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Belarus,* China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea,* Egypt,* Eswatini,* Pakistan, Russian Federation, Sri Lanka,* Syrian Arab Republic* and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): draft resolution

48/... Negative impact of the legacies of colonialism on the enjoyment of human rights

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights,

Recalling also all relevant international human rights treaties, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,

Recalling further the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action,

Acknowledging the crucial role of the General Assembly and its Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples on the matters of decolonization,

Reaffirming that the existence of colonialism in any form or manifestation, including economic exploitation, is incompatible with the Charter, the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and regretting that measures to eliminate colonialism by 2020, as called for by the General Assembly in its resolution 65/119 of 10 December 2010, have not been successful,

Acknowledging that the period 2021–2030 is the Fourth International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism designated by the General Assembly, and that all Member States, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, and other governmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to actively support and participate in the implementation of the plan of action for the Fourth International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism,

* State not a member of the Human Rights Council.



Stressing the role of the Human Rights Council in promoting universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction of any kind and in a fair and equal manner, on the same footing and with the same emphasis,

Recognizing with concern that the legacies of colonialism, in all their manifestations, such as economic exploitation, inequality within and among States, systemic racism, violations of indigenous peoples' rights, contemporary form of slavery and damage to cultural heritage, have a negative impact on the effective enjoyment of all human rights,

1. *Stresses* the utmost importance of eradicating colonialism and addressing the negative impact of the legacies of colonialism on the enjoyment of human rights;

2. *Calls for* Member States, relevant United Nations bodies, agencies and other relevant stakeholders to take concrete steps to address the negative impact of the legacies of colonialism on the enjoyment of human rights;

3. *Invites* United Nations human rights mechanisms and procedures, in fulfilling their mandates, to continue to pay attention to the negative impact of the legacies of colonialism on the enjoyment of human rights;

4. *Decides* to convene a panel discussion at its fifty-first session and to make the discussion fully accessible to persons with disabilities, and invites Member States, relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, international organizations, national human rights institutions, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders to participate in the panel discussion, to identify challenges in addressing the negative impact of the legacies of colonialism on human rights, and to discuss ways forward, and requests the Office of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a summary report on the panel discussion, including in an accessible format, and to submit it to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-fourth session;

5. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide all resources necessary for the services and facilities for the above-mentioned panel discussion;

6. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.
