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**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 2025

60/5. 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 Procedures Mandate Holders of the Human Rights Council, of 18 June 2007, and stressing that all mandate holders shall discharge their duties in accordance with those 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, arming, protection, transit or financing of mercenaries, online and offline,

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 work 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;
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 2025*

[Adopted by a recorded vote of 28 to 17, with 2 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Algeria, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Burundi, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Maldives, Mexico, Qatar, South Africa, Sudan, Thailand, Viet Nam

Against:

Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czechia, France, Georgia, Germany, Iceland, Japan, Morocco, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), North Macedonia, Republic of Korea, Romania, Spain, Switzerland

Abstaining:

Democratic Republic of the Congo, Marshall Islands]
