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Agenda item 64

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

### **Report of the Third Committee**

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#### **I. Introduction**

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 20 September 2013, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-eighth 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, 50th and 54th meetings, on 13, 25 and 27 November 2013. An account of the Committee’s discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (see [A/C.3/68/SR.45](#), 50 and 54).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Human Rights Council on its seventh organizational meeting and twenty-second and twenty-third sessions ([A/68/53](#)) and an advance version of the report on its twenty-fourth session (to be issued as [A/68/53/Add.1](#)).

4. At the 45th meeting, on 13 November, the President of the Human Rights Council made a statement and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of Japan, the United States of America, the European Union, Switzerland, Croatia, Liechtenstein, Brazil and the Syrian Arab Republic (see [A/C.3/68/SR.45](#)).

#### **II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.3/68/L.75](#) and amendment thereto contained in document [A/C.3/68/L.77](#)**

5. At the 50th meeting, on 25 November, the representative of Cameroon, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States and the Russian Federation, introduced a draft resolution entitled “Report of the Human Rights Council” ([A/C.3/68/L.75](#)).



**Action on the amendment contained in document [A/C.3/68/L.77](#)**

6. At the 54th meeting, on 27 November, the representative of Lithuania, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union, as well as Albania, Australia, Iceland, Japan, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Montenegro, New Zealand, Norway, the Republic of Korea, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and the United States of America, introduced an amendment to draft resolution [A/C.3/68/L.75](#) contained in document [A/C.3/68/L.77](#), by which operative paragraphs 2 and 3 would be deleted.

7. At the same meeting, the representative of Gabon, on behalf of the Group of African States, requested a recorded vote on the amendment.

8. Also at the same meeting, the amendment was rejected by a recorded vote of 76 to 74, with 18 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Maldives, Malta, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

*Against:*

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, China, Comoros, Congo, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zambia, Zimbabwe.

*Abstaining:*

Bahamas, Bahrain, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Dominican Republic, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Malaysia, Nepal, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Trinidad and Tobago, United Arab Emirates, Viet Nam, Yemen.

9. Before the vote on the amendment, statements were made by the representatives of Cameroon and Barbados; after the vote, by the representatives of Ecuador, Singapore and the United States of America (see [A/C.3/68/SR.54](#)).

**Action on draft resolution A/C.3/68/L.75 as a whole**

10. At the 54th meeting, on 27 November, the representative of Liechtenstein made a statement (see [A/C.2/68/SR.54](#)).

11. Also at the same meeting, the representative of the United States of America made a statement and requested a recorded vote on draft resolution [A/C.3/68/L.75](#).

12. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.3/68/L.75](#) by a recorded vote of 87 to 66, with 22 abstentions (see para. 14). The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, China, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

*Against:*

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Maldives, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

*Abstaining:*

Afghanistan, Armenia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Brazil, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Samoa, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, United Arab Emirates.

13. Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Lithuania (on behalf of the European Union), Liechtenstein (also on behalf of Iceland, New Zealand, Norway and Switzerland) and Costa Rica; after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Belarus, Qatar, Canada, India, Chile, Mexico, Hungary, Ecuador and Cameroon (see [A/C.3/68/SR.54](#)).

### III. Recommendation of the Third Committee

14. 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 and [67/151](#) of 20 December 2012,

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

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

2. *Decides* to defer consideration of and action on Human Rights Council resolution 24/24 of 27 September 2013<sup>2</sup> on cooperation with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights, in order to allow time for further consultations thereon;

3. *Also decides* to conclude its consideration of Human Rights Council resolution 24/24 before the end of its sixty-eighth session.

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<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 53; and ibid., Supplement No. 53A (A/68/53/Add.1).*

<sup>2</sup> *See Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 53A (A/68/53/Add.1).*