

Human Rights Day
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**UN committee Chairpersons call for collective efforts and institutional support**

*Geneva (9 December 2022)* – *To safeguard fundamental human rights and freedom for all in these challenging times, the Chairpersons of the UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies called on States to provide institutional support, including adequate and sustainable resources. On the eve of this year’s Human Rights Day, the Chairpersons issued the following statement to reaffirm their continuing and unwavering commitment to the effective protection and full realisation of all human rights.*

“Seventy-four years ago, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](https://www.ohchr.org/en/universal-declaration-of-human-rights), providing a general framework for a common understanding of the rights to which all people are entitled and thus paving the way for fundamental human rights treaties.

The road travelled since then has been complex. In spite of the progress achieved, concerns of the years following the founding of the United Nations have greatly expanded. Challenges such as poverty, climate change, pandemics, armed conflicts, discrimination and inequality in all spheres have continued to persist, threatening the enjoyment of human rights.

In the face of those growing challenges, the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration have been consolidated through the adoption of ten core human rights treaties that both recognised the evolving human rights and created the [Human Rights Treaty Bodies](https://www.ohchr.org/en/treaty-bodies) to monitor compliance with such instruments. As a result, international human rights law is more important than ever.

Today, the Chairpersons of the Human Rights Treaty Bodies, upholding the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, reaffirm their continued commitment to strengthening their monitoring role in accordance with their respective human rights instruments and United Nations General Assembly [Resolution 68/268](https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/Documents/HRBodies/TB/HRTD/A-RES-68-268_E.pdf).

At our last meeting in June of this year, we, the Treaty Body Chairpersons, [agreed](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=A%2F77%2F228&Lang=en) to maximise the impact of our work and substantially improve its effectiveness through establishing a predictable calendar of State reports review every eight years with a mid-term follow-up review. This is also to harmonize our working methods, provide reasonable accommodation for committee experts with disabilities, and enhance digital uplift.

We are convinced that all this will prompt more effectiveness in the role of the Treaty Body System. For our effort to be completed, we need the participation of civil society, national human rights institutions, and all the stakeholders involved in human rights protection. We call upon States to join this collective effort with their institutional support, including sufficient and sustainable resources.

On commemorating the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we reiterate our continuing and unwavering commitment to the effective protection and full realisation of all human rights.”

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Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Committee on Enforced Disappearances

Committee on Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Committee on the Rights of the Child

Human Rights Committee

Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

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