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60/30. Enhancement of technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, particularly with regard to achieving international cooperation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status,

Reaffirming the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and recalling all relevant human rights treaties, including the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,

Recognizing that, in the context of technical cooperation and capacity-building, the enhancement of international cooperation is essential for the effective promotion, protection and fulfilment of human rights, which should be based on the principles of cooperation and genuine dialogue and aimed at strengthening the capacity of States to respect, protect and fulfil human rights, to prevent human rights violations and to comply with their human rights obligations for the benefit of all human beings,

Bearing in mind the mandate of the Human Rights Council, as stated by the General Assembly in its resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006, to promote advisory services, technical assistance and capacity-building, to be provided in consultation with and with the consent of the States concerned, and the provisions of Council resolutions 5/1 and 5/2 of 18 June 2007 and 16/21 of 25 March 2011 that aim to enable the Council to fulfil such a mandate,

Recalling all relevant Human Rights Council resolutions on the enhancement of technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights, on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, on mental health and human rights, on access to medicines, vaccines and other health products in the context of the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and on human rights in the context of HIV and AIDS,

Recalling also Human Rights Council resolution 44/2 of 16 July 2020, in which the Council underscored the central role of the State in responding to pandemics and other health



emergencies, and the socioeconomic consequences thereof in advancing sustainable development and the realization of all human rights,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, and recalling the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Goal 3 on ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages, and its specific and interlinked targets, and other health-related Goals and targets,

Recognizing the importance of enhancing international support for implementing effective and targeted capacity-building in developing countries to support national plans to implement all the Sustainable Development Goals,

Underlining the importance for relevant organizations of the United Nations system, especially the United Nations country teams, within their respective mandates, to mainstream technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights in their work and programmes,

Acknowledging the role and impact of the activities of the relevant agencies of the United Nations and international and regional organizations, the contribution of national stakeholders, including national human rights institutions, national mechanisms for implementation, reporting and follow-up and civil society organizations in providing States with technical support and assistance on the basis of the needs and requests of the States concerned, in the implementation of States’ human rights obligations, as well as their voluntary pledges and commitments, including accepted universal periodic review recommendations, in accordance with their respective mandates,

Reiterating that one of the responsibilities of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights is to provide advisory services and technical assistance, at the request of the State concerned, in the field of human rights, and to coordinate activities to promote and protect human rights throughout the United Nations system in accordance with the mandate of the Office,

Expressing appreciation for the important role played by the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, the Voluntary Fund for Participation in the Universal Periodic Review, the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Support the Participation of Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States in the Work of the Human Rights Council and the Voluntary Fund for Financial and Technical Assistance in the Implementation of the Universal Periodic Review in supporting States in developing their national capacities to effectively implement their human rights obligations, as well as voluntary pledges and commitments, and underlining the need to promote the visibility of these funds further to facilitate the way to solicit them and to strengthen efforts to enhance their complementarity,

Noting with appreciation the contributions of the Boards of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights and of the Voluntary Fund for Financial and Technical Assistance in the Implementation of the Universal Periodic Review through their annual reports to the Human Rights Council,¹ in particular on the components of technical cooperation and the identification of good practices,

Welcoming and encouraging new and existing initiatives aimed at sharing experiences, lessons learned and best practices, and providing human rights technical cooperation and capacity-building support, in consultation with and with the consent of the States concerned, through bilateral, regional, multilateral and international cooperation, including bilateral human rights dialogues and North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation, as well as public-private partnerships, to assist States in implementing their human rights obligations, as well as voluntary pledges and commitments, and underlining

¹ A/HRC/58/78 and A/HRC/59/18.

the need for States and all relevant stakeholders to work in complementarity with one another in the delivery of technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights,

Recognizing the need for States, in cooperation with international organizations and civil society, including non-governmental organizations and the private sector, to create favourable conditions at the national, regional and international levels to ensure the full and effective enjoyment of the right of everyone to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, and to address the underlying and social determinants of health,

Recalling that mental health is an integral part of the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health,

Noting with appreciation the adoption by the World Health Organization of the Pandemic Agreement in its resolution 78.1 of 20 May 2025 during the seventy-eighth World Health Assembly, which acknowledges that unequal development in different countries in the promotion of health and control of disease is a common danger that requires support through international cooperation,

Recognizing that, while the Human Rights Council has established the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and adopted health-related resolutions, there remains a need to complement these efforts with practical measures of technical cooperation and capacity-building,

1. *Emphasizes* that the general debate under agenda item 10 is an essential platform for members and observers of the Human Rights Council to openly and safely share their visions and views, and concrete experiences, challenges, progress and achievements, as well as information on assistance needed, with regard to promoting more effective technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights, and that such technical cooperation should remain an inclusive exercise that engages and involves all national stakeholders, including government agencies, national human rights institutions, national mechanisms for implementation, reporting and follow-up, the private sector, civil society, including women's organizations, and all rights holders;

2. *Reiterates* that technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights should continue to be based on consultations with and with the consent of the States concerned, and should take into account their requests, needs and priorities, as well as their national context, and the fact that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated, and are aimed at making a concrete impact at all levels on the ground;

3. *Underscores* the need to strengthen international, regional and bilateral cooperation and dialogue in support of the promotion and protection of human rights, with a view to generating sustainable outcomes, and encourages regional human rights bodies to share experiences and exchange good practices in the promotion and protection of human rights, including those relating to the empowerment of all women and girls, while engaging with relevant players, including national human rights institutions, civil society organizations and all rights holders;

4. *Reaffirms* the ongoing need for enhanced voluntary contributions to the relevant United Nations funds to support technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights, encourages States to continue to make contributions to these funds as well as to the technical assistance and capacity-building programme of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to ensure that the Office of the High Commissioner is in a position to respond to the requests for assistance identified in its annual appeals, and encourages the funds and the Office to continue to enhance the efficiency and transparency of their activities;

5. *Welcomes* the technical assistance and capacity-building provided by the Office of the High Commissioner, through United Nations resident coordinators and United Nations national and regional representations, in consultation with and with the consent of the States concerned, in particular with a view to supporting States in ensuring the full and effective enjoyment of the right of everyone to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health;

6. *Encourages* States in need of technical assistance in ensuring the full and effective enjoyment of the right of everyone to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health to consider requesting such assistance from the Office of the High Commissioner and other relevant United Nations agencies, and strongly encourages the Office and respective United Nations agencies to respond favourably to such requests and to provide information, in a transparent and timely manner, on the technical support available for and provided to States;

7. *Encourages* States to continue to promote initiatives aimed at sharing experiences, lessons learned and best practices in providing human rights technical cooperation and capacity-building support through bilateral cooperation, including bilateral human rights dialogues and North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation, to assist States in implementing their human rights obligations, as well as voluntary pledges and commitments;

8. *Stresses* the importance of enhancing coordination between the Office of the High Commissioner and other United Nations agencies in their technical cooperation and capacity-building efforts, and encourages the sharing of information and best practices on a regular basis between the Office, other relevant United Nations agencies and the States concerned on technical assistance and capacity-building efforts undertaken at the national level;

9. *Encourages* the special procedures of the Human Rights Council, in their interaction with States, to continue to share knowledge and best practices, including on the possibility of providing technical assistance and capacity-building within their respective mandates;

10. *Welcomes* the panel discussion held by the Human Rights Council at its fifty-ninth session, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 57/32 of 11 October 2024, on the theme “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”, at which participants underlined the importance of technical cooperation and capacity-building in supporting States in strengthening their national human rights institutions and national mechanisms for implementation, reporting and follow-up, as well as the complementarity between the two entities in the promotion and protection of human rights at the national level;²

11. *Recognizes* the ongoing development by the Office of the High Commissioner of an online repository pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 54/28 of 12 October 2023, which will be integrated into the UN Human Rights Knowledge Gateway as a knowledge hub on technical cooperation and capacity-building activities in the implementation of universal periodic review recommendations upon the consent of the States concerned, and calls upon States, relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, international and regional organizations, regional human rights mechanisms, national human rights institutions and civil society organizations to engage with the knowledge hub by regularly submitting and updating information in this area;

12. *Decides* that the annual thematic panel discussion under agenda item 10, pursuant to paragraphs 3 and 4 of Human Rights Council resolution 18/18 of 29 September 2011, will henceforth be held biennially starting from its sixty-second session, and that the theme at the said panel discussion will be “Technical cooperation and capacity-building in supporting States in the full and effective realization of the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health”, and to make it fully accessible to persons with disabilities;

13. *Requests* the Office of the High Commissioner to prepare a report on technical cooperation and capacity-building activities, as well as related challenges and best practices, of States, the Office and other relevant stakeholders, including national human rights institutions, in helping States to fully and effectively realize the right of everyone to the

² See A/HRC/59/65.

enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, based on contributions from States, relevant United Nations agencies and other stakeholders, and taking into account the outcome of the panel discussion, and to submit the report to the Human Rights Council at its sixty-sixth session;

14. *Calls upon* States to implement their human rights obligations, and also calls upon States, international human rights bodies and mechanisms, relevant international organizations, national human rights institutions, national mechanisms for implementation, reporting and follow-up and civil society to make use of the ideas and issues raised in the panel discussion and the above-mentioned report to enhance the efficiency, effectiveness and policy coherence of technical cooperation and capacity-building efforts and to build multi-stakeholder partnerships, in supporting States in the full and effective realization of the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health.

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[Adopted without a vote.]
