Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council on 28 September 2017

36/4. Mandate of the Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order

The Human Rights Council,


Recalling also Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1, on the institution-building of the Council, and 5/2, on the Code of Conduct for Special Procedures Mandate Holders of the Council, of 18 June 2007, and stressing that the mandate holder shall discharge his or her duties in accordance with those resolutions and the annexes thereto,

Reaffirming that everyone is entitled to a social and international order in which the rights and freedoms set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights can be fully realized,

Reaffirming also the determination expressed in the Preamble to the Charter of the United Nations to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom, to practice tolerance and good neighbourliness, and to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

Recognizing that democracy, respect for all human rights, including the right to development, transparent and accountable governance and administration in all sectors of society, and effective participation by civil society are an essential part of the necessary foundations for the realization of social and people-centred sustainable development,

Having listened to the peoples of the world, and recognizing their aspirations to justice, equality of opportunity for all, the enjoyment of their human rights, including the
right to development, to live in peace and freedom, and to equal participation without
discrimination in economic, social, cultural, civil and political life,

Resolved to take all measures within its power to secure a democratic and equitable
international order,

1. Reaffirms that everyone is entitled to a democratic and equitable international
order;

2. Also reaffirms that a democratic and equitable international order fosters the
full realization of all human rights for all;

3. Takes note of the report of the Independent Expert on the promotion of a
democratic and equitable international order,¹ and welcomes the work conducted by him;

4. Requests the Independent Expert to prepare a final report on his studies
conducted during the last six years of his mandate, and to share it with the Human Rights
Council at its thirty-seventh session;

5. Decides to renew the mandate of the Independent Expert on the promotion of
a democratic and equitable international order for a period of three years, in conformity
with the terms set forth by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 18/6;

6. Calls upon all Governments to cooperate with and assist the Independent
Expert in the discharge of his or her mandate, and to provide the Independent Expert with
all the necessary information requested by the Independent Expert in order to enable him or
her to fulfil the duties of the mandate effectively;

7. Requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to
provide all the human and financial resources necessary for the effective fulfilment of the
mandate by the Independent Expert;

8. Invites the Independent Expert to continue to develop close cooperation with
academia, think tanks and research institutes, such as South Centre, and with other
stakeholders from all regions;

9. Requests the human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the High
Commissioner, the special mechanisms of the Human Rights Council and the Human
Rights Council Advisory Committee to pay due attention, within their respective mandates,
to the present resolution, and to make contributions to its implementation;

10. Calls upon the Office of the High Commissioner to build upon the issue of
the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order;

11. Requests the Independent Expert to report regularly to the Human Rights
Council and the General Assembly in accordance with their respective programmes of
work;

12. Decides to continue its consideration of this matter under the same agenda
item at its thirty-ninth session.

39th meeting
28 September 2017

[Adopted by a recorded vote of 32 to 15, with no abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:
Bangladesh, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Brazil, Burundi,
China, Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia,
Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Nigeria,

Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Togo, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Against:
Albania, Belgium, Croatia, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Japan, Latvia, Netherlands, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Slovenia, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America]