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1. Organizational and procedural matters

Date and venue of the session

The Human Rights Council had scheduled its fifty-ninth session from 16 June to 11 July 2025 at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

In accordance with rule 8 (b) of the rules of procedure of the Human Rights Council, as contained in section VII of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, the organizational meeting for the fifty-ninth session was held on 2 June 2025.

In order to meet the request from the United Nations Office at Geneva, as part of the Organization-wide cash-conservation measures, to reduce its meeting time by at least 10 per cent of its budgetary allotment, at its organizational meeting on 2 June 2025, the Human Rights Council adopted a number of extraordinary cost- and time-saving measures to allow

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it to complete its programme of work on 9 July 2025. The fifty-ninth session will therefore be held from 16 June to 9 July 2025.

Composition of the Human Rights Council

The composition of the Human Rights Council at its fifty-ninth session is as follows:[1] Albania (2026); Algeria (2025); Bangladesh (2025); Belgium (2025); Benin (2027); Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (2027); Brazil (2026); Bulgaria (2026); Burundi (2026); Chile (2025); China (2026); Colombia (2027); Costa Rica (2025); Côte d'Ivoire (2026); Cuba (2026); Cyprus (2027); Czechia (2027); Democratic Republic of the Congo (2027); Dominican Republic (2026); Ethiopia (2027); France (2026); Gambia (2027); Georgia (2025); Germany (2025); Ghana (2026); Iceland (2027); Indonesia (2026); Japan (2026); Kenya (2027); Kuwait (2026); Kyrgyzstan (2025); Malawi (2026); Maldives (2025); Marshall Islands (2027); Mexico (2027); Morocco (2025); Netherlands (Kingdom of the) (2026); North Macedonia (2027); Qatar (2027); Republic of Korea (2027); Romania (2025); South Africa (2025); Spain (2027); Sudan (2025); Switzerland (2027); Thailand (2027); and Viet Nam (2025).

Bureau of the Human Rights Council

At the organizational session for the nineteenth cycle of the Human Rights Council, held on 9 December 2024, and at its organizational meeting held on 31 January 2025, the Council elected the following members of the Bureau for its nineteenth cycle, which runs from 1 January to 31 December 2025:

President	Jürg Lauber (Switzerland)
Vice-Presidents	Tareq Md. Ariful Islam (Bangladesh) Razvan Rusu (Romania) Claudia Fuentes Julio (Chile)
Vice-President and Rapporteur	Paul Empole Losoko Efambe (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

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 Burak Akçapar (Türkiye), Burim Bilali (North Macedonia), José Francisco Calí Tzay (Guatemala), Pacharo Kayira (Malawi) and Si-jin Song (Republic of Korea), is mandated to propose to the President of the Council a list of candidates for the following vacancies: (a) one member of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development (from Latin American and Caribbean States); and (b) one member of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (from Asia-Pacific States). The latter vacancy, originally unscheduled, was occasioned by the resignation of the member of the Working Group from Asia-Pacific States.

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 and expert mechanism 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-ninth session.

Report on the session

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

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

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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 OS/18/1, no general debates will be held at the fifty-ninth session of the Council. The reports and oral updates listed below will therefore be considered during the relevant general debate to be held at the sixtieth session, unless they are mandated to be considered in the context of an interactive dialogue.

Situation of human rights in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo

In its resolution S-37/1, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to urgently establish a fact-finding mission to investigate all the alleged violations and abuses of human rights and violations of international humanitarian law committed in the North Kivu and South Kivu Provinces, in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo. In the same resolution, the Council requested the fact-finding mission to present an oral update to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-ninth session, to be followed by an enhanced interactive dialogue. The Council will hear the oral update by the fact-finding mission.

Situation of human rights in the Sudan

In its resolution 57/2, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the independent international fact-finding mission for the Sudan for a period of one year and requested the fact-finding mission to provide an oral update on its work to the Council at its fifty-ninth session. The Council will hear the oral update by the fact-finding mission.

Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 48/141 and the decision contained in President's statement OS/18/1, the Human Rights Council will consider the annual report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/59/20) 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 a note by the Secretary-General 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/59/21).

Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

In its resolution 79/183, 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-ninth session. The Council will have before it the interim report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/59/22).

Situation of human rights in Eritrea

In its resolution 56/17, 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 to the Council at its fifty-ninth session. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Mohamed Abdelsalam Babiker (A/HRC/59/24), during an interactive dialogue.

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Situation of human rights in Afghanistan

In its resolution 57/3, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan for a period of one year and requested the Special Rapporteur, with the support of other relevant special procedure mandate holders and treaty bodies and with temporary, specific and relevant expertise to be provided by OHCHR, to prepare a report on access to justice and protection for women and girls and the impact of multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination thereon and to present it to the Council at its fifty-ninth session, to be followed by an enhanced interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Richard Bennett (A/HRC/59/25).

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/59/26) during an interactive dialogue.

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 OS/18/1, no general debates will be held at the fifty-ninth session of the Human Rights Council. The reports and oral updates listed below will therefore be considered during the relevant general debate to be held at the sixtieth session, unless they are mandated to be considered in the context of an interactive dialogue.

Economic, social and cultural rights

Human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation

In its resolution 57/13, the Human Rights Council decided to convene, at its fifty-ninth session, a panel discussion on the realization of the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation, with a particular focus on mainstreaming the human rights of safe drinking water and sanitation into the upcoming 2026 United Nations Water Conference, and also decided that the discussion would be fully accessible to persons with disabilities, including through the provision of hybrid modalities (see annex).

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 comprehensive report on key challenges regarding the human rights dimension of 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 comprehensive report of OHCHR (A/HRC/59/29).

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 reports of the mandate holder, Tlaleng Mofokeng (A/HRC/59/48 and A/HRC/59/48/Add.1), during an interactive dialogue.

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Right to education

In its resolution 53/7, 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/59/41 and A/HRC/59/41/Add.1), during an interactive dialogue.

Extreme poverty and human rights

In its resolution 53/10, 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/59/51 and A/HRC/59/51/Add.1), during an interactive dialogue.

Civil and political rights

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 report of the mandate holder, Gina Romero (A/HRC/59/44), and the report of the previous mandate holder, Clément Nyaletsossi Voule (A/HRC/59/44/Add.1), during an interactive dialogue.

Freedom of opinion and expression

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 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 reports of the mandate holder, Irene Khan (A/HRC/59/50, A/HRC/59/50/Add.1 and A/HRC/59/50/Add.2), during an interactive dialogue.

Independence of judges and lawyers

In its resolution 53/12, 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 reports of the mandate holder, Margaret Satterthwaite (A/HRC/59/52 and A/HRC/59/52/Add.1), during an interactive dialogue.

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

In its resolution 53/4, 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 the findings to the Council on an annual basis, together with conclusions and recommendations. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Morris Tidball-Binz (A/HRC/59/54 and A/HRC/59/54/Add.1), during an interactive dialogue.

Birth registration and the right of everyone to recognition everywhere as a person before the law

In its resolution 52/25, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a comprehensive study on the use of digital technologies to achieve universal birth registration, its best practices, challenges and opportunities, and potential mechanisms to close the gap between the number of children whose births are reported as registered and those who actually have a birth certificate, and to submit the report thereon to the Council at its fifty-eighth session. The report was postponed to the fifty-ninth session. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/59/61).

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Rights of peoples and of specific groups and individuals

Support systems to ensure community inclusion of persons with disabilities

In its resolution 55/8, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to present an oral report to the Council, at its fifty-ninth 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.

In the same resolution, the Human Rights Council requested the Secretary-General to prepare and submit to the Council, at its fifty-ninth session, a study defining the administrative procedures and budget required to make all Council resolutions accessible, including in easy-to-understand language. The Council will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/59/37).

Elimination of discrimination against women and girls

In its resolution 6/30, 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. In its resolution 58/15, the Council decided to commemorate the International Day of Women in Diplomacy during one panel at the annual full-day discussion on the human rights of women to be held during its fifty-ninth, sixty-second and sixty-fifth sessions, including with discussions on the elimination of discrimination and structural barriers that hinder women's participation and representation in decision-making. The Council will hold a full-day discussion thereon, fully accessible to persons with disabilities pursuant to its resolution 53/27 (see annex).

Pursuant to its resolution 53/27, the Human Rights Council will have before it the summary report of OHCHR on the annual full-day discussion on the human rights of women held at its fifty-sixth session (A/HRC/59/27).

In its resolution 53/27, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to submit to the Council, at its fifty-ninth session, an accessible report in plain language and easy-to-read formats, on the situation of human rights of women and girls in criminal justice detention, including information on practices and measures to prevent and address violence against women and girls in the context of criminal justice detention, as well as good practices and challenges relating to rehabilitation and reintegration policies and programmes. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/59/31).

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 faced by girls. The Council will consider the reports of the Working Group (A/HRC/59/45, A/HRC/59/45/Add.1 and A/HRC/59/45/Add.2) during an interactive dialogue.

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 were impacted by violence. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Reem Alsalem (A/HRC/59/47, A/HRC/59/47/Add.1 and A/HRC/59/47/Add.2), during an interactive dialogue.

Rights of the child

In its resolution 54/5, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to prepare a comprehensive report, in an accessible format, with specific recommendations on how to develop accessible, inclusive, equitable and quality education for peace and tolerance for every child, especially children in the most vulnerable situations, in line with the provisions

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of the resolution, and how to incorporate it into educational programmes, in consultation with all relevant stakeholders, and to present the report to the Council at its fifty-ninth session. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/59/33).

In its resolution 55/29, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a report on children's rights mainstreaming across the United Nations, including on the implementation of the Guidance Note of the Secretary-General on Child Rights Mainstreaming, in consultation with all relevant stakeholders, including through consultations with children themselves, and to present the report to the Council at its fifty-ninth session. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/59/38).

Human rights and Indigenous Peoples

Pursuant to its resolution 54/12, the Human Rights Council will have before it the summary report of OHCHR on the annual half-day panel discussion on the rights of Indigenous Peoples held at its fifty-seventh session (A/HRC/59/34).

In its resolution 54/12, the Human Rights Council decided to organize two intersessional meetings in order to allow States, relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, international organizations, Indigenous Peoples from the seven Indigenous sociocultural regions, national human rights institutions and civil society organizations to hold a dialogue on concrete ways to enhance the participation of Indigenous Peoples in the work of the Council. Also in that resolution, the Council decided that the co-facilitators and OHCHR would prepare a joint report on the two intersessional meetings, held on 18 and 19 July and on 17 and 18 October 2024, to be presented to the Council before its fifty-ninth session. The Council will have before it the joint report of the co-facilitators and OHCHR (A/HRC/59/35).

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 reports of the mandate holder, Graeme Reid (A/HRC/59/43, A/HRC/59/43/Add.1 and A/HRC/59/43/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 reports of the mandate holder, Paula Gaviria Betancur (A/HRC/59/46 and A/HRC/59/46/Add.1), during an interactive dialogue.

Human rights of migrants

In its resolution 52/20, the Human Rights Council decided to extend, for a period of three years, effective from the end of its fifty-third session, the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants and requested the Special Rapporteur to report regularly to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Gehad Madi (A/HRC/59/49, A/HRC/59/49/Add.1 and A/HRC/59/49/Add.2), during an interactive dialogue.

Elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy (Hansen's disease) and their family members

In its resolution 53/8, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their

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family members, under the title Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy (Hansen's disease) 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 report of the mandate holder, Beatriz Miranda-Galarza (A/HRC/59/55), during an interactive dialogue.

Trafficking in persons, especially women and children

In its resolution 53/9, 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/59/56, A/HRC/59/56/Add.1 and A/HRC/59/56/Add.2), during an interactive dialogue.

Interrelation of human rights and human rights thematic issues

Prevention of genocide

Pursuant to its resolution 55/13, the Human Rights Council will hold an interactive dialogue with the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide, Virginia Gamba, to discuss the progress made in discharging her duties.

In its resolution 49/9, the Human Rights Council decided to convene, before its fifty-sixth session, a one-day intersessional meeting to mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and requested OHCHR to prepare a summary report on the intersessional meeting and to submit it to the Council at its fifty-ninth session. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/59/28).

Promotion and protection of human rights and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

In its resolution 52/14, the Human Rights Council decided to organize intersessional meetings for dialogue and cooperation on human rights and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and requested that the chairs of the meetings and OHCHR be responsible for the preparation of summary reports on the meetings and for presenting them to the Council. The seventh intersessional meeting on the aforementioned theme was held on 11 February 2025. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR thereon (A/HRC/59/30).

New and emerging digital technologies and human rights

In its resolution 53/29, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to continue to work on the practical application of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights to the activities of technology companies, including by convening an expert consultation, including with States and business enterprises, including technology companies, civil society and academia, to discuss challenges, good practices and lessons learned in applying the Guiding Principles to the activities of technology companies, including activities relating to artificial intelligence, and to submit a report thereon to the Council at its fifty-ninth session. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/59/32).

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

In its resolution 56/2, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a new 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-ninth session. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/59/36).

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

In its resolution 56/9, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to prepare a report on the impact of the civilian acquisition, possession and use of firearms and the

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underlying root causes and risk factors driving firearms-related violence on the right to participate in cultural life and the right to take part in the conduct of public affairs, particularly for individuals in vulnerable or marginalized situations, and to present the report to the Council at its fifty-ninth session. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/59/39).

Human rights and international solidarity

In its resolution 53/5, 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, Cecilia Bailliet (A/HRC/59/40, A/HRC/59/40/Add.1 and A/HRC/59/40/Add.2), 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 a panel discussion to discuss different specific themes on the adverse impacts of climate change on human rights, including means of implementation for climate action as a mainstreamed element. In its resolution 56/8, the Council decided that the panel discussion to be held at its fifty-ninth session would be focused on facilitating just transitions in the context of addressing the adverse impacts of climate change on the full realization of human rights for all people, and ways forward to address the challenges thereto, as well as on best practices and lessons learned. The Council will hold the panel discussion thereon, fully accessible to persons with disabilities, pursuant to its resolution 56/8 (see annex).

In its resolution 57/31, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change, as set out by the Council in its resolution 48/14, for a period of three years and requested the Special Rapporteur to report annually to the Council. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Elisa Morgera (A/HRC/59/42 and A/HRC/59/42/Add.1), during an interactive dialogue.

Business and human rights

In is resolution 53/3, 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/59/53 and A/HRC/59/53/Add.1) during an interactive dialogue.

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

Promotion and protection of human rights in Nicaragua

In its resolution 58/18, 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 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-ninth session. The Council will hear the oral update by the High Commissioner.

Situation of human rights in Myanmar

In its resolution 55/20, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner, with the support of specialized experts, to monitor and assess the overall situation of human rights in Myanmar, maintaining 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 submit to the Council, at its fifty-ninth session, a report thereon.

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In its resolution 58/20, 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, during an enhanced interactive dialogue, also including the presentation of the report of the High Commissioner mandated by the Council in its resolution 55/20, an oral update to the Council at its fifty-ninth session. The Council will hear the oral update of the mandate holder, Thomas H. Andrews, and the presentation of the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/59/57) during an enhanced interactive dialogue.

Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic

In its resolution 58/25, 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 give an oral update to the Council at its fifty-ninth session. The Council will hear the oral update by the Commission of Inquiry.

Situation of human rights in Burundi

In its resolution 57/22, 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-ninth 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.

Situation of human rights in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

In its resolution 57/36, 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-ninth session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/59/58) during an interactive dialogue.

Situation of human rights in Belarus

In its resolution 55/27, 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-ninth session. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Nils Muižnieks (A/HRC/59/59), during an interactive dialogue.

5. Human rights bodies and mechanisms

Pursuant to President's statement OS/18/1, no general debates will be held at the fifty-ninth session of the Human Rights Council. The reports listed below will therefore be considered during the relevant general debate to be held at the sixtieth session.

Special procedures

The Human Rights Council will have before it the communications report of the special procedures (A/HRC/59/3).

Forum on Business and Human Rights

Pursuant to its resolutions 17/4 and 53/3, 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 thirteenth session of the Forum on Business and Human Rights, held in a hybrid format from 25 to 27 November 2024 (A/HRC/59/60).

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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-eighth session from 20 to 31 January 2025. At its fifty-ninth session, the Council will consider and adopt the final outcomes of the reviews of Italy (A/HRC/59/4), El Salvador (A/HRC/59/5), the Gambia (A/HRC/59/6), the Plurinational State of Bolivia (A/HRC/59/7), Fiji (A/HRC/59/8), San Marino (A/HRC/59/9), Kazakhstan (A/HRC/59/10), Angola (A/HRC/59/11), the Islamic Republic of Iran (A/HRC/59/12), Madagascar (A/HRC/59/13), Iraq (A/HRC/59/14), Slovenia (A/HRC/59/15), Egypt (A/HRC/59/16) and Bosnia and Herzegovina (A/HRC/59/17).

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 OS/18/1, no general debates will be held at the fifty-ninth session of the Council. The reports listed below will therefore be considered during the relevant general debate to be held at the sixtieth 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 them. The Council will have before it the reports of OHCHR on the operations of the Voluntary Funds (A/HRC/59/18 and A/HRC/59/19).

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

Situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967

The Human Rights Council will consider, pursuant to Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/2 A and Council resolution 5/1, the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, Francesca Albanese (A/HRC/59/23), 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

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 79/160, 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-ninth session, a report on the implementation of the resolution. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Ashwini K.P. (A/HRC/59/63), during an interactive dialogue.

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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 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 reports of the mandate holder, Ashwini K.P. (A/HRC/59/62 and A/HRC/59/62/Add.1), during an interactive dialogue.

10. Technical assistance and capacity-building

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

Pursuant to its resolution 53/30, 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 in the periodic report of OHCHR on the situation of human rights in Ukraine.

In its resolution 79/184, on the situation of human rights in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine, including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit for consideration an interim report to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-ninth 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/59/67).

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

In its resolution 57/35, 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-ninth session. The Council will hear the oral update of the Independent Expert, Yao Agbetse, during an interactive dialogue.

Enhancement of technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights in Colombia to implement the recommendations of the Commission for the Clarification of Truth, Coexistence and Non-Repetition

In its resolution 53/22, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to present to the Council, at its fifty-ninth session, a report on the enhancement of technical assistance and capacity-building to national and local authorities and other relevant actors to assist Colombia in the implementation of the recommendations made by the Commission for the Clarification of Truth, Coexistence and Non-Repetition, to be followed by an interactive dialogue. The Council will consider the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/59/64).

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

In its resolution 57/32, the Human Rights Council decided, in accordance with its resolution 18/18, that the theme of the annual thematic panel discussion under agenda item 10 to be held at its fifty-ninth session would be “The role of technical cooperation and capacity-building in strengthening national structures which play a role in promoting and safeguarding human rights, particularly national human rights institutions and national mechanisms for implementation, reporting and follow-up”. In the same resolution, the Council requested OHCHR to prepare a report, to be submitted to the Council at its fifty-ninth session, to serve as a basis for the panel discussion, on the role of technical cooperation and capacity-building among States, the Office and other relevant stakeholders, including national human rights institutions, to support States’ efforts to strengthen national structures which play a role in promoting and safeguarding human rights, particularly national human rights institutions and national mechanisms for implementation, reporting and follow-up,

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including the complementarity of the two latter entities. The panel discussion will be informed by the report of OHCHR thereon (A/HRC/59/65) (see annex).

Cooperation with Georgia

In its resolution 57/33, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to present a report on developments relating to and the implementation of that resolution at its fifty-ninth session. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/59/66).

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Annex

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

Mandate	*Panel/discussion*
Human Rights Council resolutions 6/30, 53/27 and 58/15	Annual full-day discussion on the human rights of women (accessible to persons with disabilities)
Human Rights Council resolution 57/13	Panel discussion on the realization of the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation (accessible to persons with disabilities)
Human Rights Council resolutions 50/9 and 56/8	Annual panel discussion on the adverse impacts of climate change on human rights: facilitating just transitions in the context of addressing the impacts of climate change on the full realization of human rights for all people (accessible to persons with disabilities)
Human Rights Council resolutions 18/18 and 57/32	Annual thematic panel discussion on technical cooperation and capacity-building: the role of technical cooperation and capacity-building in strengthening national structures which play a role in promoting and safeguarding human rights, particularly national human rights institutions and national mechanisms for implementation, reporting and follow-up (accessible to persons with disabilities)

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