

RESOLUTION II – SPAIN

THEME : CONFLICTS AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

CONCERN : REFORM OF ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

Deeply alarmed	that States such as the People's Republic of China obstruct international human rights law by persecuting minorities and violating their fundamental rights, while simultaneously being integral members of UN bodies and councils such as the Human Rights Council, whose mandate is to promote and protect the very rights they infringe,
Recalling	that international treaties and conventions such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights define fundamental rights which must imperatively be respected and guaranteed for all individuals, regardless of their affiliations, beliefs, or origins, and that the recognition and protection of these rights constitute an indispensable foundation for global peace and justice,
Gravely concerned	that an organization intended to represent and safeguard peace among a wide range of countries has become the foundation for policies acting unilaterally, disregarding fundamental legal norms and universal rights, thereby freely contributing to the deterioration of the current geopolitical climate,
Emphasizing	that the adoption of stringent criteria for eligibility to the Human Rights Council is essential, first and foremost, to ensure the most coherent possible protection of these rights, and subsequently to strengthen—or even restore—the credibility and effectiveness of the United Nations in an era in which States too often assert their sovereignty through aggression and the deliberate violation of fundamental rights,
Recognizing	that the introduction of new measures will instill in States the fear of no longer being able to actively participate in international law, thereby generating a positive dynamic in their domestic policies—at least with regard to human rights—that such measures will reduce conflicts of interest and prevent authoritarian regimes from using their seat to distort their status or undermine investigations, thus paving the way for improved governance within the United Nations,
Decides	to establish a system composed of a committee tasked with assessing the eligibility of States seeking to join the Human Rights Council, based on specific disqualifying criteria, the principal one being the recognition by the competent authorities of involvement in crimes against humanity.

The french text is binding.