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Promotion and protection of human rights

### Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 19 December 2023

[on the report of the Third Committee ([A/78/481](#), para. 72)]

#### 78/194. Commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

*The General Assembly,*

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

*Guided also by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights<sup>1</sup> and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action,<sup>2</sup> as well as the International Covenants on Human Rights<sup>3</sup> and other relevant human rights instruments,*

*Noting that 2023 marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the thirtieth anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, and acknowledging the importance of these instruments for the promotion and protection of all human rights,*

*Emphasizing that these anniversaries offer a valuable opportunity to raise awareness and to reflect on achievements, best practices and challenges with regard to the full realization of human rights for all, without discrimination of any kind,*

*Recalling the continued practice established in its resolution [2217 A \(XXI\)](#) of 19 December 1966, in which it decided to award at five-year intervals the United Nations award for outstanding achievements in the field of human rights,*

*Reaffirming the importance of ensuring the universality, indivisibility, interdependence and interrelatedness of all human rights and fundamental freedoms,*

*1. Welcomes the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the thirtieth anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, and stresses the importance of all United Nations human rights mechanisms*

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution [217 A \(III\)](#).

<sup>2</sup> [A/CONF.157/24 \(Part I\)](#), chap. III.

<sup>3</sup> Resolution [2200 A \(XXI\)](#), annex.



with regard to the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

2. *Also welcomes* the commemoration of these anniversaries by States, international organizations and all relevant stakeholders through various initiatives, including the programme of activities of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and invites States and all relevant stakeholders to take part meaningfully, where appropriate;

3. *Urges* States to redouble their efforts in fulfilling their duty to promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms, and to implement the provisions enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.

*50th plenary meeting  
19 December 2023*

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