

PRESSEMITTEILUNG

120/21

22.02.2021

Human rights: Council adopts conclusions on EU priorities in UN human rights fora in 2021

The Council today adopted conclusions on the EU's priorities in UN human rights fora in 2021. The conclusions reaffirm the EU's commitment to **respect, protect and fulfil human rights, democracy and the rule of law** and to stand **united in support of the UN human rights system** as a cornerstone of its external action.

Especially in the context of the **COVID-19 pandemic**, the EU will ensure that **all** human rights remain at the core of its response to the pandemic and global recovery.

The EU will continue to monitor the human rights situation globally and will **denounce human rights violations and abuses** wherever they occur, making use of all available instruments including the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime.

The EU will fully support the work and mandate of the **UN High Commissioner for Human Rights** and her office and will call on all states to respect her independence, cooperate on the effective delivery of her mandate, and ensure adequate financing.

The EU will continue to **use all available tools** to fulfil its commitments to human rights, including in the framework of the UN Human Rights Council, the UN General Assembly, the UN Security Council and any other relevant fora.

Council conclusions on EU priorities at UN human rights fora are adopted on a yearly basis.

Press office - General Secretariat of the Council

Rue de la Loi 175 - B-1048 BRUSSELS - Tel.: +32 (0)2 281 6319

press@consilium.europa.eu - www.consilium.europa.eu/press