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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

**Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

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### Provisional agenda

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## Annotations

### 1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

#### *Adoption of the agenda*

The Advisory Committee will have before it the provisional agenda and the present annotations relating to the items included in the provisional agenda.

#### *Organization of work*

Rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provides that each committee is to, at the beginning of the session, adopt a programme of work indicating, if possible, a target date for the conclusion of its work, the approximate dates of consideration of items and the number of meetings to be allocated to each item.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, the Advisory Committee will have before it, for its consideration and approval, a draft timetable prepared by the Secretariat showing the order and distribution of meeting time for each agenda item/segment of its programme of work for the thirty-second session.

#### *Composition of the Advisory Committee*

In its decision 18/121, the Human Rights Council decided that the cycle of the Advisory Committee would be adjusted to run from 1 October to 30 September. The terms of membership will therefore end on 30 September of the relevant year.

The current composition of the Advisory Committee and the term of membership of each expert are as follows:<sup>2</sup> Noor Al-Jehani (Qatar, 2025); Miznah Omair Alomair (Saudi Arabia, 2027); Joseph Gérard Angoh (Mauritius, 2026); Buhm-Suk Baek (Republic of Korea, 2026); Nadia Amal Bernoussi (Morocco, 2026); Rabah Boudache (Algeria, 2025); Milena Costas Trascasas (Spain, 2025); Riva Ganguly Das (India, 2026); Alessandra Devulsky (Brazil, 2027); Sebastião da Silva Isata (Angola, 2025); Jewel Major (Bahamas, 2026); Javier Palummo (Uruguay, 2025); Vasilka Sancin (Slovenia, 2025); Patrycja Sasnal (Poland, 2026); Vassilis Tzevelekos (Greece, 2027); Catherine Van de Heyning (Belgium, 2026); Frans Viljoen (South Africa, 2027); and Yue Zhang (China, 2025).

### 2. Requests addressed to the Advisory Committee stemming from Human Rights Council resolutions and currently under consideration by the Committee

#### (a) Integration of a gender perspective

In its resolution 6/30, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to regularly and systematically integrate a gender perspective into the implementation of its mandate, including when examining the intersection of multiple forms of discrimination against women, and to include in its reports information on and qualitative analysis of the human rights of women and girls.

#### (b) Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order

In its resolutions 8/5 and 18/6, the Human Rights Council requested, inter alia, the Advisory Committee to pay due attention, within its respective mandate, to the resolutions and to make contributions towards their implementation. In its resolution 18/6, the Council also decided to establish, for a period of three years, a new special procedure mandate of Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order. The mandate has been renewed periodically and most recently through Council resolution 54/4.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See [A/520/Rev.20](#).

<sup>2</sup> The year in which the term of membership expires is shown in parentheses.

<sup>3</sup> The most recent reports under the mandate are contained in documents [A/HRC/57/49](#) and [A/79/212](#).

**(c) Integration of the perspective of persons with disabilities**

In its resolution 7/9, the Human Rights Council encouraged the Advisory Committee and other mechanisms of the Council to integrate the perspective of persons with disabilities, as appropriate, in carrying out their work and in their recommendations in order to facilitate the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the work of the Council. In its resolution 26/20, the Council decided to establish, for a period of three years, a new special procedure mandate of Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities. The mandate has been renewed periodically and most recently through Council resolution 53/14.<sup>4</sup>

**(d) Human rights implications of new and emerging technologies in the military domain**

In its resolution 51/22, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a study examining the human rights implications of new and emerging technologies in the military domain, while taking into account ongoing discussions within the United Nations system, and to present the study to the Council at its sixtieth session.

In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council also requested the Advisory Committee to seek the views of and inputs from, and to take into account relevant work already done by, stakeholders, including States, United Nations agencies, entities, funds and programmes within their respective mandates, international and regional organizations, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the special procedures of the Council, the treaty bodies, national human rights institutions, civil society, the private sector, academic institutions, multi-stakeholder initiatives and other relevant stakeholders, when preparing the above-mentioned study.

At its twenty-ninth session, the Advisory Committee held discussions on this topic and designated a drafting group for the preparation of a study thereon to be submitted to the Human Rights Council at its sixtieth session. The drafting group currently comprises Buhm-Suk Baek (Chair), Nadia Amal Bernoussi, Rabah Boudache, Milena Costas Trascasas, Riva Ganguly Das, Jewel Major, Javier Palummo (Rapporteur), Vasilka Sancin, Patrycja Sasnal, Vassilis Tzevelekos, Catherine Van de Heyning, Frans Viljoen and Yue Zhang.

At the same session, the Advisory Committee requested the drafting group to prepare a draft questionnaire to seek the views of and inputs from stakeholders, including States, United Nations agencies, entities, funds and programmes within their respective mandates, international and regional organizations, OHCHR, the special procedures of the Human Rights Council, the treaty bodies, national human rights institutions, civil society, the private sector, academic institutions, multi-stakeholder initiatives and other relevant stakeholders, to be considered by the Committee at its thirtieth session and transmitted thereafter. It also requested the drafting group to submit an outline of the report at its thirtieth session, taking into account the discussions held at the twenty-ninth session.

At its thirtieth session, the Advisory Committee took note of the outline of the report and the draft questionnaire submitted by the drafting group, held meetings to discuss the topic, and welcomed the participation of panellists in the discussion. At the same session, the Committee decided to transmit a questionnaire by means of a note verbale to stakeholders, including States, United Nations agencies, entities, funds and programmes within their respective mandates, international and regional organizations, OHCHR, the special procedures of the Human Rights Council, the treaty bodies, national human rights institutions, civil society organizations, the private sector, academic institutions and multi-stakeholder initiatives, to seek their views and inputs on the topic by 30 November 2023. The Committee also requested the drafting group to consider, at the thirty-first session, the replies received pursuant to the above-mentioned note verbale, and to submit a preliminary draft of the report to the Committee at its thirty-second session.

At its thirty-first session, the Advisory Committee held discussions on the topic and considered the inputs received from stakeholders in response to the note verbale and the questionnaire circulated by the Committee after its thirtieth session. The Committee requested the drafting group to submit a preliminary draft of the report at its thirty-second

<sup>4</sup> The most recent reports under the mandate are contained in documents [A/HRC/55/56](#) and [A/79/179](#).

session, taking into account the above-mentioned inputs from stakeholders and the discussions held at the thirty-first session.

At its thirty-second session, the Advisory Committee will have before it the preliminary draft of the report submitted by the drafting group, which will be circulated in the form of a conference room paper.

**(e) Impact of disinformation on the enjoyment and realization of human rights**

In its resolution 55/10, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to conduct a study and to prepare a report on the impact of disinformation on the enjoyment and realization of human rights, and to present it to the Council at its sixty-first session.

In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council also requested the Advisory Committee to present an oral update on its preparation of the above-mentioned report during the half-day expert workshop, to be convened by OHCHR before the fifty-ninth session of the Council, to review the methods used to disseminate disinformation and to promote tools and approaches to counter those challenges while protecting and reinforcing human rights standards.

At its thirty-second session, the Advisory Committee will hold discussions on this topic and establish a drafting group for the preparation of the report to be submitted to the Human Rights Council at its sixty-first session.

**(f) Technology-facilitated gender-based violence and its impact on women and girls**

In its resolution 56/19, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a study on technology-facilitated gender-based violence and its impact on women and girls, including by developing a better understanding of the issue, highlighting good practices around the globe in tackling gender-based violence that occurred through or was amplified by the use of technology, and making recommendations on how to address the issue, and to present the study to the Council at its sixty-third session.

In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council also requested the Advisory Committee to work in close collaboration with relevant stakeholders, including the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, the Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy, the Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the United Nations Population Fund, to seek the views of and inputs from and to take into account relevant work already done by stakeholders, including States, United Nations agencies, entities, funds and programmes within their respective mandates, international and regional organizations, OHCHR, the special procedures of the Council, the treaty bodies, national human rights institutions, survivors and survivor centred-organizations, civil society, including women's rights and youth organizations, the private sector, academic institutions, multi-stakeholder initiatives and other relevant stakeholders, when preparing the above-mentioned study.

At its thirty-second session, the Advisory Committee will hold discussions on this topic and establish a drafting group for the preparation of the study to be submitted to the Human Rights Council at its sixty-third session.

**(g) Implications of plastic pollution for the full enjoyment of human rights**

In its decision 56/117, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a comprehensive study on the implications of plastic pollution for the full enjoyment of human rights, based on a comprehensive approach that addressed the full life cycle of plastic, and to present the study to the Council at its sixty-sixth session.

In the same decision, the Human Rights Council also requested the Advisory Committee, when preparing the above-mentioned study, to seek the views of and inputs from and to take into account work already done by relevant stakeholders, including States, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes within their respective mandates, international and regional

organizations, OHCHR, the special procedures of the Council, the treaty bodies, national human rights institutions, Indigenous Peoples, civil society, environmental human rights defenders, the private sector, academia and scientific institutions.

At its thirty-second session, the Advisory Committee will hold discussions on this topic and establish a drafting group for the preparation of the study to be submitted to the Human Rights Council at its sixty-sixth session.

**(h) Impact of artificial intelligence systems on good governance**

In its resolution 57/5, the Human Rights Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a study on the impact of artificial intelligence systems on good governance, indicating in particular the areas in which artificial intelligence systems could contribute to promoting and protecting human rights through good governance and those in which such systems posed a challenge to good governance and human rights, highlighting good practices around the globe on the ways to develop, deploy, use and govern artificial intelligence systems, following a risk-based approach, to promote and protect human rights through good governance and identifying necessary safeguards, and to present the study to the Council at its sixty-second session.

In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council also requested the Advisory Committee to seek the views of and inputs from and to take into account relevant work already done by stakeholders, including States, United Nations agencies, entities, funds and programmes within their respective mandates, international and regional organizations, OHCHR, the special procedures of the Council, relevant treaty bodies, national human rights institutions, civil society, the private sector, academic institutions, multi-stakeholder initiatives and other relevant stakeholders, where applicable, when preparing the above-mentioned study.

At its thirty-second session, the Advisory Committee will hold discussions on this topic and establish a drafting group for the preparation of the study to be submitted to the Human Rights Council at its sixty-second session.

**3. Implementation of sections III and IV of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 and of section III of the annex to Council resolution 16/21**

**(a) Review of methods of work**

According to paragraph 77 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, the Advisory Committee may propose within the scope of the work set out by the Council, for the latter's consideration and approval, suggestions for further enhancing its procedural efficiency.

In paragraphs 35 to 39 of section III of the annex to its resolution 16/21, the Human Rights Council made reference to the Advisory Committee. In paragraph 39 of the same resolution, the Council stipulated that the Committee should endeavour to enhance intersessional work between its members in order to give effect to the provisions of paragraph 81 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1.

At its thirty-second session, the Advisory Committee may therefore address issues related to its methods of work.

**(b) Agenda and annual programme of work, including new priorities**

In paragraph 35 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 16/21, the Council stipulated that it should, within existing resources, strengthen its interaction with the Advisory Committee and engage more systematically with it through work formats, such as seminars, panels and working groups, and by sending feedback to the inputs of the Committee.

At its fourteenth session, the Advisory Committee decided to produce reflection papers for its own use at each of its sessions, which could be published on the OHCHR website.

At its thirtieth session, the Advisory Committee decided to submit for consideration of and approval by the Human Rights Council the research proposal entitled "Protecting the rights

of victims in United Nations human rights mechanisms: the right to a remedy and reparation for gross human rights violations”.<sup>5</sup>

At its thirty-first session, the Advisory Committee, in closed meetings, held a discussion on research proposals and reflection papers presented by its members.

The Advisory Committee may decide to continue, during its thirty-second session, its discussions under agenda item 3.

**(c) Appointment of members of the Working Group on Communications**

In accordance with paragraphs 91 to 93 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, the Advisory Committee appoints five of its members, one from each regional group, with due consideration to gender balance, to constitute the Working Group on Communications. In the event of a vacancy, the Advisory Committee is to appoint an independent and highly qualified expert from the same regional group. Since there is a need for independent expertise and continuity with regard to the examination and assessment of the communications received, the independent and highly qualified experts of the Working Group are appointed for three years. Their mandate is renewable once only.

The current members of the Working Group on Communications were last appointed by the Advisory Committee at its twenty-sixth,<sup>6</sup> twenty-eighth,<sup>7</sup> and thirtieth<sup>8</sup> sessions and during the intersessional period of 2023<sup>9</sup> and 2024.

At its thirty-second session, the Advisory Committee will take note of the new appointment made in the intersessional period through the silence procedure to replace the member of the Working Group from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, whose term expired on 30 September 2024.

**4. Report of the Advisory Committee on its thirty-second session**

The Advisory Committee will have before it for adoption a draft report on its thirty-second session, prepared by the Rapporteur.

Pursuant to paragraph 38 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 16/21, the annual report of the Advisory Committee will be submitted to the Council at its September session and will be the subject of an interactive dialogue with the Committee Chair. The report of the Committee on its thirty-second session will be considered by the Council at its sixtieth session, along with the reports of the Committee on its thirty-third and thirty-fourth sessions, to be held in 2025.

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<sup>5</sup> A/HRC/AC/30/2, annex IV.

<sup>6</sup> A/HRC/AC/26/2, paras. 23–25.

<sup>7</sup> A/HRC/AC/28/2, paras. 23–26.

<sup>8</sup> A/HRC/AC/30/2, paras. 21–24.

<sup>9</sup> A/HRC/AC/31/2, paras. 19–21.