration of genocide, and to submit the report to the Council at its fifty-third session. The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General ([A/HRC/53/45](#)).

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

In its resolution 50/4, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a report on the work of OHCHR in the implementation and enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights, proposing also possible ways to face the challenges to the promotion and protection of human rights, including the right to development, and to submit the report to the Council at its fifty-third session. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/53/46](#)).

Importance of casualty recording for the promotion and protection of human rights

In its resolution 50/11, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to prepare a comprehensive report on the impact of casualty recording on the promotion and protection of human rights, including relevant practices, in particular the role of casualty recording in upholding and fulfilling the rights of victims of armed conflict, post-conflict situations and gross violations of international human rights law, with a view to making recommendations, as applicable, to States, mechanisms of the Council and relevant stakeholders, and to present the report to the Council at its fifty-third session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of OHCHR ([A/HRC/53/48](#)).

Human rights and the regulation of civilian acquisition, possession and use of firearms

In its resolution 50/12, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a report on the effective national regulations, policies and good practices and challenges and lessons learned to address the negative impact on human rights of civilian

acquisition, possession and use of firearms and the underlying root causes and risk factors driving the availability of firearms and firearms-related violence, including contributions from business enterprises on measures adopted in that regard and their relationship with the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, and to present the report to the Council at its fifty-third session. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/53/49](#)).

4. Human rights situations that require the Council's attention

Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic

In its resolution 52/30, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic, for a period of one year, and requested the Commission of Inquiry to present an oral update to the Council during an interactive dialogue at its fifty-third session. The Council will hear the oral update of the Commission of Inquiry.

Situation of human rights in Burundi

In its resolution 51/28, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi, for a further period of one year, and requested the Special Rapporteur to present to the Council, at its fifty-third session, an oral update on the situation of human rights in Burundi. The Council will hear the oral update of the mandate holder, Fortuné Gaetan Zongo, during an interactive dialogue.

Deteriorating situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, especially with respect to women and children

In its resolution S-35/1, the Human Rights Council decided to establish an independent international fact-finding mission, until the end of the fifty-fifth session of the Council, to be appointed by the President of the Council, with the mandate to thoroughly and independently investigate alleged human rights violations in the Islamic Republic of Iran related to the protests that began on 16 September 2022, especially with respect to women and children, establish the facts and circumstances surrounding the alleged violations, collect, consolidate and analyse evidence of such violations and preserve evidence, including in view of cooperation in any legal proceedings, and engage with all relevant stakeholders. The Council requested the fact-finding mission to present an oral update, during an interactive dialogue, at its fifty-third session. The Council will hear the oral update of the fact-finding mission.

Situation of human rights in Myanmar

In its resolution 52/31, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, for a further period of one year, and requested the Special Rapporteur to present an oral progress report to the Council at its fifty-third session. The Council will hear the oral progress report of the mandate holder, Thomas Andrews.

In its resolution 49/23, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to monitor and assess the overall situation of human rights in Myanmar, with a particular focus on accountability regarding alleged violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law, as well as the rule of law, to monitor the implementation of the resolution and previous resolutions with the same title, to make recommendations on additional steps necessary to address the current crisis and to provide to the Council a written update, at its fifty-third session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the written update of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/53/52](#)).

Situation of human rights in Belarus

In its resolution 50/20, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus, for a period of one year, and requested the Special Rapporteur to continue to monitor developments and to make recommendations and to submit a report on the situation of human rights in Belarus to the Council at its fifty-

third session. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Anaïs Marin ([A/HRC/53/53](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

Situation of human rights in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

In its resolution 51/29, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to submit a comprehensive report on the situation of human rights in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, containing a detailed assessment of the implementation of the recommendations made in previous reports of the Council, at its fifty-third session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/53/54](#)).

5. Human rights bodies and mechanisms

Pursuant to President's statement PRST OS/16/1, no general debates will be held at the Council's June session. The reports listed below will therefore be considered during the relevant general debate to be held at the fifty-fourth session.

Special procedures

The Human Rights Council will have before it the communications report of the special procedures ([A/HRC/53/3](#)).

Forum on Business and Human Rights

Pursuant to its resolutions 17/4 and 44/15, the Human Rights Council will have before it the report of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises on the eleventh session of the Forum on Business and Human Rights, held from 28 November to 30 November 2022 ([A/HRC/53/55](#)).

6. Universal periodic review

In its resolution 5/1, the Human Rights Council established the universal periodic review mechanism, as contained in section I of the annex to that resolution. The Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review held its forty-second session from 23 January to 3 February 2023. At its fifty-third session, the Council will consider and adopt the final outcomes of the reviews of Czechia ([A/HRC/53/4](#)), Argentina ([A/HRC/53/5](#)), Gabon ([A/HRC/53/6](#)), Ghana ([A/HRC/53/7](#)), Peru ([A/HRC/53/8](#)), Guatemala ([A/HRC/53/9](#)), Benin ([A/HRC/53/10](#)), Republic of Korea ([A/HRC/53/11](#)), Switzerland ([A/HRC/53/12](#)), Pakistan ([A/HRC/53/13](#)), Zambia ([A/HRC/53/14](#)), Japan ([A/HRC/53/15](#)), and Sri Lanka ([A/HRC/53/16](#)).

Pursuant to President's statement PRST 9/2, on modalities and practices for the universal periodic review process, the outcomes of the review are adopted by the Council at its plenary session through a standardized decision. The outcomes comprise the reports of the Working Group on the review, the views of the State under review concerning the recommendations and/or conclusions, its voluntary commitments made and replies presented before the adoption of the outcome by the Council in plenary to questions or issues that were not sufficiently addressed during the interactive dialogue with the Working Group.

Pursuant to President's statement PRST OS/16/1, no general debates will be held at the Council's June session. The reports listed below will therefore be considered during the relevant general debate to be held at the fifty-fourth session.

Operations of the Voluntary Fund for Participation in the Universal Periodic Review and the Voluntary Fund for Financial and Technical Assistance in the Implementation of the Universal Periodic Review

In its decision 17/119, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to provide an annual written update to the Council on the operations of the Voluntary Fund for Participation in the Universal Periodic Review and the Voluntary Fund for Financial and Technical Assistance in the Implementation of the Universal Periodic Review and the resources available to it. The Council will have before it the reports of OHCHR on the operations of the Voluntary Funds ([A/HRC/53/56](#) and [A/HRC/53/57](#)).

Pursuant to its resolution 51/30, the Human Rights Council will have before it the summary report of OHCHR on the high-level panel discussion on the universal periodic review, held at its fifty-second session ([A/HRC/53/58](#)).

7. Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories

Situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967

Pursuant to resolution 1993/2 A of the Commission on Human Rights and resolution 5/1 of the Human Rights Council, the Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, Francesca Albanese ([A/HRC/53/59](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

8. Follow-up to and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

No reports have been submitted under agenda item 8.

9. Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance: follow-up to and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

In its resolution 52/36, the Human Rights Council decided to renew the mandate of Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, for a further period of three years, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit an annual report to the Council on all activities relating to the mandate. The Council will consider the report of the new mandate holder, Ashwini K.P. ([A/HRC/53/60](#)), during an interactive dialogue.

Combating the glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

In its resolution 77/204, the General Assembly requested the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance to prepare, for submission to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-third session, a report on the implementation of the resolution. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Ashwini K.P. ([A/HRC/53/62](#)).

From rhetoric to reality: a global call for concrete action against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Pursuant to President's statement PRST OS/16/1, no general debates will be held at the Council's June session. The report listed below will therefore be considered during the relevant general debate to be held at the fifty-fourth session.

Pursuant to its resolution 51/32, the Human Rights Council will have before it the report of OHCHR on the progress made on the two-year comprehensive communications strategy, inclusive of an outreach programme to raise awareness about and mobilize global public support for racial equality, including about the content and contribution of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action to the struggle against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance ([A/HRC/53/61](#)).

10. Technical assistance and capacity-building

Cooperation with and assistance to Ukraine in the field of human rights

Pursuant to its resolution 47/22, the Human Rights Council will hold an interactive dialogue at which the High Commissioner will present orally to the States members of the Council and observers the findings of the periodic report of OHCHR on the situation of human rights in Ukraine.

In its resolution 77/229, on the situation of human rights in the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit for consideration an interim report to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-third session on the progress made in the implementation of all provisions of the resolution, including options and recommendations to improve its implementation, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General ([A/HRC/53/64](#)).

Technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights in the Central African Republic

In its resolution 51/37, the Human Rights Council decided to renew, for one year, the mandate of Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic, and requested the Independent Expert to provide an oral update on his report on technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights in the Central African Republic to the Council at its fifty-third session. The Council will hear the oral update of the Independent Expert, Yao Agbetse, during an interactive dialogue.

Cooperation with Georgia

In its resolution 52/40, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to present to the Council, at its fifty-third session, in accordance with its resolution 5/1, an oral update on the follow-up to the resolution. The Council will hear the oral update of the High Commissioner.

Enhancement of technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights

In its resolution 51/34, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to present a report to the Council, at its fifty-third session, recommending the way forward to improve technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights, taking into account the outcomes of the discussions held during the intersessional meeting on the theme, “Technical cooperation and capacity-building in the Human Rights Council: taking stock of the past for a better discharge of this mission in the future”, to be followed by an enhanced interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner ([A/HRC/53/63](#)).

Annex

Panel and other discussions to be held at the fifty-third session of the Human Rights Council

<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Panel/discussion</i>
Human Rights Council resolution 50/3	Panel discussion on the measures necessary to find durable solutions to the Rohingya crisis and to end all forms of human rights violations and abuses against Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar
Human Rights Council resolutions 6/30 and 47/15	Annual full-day discussion on the human rights of women (accessible to persons with disabilities)
Human Rights Council resolution 50/9	Annual panel discussion on the adverse impacts of climate change on human rights: full realization of the right to food for all people (accessible to persons with disabilities)
Human Rights Council resolution 50/15	Panel discussion on the role of digital, media and information literacy in the promotion and enjoyment of the right to freedom of opinion and expression (accessible to persons with disabilities)