



Human Rights Council**Fifty-first session**

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Agenda item 3

**Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil,
political, economic, social and cultural rights,
including the right to development****Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council
on 6 October 2022****51/13. Mandate of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of
violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples
to self-determination***The Human Rights Council,**Recalling* all previous resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, the Human Rights Council and the Commission on Human Rights on the subject,*Recalling also* Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1, on institution-building of the Council, and 5/2, on the Code of Conduct for Special Procedure Mandate Holders of the Council, of 18 June 2007, and stressing that all mandate holders shall discharge their duties in accordance with these resolutions and the annexes thereto,*Reaffirming* the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations concerning the strict observance of the principles of sovereign equality, political independence, the territorial integrity of States, the self-determination of peoples, the non-use of force or threat of use of force in international relations and non-interference in affairs within the domestic jurisdiction of States,*Reiterating* the request to all States to exercise the utmost vigilance against any kind of recruitment, training, hiring or financing of mercenaries,

1. *Decides* to extend for a period of three years the mandate of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, for it to continue its work¹ in accordance with Human Rights Council resolution 7/21 of 28 March 2008, and other relevant resolutions;

2. *Calls upon* all States to cooperate fully with the Working Group in the fulfilment of its mandate;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the Working Group with all the assistance and support necessary for the fulfilment of its mandate;

¹ See A/HRC/51/25.



4. *Requests* the Working Group to consult States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other relevant actors, including civil society organizations, in the implementation of the present resolution, and to report its findings to the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly in accordance with their programmes of work;

5. *Decides* to continue its consideration of this matter under the same agenda item in accordance with its programme of work.

*41st meeting
6 October 2022*

[Adopted by a recorded vote of 28 to 15, with 4 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Argentina, Armenia, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cameroon, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Eritrea, Gabon, Gambia, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Libya, Malawi, Malaysia, Mauritania, Namibia, Nepal, Pakistan, Paraguay, Qatar, Senegal, Sudan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Against:

Czechia, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Marshall Islands, Montenegro, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Korea, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America

Abstaining:

Brazil, Kazakhstan, Mexico and Somalia]
