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Human Rights Council

Thirty-second session

Agenda item 3 Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development

32/... Youth and Human Rights

The Human Rights Council,

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

Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as the relevant international human rights instruments, in particular the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights ,

Recalling also all previous relevant resolutions including the most recent General Assembly resolution 70/127 on policies and programs involving youth as well as General Assembly resolution 50/81 of 14 December 1995, by which it adopted the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond, (pp1 A/RES/56/117)

Recalling the Vienna Declaration and Program of Action, which states that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interrelated, interdependent and mutually reinforcing, and that all human rights must be treated in a fair and equal manner, on the same footing and with the same emphasis,,

Welcoming the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and reaffirming the need to develop and implement strategies that give young people everywhere real opportunities for full, effective and constructive participation in society; (OP3 70/127)

Welcoming the high-level event held by the General Assembly on 29 May 2015 to mark the twentieth anniversary of the World Programme of Action for Youth, which offered an important opportunity for Member States and other relevant stakeholders to take stock of progress made in its implementation, as well as to

identify gaps and challenges and the way forward for its full, effective and accelerated implementation, (pp7 A/RES/70/127)

Looking forward to further contributions of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the special procedures and the treaty bodies, as well as the Envoy of the Secretary General on Youth, and other relevant international and regional human rights mechanisms in identifying and addressing obstacles to the enjoyment of human rights for youth,

Bearing in mind young people face specific challenges that require integrated responses by States, the UN System and other stakeholders,

Bearing also in mind that today's generation of youth is the largest the world has ever witnessed and the ways in which the challenges and potentials of young people are addressed by policy will influence the well-being and livelihood of future generations, (pp2 A/RES/50/81)

Underlining the important role youth can play in the promotion of peace, sustainable development and human rights and as well as the importance of active and wide participation of youth in decision-making

Stressing that the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms by young people empowers them to contribute to the political, civil, economic, social, and cultural development of their countries,

Recalling the UN Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training and Recognizing that human rights education and training for youth can contribute to the promotion of inclusive and tolerant societies, thereby favouring the progressive realization of all human rights, (pp.10 A/HRC/31/L.12)

1. *Decides* to convene at its thirty-third session a panel discussion on "Youth and Human Rights", the objective of which is to identify , challenges, best practices and lessons learned in the exercise of human rights by young people as well as relevant opportunities for empowerment of youth in the exercise of their rights, and requests the High Commissioner to liaise with States and all stakeholders, including the relevant United Nations bodies, agencies, and programs, treaty-bodies, special procedures of the Human Rights Council, national human rights institutions, and civil society including representatives of youth organizations with a view to ensuring their participation in the panel discussion,

2. *Also requests* the High Commissioner to prepare a report on the panel discussion in the format of a summary, and to submit the report to the Human Rights Council at its thirty-fifth session;

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