

Informal mapping of initiatives, and potential for informal dialogue
on rationalisation and improvement



Key:

Periodicity of resolutions:

● annual ● biennial ● triennial

Other work formats (panels):

● annual full day ● annual half day ● biennial half day

HRC and 3C text overlap (2012-2015):

● identical/significant overlap/elaboration ● some overlap ● no overlap/complementary

Potential for dialogue on rationalisation/improvement (R/I):

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Notes:

Human rights instruments: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/UniversalHumanRightsInstruments.aspx>.

Special Procedures reporting to the Third Committee: <http://www.un.org/en/ga/third/69/dialogues.pdf>

Italics: possible movement of initiative between sessions in order to benefit from synergies with similar or related initiatives?

*Composite (R/I) calculated by: number of purple circles (i.e. from columns on periodicity of HRC resolutions, annual panels, and HRC/3C resolution overlap) + presence of related Special Procedures mandate

March sessions

	'Geneva'						'New York'					
	Resolution(s)	SG/HC re-ports (2013-2015)	Other	Mechanism(s)		PBI	Instrument(s)	Resolution(s)	Mechanism(s)	R/I	Com-ment	
Initiative	HRC resolution(s)	Peri-odicity	Regular panel	Related Special Proce-dures	Est.		Convention(s)	3C resolution(s)	Overlap	SP reporting to 3C		
Rights of the child (EU-GRU-LAC)	Rights of the child (omnibus). Also related initiatives/texts including: health; mortality/morbidity; forced marriage; birth registration; play; education; and children with parents sentenced to death	●	18	● (annual full-day meeting on the rights of the child, each March session)	SR sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (reports March)	1990	CRC (1989) CRC-OPSC on sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (2000) CRC-OPAC on children in armed conflict (2000) OP3-CRC communications procedure (2011)	Related resolution at 3C: rights of the child. Also related initiatives/texts including: strengthening collaboration on child protection across the UN; the girl child; and child, early and forced marriage	● (Rights of the child) ● (Child early and forced marriage)	SR sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography SRSG for children and armed conflict SRSG on violence against children	● ● ● ●	
Rights of persons with disabilities (Mexico-New Zealand)	Resolution with different focus each year	●	4	● (annual half-day interactive debate, each March session)	SR rights of persons with disabilities (reports March)	2014	CRPD (2006) OP-CRPD on communications procedure (2006) Declaration on the rights of disabled persons (1975)	Example of related resolution at 3C: realising the MDGs for persons with disabilities Full realization of an inclusive and accessible United Nations for persons with disabilities	●	SR rights of persons with disabilities		
Persons with albinism (African Group)	Resolution	●	2		IE persons with albinism (reports March)	2015		Related resolutions at the 3C: international albinism awareness day; persons with albinism	●	IE persons with albinism	● ●	
Minorities (Austria)	Resolutions (staggering of functions: i.e. one year will renew SP mandate; one year will be a substantive resolution; and one year will renew mandate of Minorities Forum)	●	6	(Minorities Forum, annual, inter-sessional)	SR minorities (Austria; reports March)	2005 (changed from IE in 2014)	Declaration on the rights of minorities (1992)	Related resolution at 3C: effective promotion of the declaration on the rights of minorities	●	SR minorities	● ●	
Human rights defenders (Norway)	Resolution	●	2		SR human rights defenders (reports March)	2000 (changed from SRSG in 2008)		Related resolution at 3C: human rights defenders (e.g. protecting women human rights defenders)	●	SR human rights defenders		
Combating religious intolerance (16/18) (OIC)	Resolution (text is negotiated in parallel with FORB)	●	1				Declaration on intolerance and discrimination based on religion or belief (1981)	Related resolution at 3C: combating religious intolerance (negotiated in parallel with FORB)	●		● ●	

Freedom of religion or belief (FORB) (EU)	Resolution (text is negotiated in parallel with 16/18)	●	3		SR freedom of religion or belief (reports March)	1986			Related resolution at 3C: freedom of religion or belief (negotiated in parallel with 16/18)	●	SR freedom of religion or belief	● ● ●	
Torture (Denmark)	Resolution (staggering of focus and function each year)	?	7		SR torture (reports March)	1985		CAT (1984) OPCAT (2002) Declaration on the protection of all persons from torture	Related resolution at 3C: torture	●	SR torture		
Human rights while countering terrorism (Mexico)	Resolution	●	4		SR human rights while count. terrorism (reports March)	2005			Related resolutions at 3C: human rights while countering terrorism; technical assistance for implementing the international conventions and protocols related to counter-terrorism	●	SR human rights while count. terrorism	● ●	
Effects of terrorism on human rights (Egypt and core group)	Resolution (first tabled 2015)	N/A	2										
Terrorist hostage taking (African Group)	Resolution (last tabled in 2012)	N/A	1										
Democracy and rule of law (Romania)	Resolution	●	2	(Forum on democracy and rule of law, biennial, inter-sessional)					Related resolution at 3C: enhancing periodic and genuine elections and democratisation	●			
<i>Equal participation in political and public affairs (Botswana and core group)</i>	<i>Resolution (move from September session?)</i>	●	2									●	
Good governance (Poland and core group)	Resolution	●	1										
<i>Negative impact of corruption (Morocco, Austria, Poland, Indonesia)</i>	<i>Decision (move from June session?)</i>	●	1					<i>Convention against corruption (2003)</i>	<i>Related resolution at 3C: preventing and combating corrupt practices and the transfer of proceeds of corruption in accordance with the UN Convention against corruption</i>	●		●	
Illicit funds (African Group)	Resolution	●	2						See above	●		●	
Right to privacy in the digital age (Brazil, Germany)	Resolution	N/A	2		SR right to privacy (reports March)	2015			Related resolution at 3C: right to privacy in the digital age	●			

Prevention of genocide (Armenia)	Resolution		1					Genocide Convention (1951) Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (1998)				
Economic, social and cultural rights (Portugal)	Resolution		4					ICESCR (1966)	Related resolution at 3C: social integration through social inclusion			
Cultural rights (Cuba)	Resolution (renewing SP mandate, tabled every 3 years)		3		SR cultural rights (reports each March)	2009 (changed from IE in 2012)		Declaration on cultural diversity (2001)	Related resolution at 3C: human rights and cultural diversity		SR cultural rights	
International cooperation (NAM)	Resolution		4						Related resolution at 3C: enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights			
<i>International solidarity (Cuba)</i>	<i>Resolution (move from June session?)</i>		1		<i>IE international solidarity (reports June)</i>	2005					<i>IE international solidarity</i>	
Democratic and equitable international order (Cuba)	Resolution	?	2		IE equitable international order (mandate renewal in September, reports September)				Related resolution at 3C: democratic and equitable international order		IE equitable international order	
Foreign debt (Cuba)	Resolution		2		IE foreign debt (reports March)	2000					IE foreign debt	
Food (Cuba)	Resolution		2		SR food (reports March)	2000			Related resolution at 3C: right to food		SR food	
<i>Water and sanitation (Germany, Spain)</i>	<i>Resolution (move from September session?)</i>		2		<i>SR water and sanitation (reports September)</i>	<i>2008 (changed from IE in 2011)</i>			<i>Related resolution at 3C: right to water</i>		<i>SR water and sanitation</i>	
Housing (Germany, Finland)	Resolution		2		SR housing (reports March)	2000					SR housing	
Mainstreaming (Portugal)	PRST (last tabled in 2013)		1		(annual half-day high-level panel on mainstreaming, each March session)							
Composition of staff of OHCHR (Cuba)	Resolution		1									
Drones (Pakistan)	Resolution		1									
Right to work (Egypt)	Resolution	N/A						Employment Policy Convention (1964, No. 122)				
Drugs (Albania and core group)	Resolution (first tabled March 2015)		1						Related resolutions at 3C: Special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016; international cooperation against the world drug problem			

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June sessions

	'Geneva'						'New York'						
	Resolution(s)		SG/HC reports (2013-2015)	Other	Mechanism(s)	PBI	Instrument(s)	Resolution(s)	Mechanism(s)	R/I	Comment		
Initiative	HRC resolution(s)	Periodicity		Regular panel	Related Special Procedures	Est.		Convention(s)	3C resolution(s)	Overlap	SP reporting to 3C		
Women's rights (various)	Resolutions on, <i>inter alia</i> : discrimination against women (Colombia, Mexico); violence against women (Canada); maternal mortality (Burkina Faso, Colombia, New Zealand – currently September); Beijing Declaration follow-up (Presidency); trafficking in women and girls (Germany and Philippines); right to a nationality - women and children (US); eliminating FGM (African Group)	●	14	● (annual full-day debate on women's rights, each June session) ● (annual half-day panel on the integration of a gender perspective, each September session)	WG discrimination against women (reports June); SR violence against women (reports June)	2010 (WG) 1994 (SR)		CEDAW (1979) OP-CEDAW communications procedure (1999) Declaration on the elimination of violence against women (1993)	Related resolutions at 3C: discrimination against women; violence against women and girls; trafficking in women and girls; Beijing follow-up; eliminating FGM; violence against women migrant workers; women and girls in rural areas; gender-related killing of women and girls	● (violence against women)	WG discrimination against women SR violence against women	● ● ●	
<i>Preventable maternal mortality and morbidity (New Zealand, Burkina Faso, Colombia)</i>	<i>Resolution. Move from September session? (As linked with women's rights and health – both June)</i>	●	3									●	
Migrants (Mexico)	Resolution (also related texts on migrants at sea; migrants from North Africa)	●	2		SR migrants (reports June)	1999		ICPMW (1990) Protocol against the smuggling of migrants by land, sea or air (2000)	Related resolution at 3C: protection of migrants	●	SR migrants	● ●	
Internally displaced persons (Austria)	Resolution	●	4		SR internally displaced persons (reports June)	1992 (changed from SRSG in 2010)			Related resolutions at 3C: protection of IDPs; assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa	●	SR internally displaced persons		
Trafficking in persons, especially women and children (Germany, Philippines)	Resolution	●	3		SR trafficking, especially women and children (reports June)	2004		Convention for the prevention of trafficking in persons (1949) Protocol to prevent and suppress trafficking in persons (2000)	Related resolutions at 3C: trafficking in women and girls; improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons	●	SR trafficking, especially women and children	● ●	

Contemporary forms of slavery (UK)	Resolutions renewing SP mandate	●	2		SR contemporary forms of slavery (reports September)	2007		Slavery Convention (1926) Forced Labour Convention (1947, No. 29) Abolition of Forced Labour Convention (1957, No. 105)					
Protection of Roma (Russia)	Resolution (first tabled June 2014)	N/A											
Rights of peasants (Bolivia and core group)	Resolution (first tabled June 2014)	N/A	1					Work of IGWG on declaration on the rights of peasants on-going					
Arbitrary deprivation of nationality (Russia)	Resolution	●	1										
Extrajudicial, summary executions (Sweden)	Resolutions renewing SP mandate	●	2		SR summary executions (reports June)	1982		Principles on the prevention of summary executions (1989)	Related resolution at 3C: extrajudicial, summary executions	●	SR summary executions	●	
Freedom of opinion and expression (US and others)	Resolutions on freedom of opinion and expression; on freedom of expression on the internet; on renewing the SP mandate	●	1		SR freedom of opinion and expression (reports June)	1993					SR freedom of opinion and expression	●	
Safety of journalists	Resolution (move from September session?)	●							Related resolution at the 3C: safety of journalists	●			
Independence and impartiality of the judiciary (Hungary)	Resolutions	●	3		SR independence of judges and lawyers (reports June)	1994		Basic Principles on the independence of the judiciary (1985) Basic Principles on the role of lawyers (1990)			SR independence of judges and lawyers	●	
Integrity of judicial system (Russia)	Resolution	●	2										
Administration of justice (Austria)	Resolution (move from September session?)	●	4						Related resolution at 3C: administration of justice	●		●	
The question of the death penalty (Belgium, France and core group)	Resolution	N/A	5	●	(biennial half-day high-level panel on the question of the death penalty, every other March session)				Related resolution at 3C: moratorium on the use of the death penalty	●		●	

Right to peace (Cuba)	Resolution (normally tabled in June but in 2014 tabled in September)	●	3					Declaration on the right of peoples to peace (1984) Work of IGWG on declaration on right to peace on-going	Related resolution at 3C: promotion of peace and human rights	●		●
Health (Brazil)	Resolutions on: right to health; and access to medicines in the context of the right to health (sometimes tabled in June, sometimes in September)	●	2		SR right to health	2002					SR right to health	● ●
HIV/AIDS – access to medicine (Brazil)	<i>Last tabling March 2011</i>	N/A						<i>Declaration of commitment on HIV/AIDS (2001)</i>				
Right to education (Portugal)	Resolution	●	2		SR right to education (reports June)	1998					SR right to education	● ●
Extreme poverty (France)	Resolution (sometimes tabled in June, sometimes September)	●	1		SR extreme poverty (reports June)	1998 (2011 changed from IE)			Related resolution at 3C: human rights and extreme poverty	●	SR extreme poverty	● ●
Protection of the family (Egypt and core group)	Resolution (first tabled June 2014)	N/A	1						Related resolution at 3C: International Year of the Family			
The Social Forum (Cuba)	Social Forum (inter-sessional)	●	2	(Social Forum, annual, inter-sessional)								●
Business and human rights (Norway, Russia, Argentina, Ghana)	Resolution	●	6	(Annual Forum on business and human rights, annual, inter-sessional)	WG business and human rights (reports June)	2005 (changed from SRSG in 2011)					WG business and human rights	● ●
Elaboration of an international instrument on business and human rights (Ecuador, South Africa)	Resolution (first tabled June 2014)	N/A	1					IGWG meets for first time 2015				
Civilian use of firearms (Ecuador, Peru)	Resolution only tabled in June 2014	N/A										

September sessions

	'Geneva'						'New York'					
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Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (African Group)	Resolutions on, <i>inter alia</i> : from rhetoric to reality – a global call for action; follow-up to the World Conference against racism, and implementation of the Durban Declaration (March); elaboration of international complementary standards to the ICERD; people of African descent; education as a tool to prevent racism (Brazil and core group - March)	●	13		SR contemporary forms of racism (reports June) Working Group of experts on people of African descent (reports September)	1993 (SR) 2002 (WG)	ICERD (1965) Declaration on race and racial prejudice (1978) Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (2001) Work of Ad-hoc committee on complementary standards to ICERD on-going	Example of related resolutions at 3C: elimination of racism; follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action	●	SR contemporary forms of racism WG people of African descent	● ● ●	
Incompatibility between democracy and racism (Uruguay)	Resolution	●										
Indigenous peoples (Mexico, Guatemala)	Resolution	●	10	● (annual half-day panel on the rights of indigenous peoples, each September session) (annual meeting of Expert Mechanism on the rights of indigenous persons - inter-sessional)	SR on the rights of indigenous peoples (reports September)	2001	Declaration on the rights of indigenous persons (2007)	Related resolution at 3C: rights of indigenous peoples	●	SR on the rights of indigenous peoples	● ●	
Older persons (Argentina, Brazil)	Resolution	●	1		IE on the rights of older persons (reports September)	2013	UN Principles for Older Persons (1991)	Related resolutions at 3C: follow-up to the international year of older persons; follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing; measures to enhance the Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights and Dignity of Older Persons	●	IE on the rights of older persons	● ● ●	

Right to truth (Argentina)	Resolution	●	2		SR on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence (reports September)	2011			Related resolution at 3C: right to truth	●	SR on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence		
Forensic genetics (Argentina)	Resolution (last tabled September 2010)	N/A											
Transitional justice (Switzerland)	Resolution	●	1										
Arbitrary detention (France)	Resolution	●	1		WG arbitrary detention (reports September) 1998-2000 CHR Bureau proposed to change into SR	1991							
Enforced disappearances (France, Morocco, Argentina, Japan)	Resolution	●	3		WG enforced disappearances (France; reports September) 1998-2000 CHR Bureau proposed to change into SR	1980		CED (2006) Declaration on protection of persons from enforced disappearances (1992)	Related resolution at 3C: International convention on enforced disappearance	●	WG enforced disappearances	● ● ●	
Right to development (NAM)	Resolution	●	2					Declaration on the right to development (1986)	Related resolutions at 3C: right to development; World Summit for Social Development, co-operatives in social development	●		●	
<i>Environment (Costa Rica and core group)</i>	<i>Resolution (move from March session?)</i>	●	2		<i>SR human rights and the environment (reports March)</i>	<i>2012 (changed from IE in 2015)</i>						● ●	
<i>Climate change (Bangladesh, Philippines)</i>	<i>Resolution (move from June session?)</i>	●	1									●	
Hazardous waste (African Group)	Resolution	●	2		SR hazardous waste (reports September) 1998-2000 CHR Bureau proposed to expand the mandate to cover the environment								
Freedom of assembly/association (US and core group)	Resolution	●	1		SR freedom of assembly and association (reports June)	2010		Freedom of association and protection of the right to organise convention (1948, No. 87)					
<i>Peaceful protest (Switzerland)</i>	<i>Resolution (move from March session?)</i>	●	2										

Cooperation with the UN human rights system (reprisals) (Hungary)	Resolution	●	2										
Civil society space (Ireland and core group)	Resolution	●	1									●	
Traditional values (Russia)	Resolution (last tabled in September 2012)	●	1										
Unilateral coercive measures (NAM)	Resolution	●	2	● (biennial half-day panel discussion on unilateral coercive measures, held every other June session)	SR unilateral coercive measures (reports September)	2014			Related resolution at 3C: unilateral coercive measures	●	SR unilateral coercive measures	● ●	
The use of mercenaries (Cuba)	Resolution	●	3		WG mercenaries (reports September) (1998-2000 CHR Bureau proposed to end this mandate)	1987 (changed from SR in 2005)		International Convention against the use of mercenaries (1989)	Related resolution at 3C: the use of mercenaries	●	WG mercenaries	● ● ●	
<i>IGWG on private military and security companies (African Group)</i>	<i>Resolutions renew mandate of IGWG (previously in September, now in March; move back to September?)</i>		1					<i>IGWG considering possible international regulatory framework</i>					
Impact of arms transfers on human rights (Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru)	Resolution (only tabled in September 2013)	N/A	1										
Conscientious objection to military service (Costa Rica, Croatia, Poland)	Resolution (last tabled in September 2013)	●	1										
Human rights, sexual orientation and gender identity (Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Uruguay)	Resolution	●	1										
World Programme for Human Rights Education (Costa Rica and core group)	Resolutions on: World Programme for human rights education; and UN Declaration on human rights education and training (last tabled in 2011)	●	1					UN Declaration on human rights education and training (2011)	Related resolution at 3C: human rights learning	No data		●	

Promoting human rights through sport and the Olympic ideal (Brazil and core group)	Resolution	●	1									●	
The role of prevention (Ukraine, Hungary and core group)	Resolution	●	2										
Effective implementation of instruments (Canada)	Resolution (last tabled in 2008)	N/A	1						Related resolutions at 3C: various related resolutions (e.g. on the international covenants, CRPD and CAT)	N/A			
National policies (Ecuador, Peru and core group)	Resolution	●	1									●	
Technical co-operation and capacity building in the field of human rights (Thailand and core group)	Resolution	●	4	●	(annual half-day thematic panel on technical cooperation, last held March 2015)							●	
<i>Contribution of parliaments (Morocco, Spain and core group)</i>	<i>Resolution (move from June?)</i>	●										●	
National human rights institutions (Australia)	Resolution	●	3					Principles on the status of national institutions (Paris Principles) (1993)	Related resolution at 3C: national institutions	●		●	
Regional arrangements (Belgium and core group)	Resolution	●	1										
Regional cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region	Resolution (not tabled since 2010)	N/A											
Local government and human rights (Chile, Egypt, South Korea, Romania)	Resolution	●										●	

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