



Human Rights Council

Resolution 7/31. Situation of human rights in Myanmar

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the principles and objectives of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenants on Human Rights, and recalling General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006 and Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/10 of 14 April 2005, Council resolutions S-5/1 of 2 October 2007 and 6/33 of 14 December 2007,

Acknowledging the announcement of the Government of Myanmar that it would hold a national referendum and elections, while emphasizing that those processes must be made fully transparent, inclusive, free and fair,

Emphasizing its support for the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Myanmar, while recalling his concern that his most recent visit had not achieved any immediate tangible outcome, including on the need for international monitoring of the announced constitutional referendum in May 2008,

Deeply concerned at the continuing deterioration of the living conditions and the increase in poverty affecting a significant part of the population throughout the country, with serious consequences for the enjoyment of their economic, social and cultural rights,

Expressing its deep concern at the situation of human rights in Myanmar, including the violent repression of the peaceful demonstrations of September 2007, and the failure of the Government of Myanmar to investigate and bring to justice the perpetrators of these violations, as well as at the continuing high number of political prisoners, including those detained in the wake of those demonstrations and the extension of the house arrest of the General Secretary of the National League for Democracy, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi,

1. *Strongly deplores* the ongoing systematic violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms of the people of Myanmar;

2. *Strongly urges* the Government of Myanmar to receive, as soon as possible, at his convenience, a follow-up mission by the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, as requested by the Council in its resolution 6/33, to cooperate fully with him and to follow up and implement the recommendations contained in the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/HRC/6/14);

3. *Strongly calls upon* the Myanmar authorities:

(a) To make the constitutional process, including the referendum, fully inclusive, participatory and transparent in order to ensure that the process is broadly representative of the views of all people of Myanmar and meets all international norms;

(b) To engage urgently in a reinvigorated national dialogue with all parties with a view to achieving genuine national reconciliation, democratization and the establishment of the rule of law;

(c) To ensure to its people basic freedoms and to desist from further denial of basic freedoms, such as the freedom of expression, assembly and religion or belief;

(d) To cooperate fully with humanitarian organizations, including by ensuring full, safe and unhindered access of humanitarian assistance to all persons in need throughout the country;

(e) To take urgent measures to put an end to violations of human rights and humanitarian law, including forced displacement and arbitrary detention, and to release all political prisoners immediately, without condition;

4. *Invites* the Special Rapporteur to continue to discharge his mandate in a coordinated manner with the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Myanmar;

5. *Requests* the Special Rapporteur to report on the implementation of Council resolutions S-5/1 and 6/33 to the Council at its next session;

6. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the Special Rapporteur with adequate support, including expert human resources, to facilitate the fulfilment of the mandate entrusted to him by the present resolution;

7. *Decides* to remain seized of this matter.

42nd meeting
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Adopted without a vote.