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Agenda item 2

**Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner  
for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the   
High Commissioner and the Secretary-General**

**Australia, Austria, Belgium,[[1]](#footnote-2)\* Bulgaria, Canada,\* Croatia,\* Cyprus,\* Czechia, Denmark, Estonia,\* Finland,\* France,\* Germany, Greece,\* Iceland,\* Ireland,\* Italy, Latvia,\* Liechtenstein,\* Lithuania,\* Luxembourg,\* Malta,\* Monaco,\* Montenegro,\* Netherlands, North Macedonia,\* Norway,\* Poland, Romania,\* Slovakia, Slovenia,\* Spain, Sweden\* and Switzerland\*: draft resolution**

**44/… Situation of human rights in Eritrea**

*The Human Rights Council*,

*Guided* by the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights and other relevant international human rights instruments,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006, Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1 and 5/2, both of 18 June 2007, resolution 91 and decisions 250/2002, 275/2003 and 428/12 of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights and all previous Council resolutions on the situation of human rights in Eritrea,

*Recalling also* the important regional developments in recent years and the potential they bear for the development of human rights in Eritrea,

*Welcoming* the commitment of the Government of Eritrea to the Sustainable Development Goals, and its participation in the third cycle of the universal periodic review on 28 January 2019[[2]](#footnote-3) and in the human rights dialogue with the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on 14 February 2020,[[3]](#footnote-4)

*Welcoming also* the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea[[4]](#footnote-5) and her conclusions,

1. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to present an oral update to the Human Rights Council at its forty-sixth session on progress made in the cooperation between Eritrea and the Office of the High Commissioner, and its impact on the situation of human rights in Eritrea;

2. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea for a further period of one year, and to continue to assess and report on the situation of human rights in follow-up to the report of the Special Rapporteur, and requests the Special Rapporteur to present an oral update to the Human Rights Council at its forty-sixth session during an interactive dialogue, and to present during an interactive dialogue a report on the implementation of the mandate to the Council at its forty-seventh session and to the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session;

3. *Calls upon* the Government of Eritrea to cooperate fully with the Special Rapporteur, including by granting access to the country and committing to making progress on the proposed benchmarks;[[5]](#footnote-6)

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with all the information and resources necessary to fulfil the mandate;

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

1. \* State not a member of the Human Rights Council. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. A/HRC/41/14. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. See CEDAW/C/ERI/CO/6. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. A/HRC/44/23. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. A/HRC/41/53, paras. 75–81. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)