

## Report of 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of Human Rights Council (13<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July)

### 1. Oral Statements

- ***Freedom of peaceful assembly in Okinawa, Japan*** (Item 3: Clustered Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June)  
<http://imadr.org/freedomofpeacefulassembly-okinawa-japan-hrc32-2016-os/>  
\* Not delivered due to the limitation of NGO speakers
- ***Caste and intersecting forms of discrimination against women and girls*** (Item 3: Clustered Interactive Dialogue with the Working Group on Discrimination Against Women, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June)  
<http://imadr.org/casteintersecting-forms-of-discrimination-against-womengirls-hrc32-2016-os/>  
\*Supported by International Dalit Solidarity Network (IDSN) and Feminist Dalit Organization (FEDO), not delivered due to the limitation of NGO speakers
- ***Human rights in Bangladesh and civil society space of the Human Rights Council*** (Item 4: General Debate, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June)  
<http://imadr.org/humanrights-bangladesh-civilsociety-space-hrc-2016-os/>
- ***Xenophobia against vulnerable groups*** (Item 9: Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June)  
<http://imadr.org/xenophobia-against-vulnerablegroups-hrc32-2016-os/>
- ***Transitional justice challenges in Sri Lanka*** (Item 2: General Debate (Other High Commissioner's country reports and oral updates, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June)  
<http://imadr.org/transitionaljustice-challenges-srilanka-hrc32-2016-os/>

### 2. IMADR side events

- ***Accountability and Good Governance in Sri Lanka*** (Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June), co-sponsored by Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA) and Franciscans International.  
Summary of the event: <http://imadr.org/hrc32-sideevent-srilanka-summary/>

### 3. Other side events

- ***Recent Developments in Sri Lanka*** (Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June), organised by the Government of Sri Lanka.
  - Presentation by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka, Mr. Mangala Samaraweera on

the progress in implementing the Human Rights Council resolution “*Promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka (A/HRC/RES/30/1)*” followed by discussion. For further information, please refer the attached notes.

- **\*There are no indigenous people problems in Okinawa** (Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June), organised by International Career Support Association.
  - This event was organised by ultra conservative hate groups in Japan which have been actively advocating to deny the Japanese government’s responsibility for the “Comfort Women” issues. The event was poorly attended which had less than 10 participants. For further information, please refer the attached notes.

#### **4. Other lobbying and advocacy activities**

- **Sri Lanka:** During the Council, the Geneva office arranged a number of meetings for Co-Chairperson Nimalka Fernando with Permanent Missions and the OHCHR desk officer of Sri Lanka with regard to the implementation of the resolution 30/1. A meeting was organised with the staff team of the Special rapporteur on minority issues prior to her official visit from 10<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> October.
- **Japan:** the Geneva office prepared a letter with the NGO Network for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination Japan (ERD Net) to the Special rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance to request his follow-up visit to Japan. The Geneva office provided information to the Special rapporteur during the Council.

#### **5. Outcomes of HRC 32 related to IMADR activities**

- The resolution on “***Protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity***” (A/HRC/32/L.2/ Rev.1) submitted by Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico and Uruguay was adopted by vote (Yes: 23, No: 18, Abstention: 6). It appoints an independent expert for 3 years. The resolution was contested with 11 amendments and no-action motion from countries from Organisation of Islamic Cooperation except Albania. 6 amendments for were passed by vote to add paragraphs to include wordings of balancing, cultural relativism and sovereignty.
- The resolution on “***Trafficking in persons, especially women and children: protecting victims of trafficking and people at risk of trafficking, especially women and children in conflict and post-conflict situations***” (A/HRC/32/L.6) proposed by Mexico and Philippines was adopted by consensus. It urges States to take measures to protect persons at risk of and victims of human trafficking due to conflict and post-conflict situations.
- The resolution on “***Elimination of discrimination against women***” (A/HRC/32/L.7/Rev.1) submitted by Colombia was adopted by consensus. It focuses on the right to health including sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights. It also extends the mandate of the

Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice for 3 years. The proposed amendments by Russia and China to remove terms “human rights-based approach” and “human rights defenders” from the text were rejected by vote.

- The resolution on **“Business and human rights: improving accountability and access to remedy”** (A/HRC/32/L.19) submitted by Argentina, Ghana, Norway and Russia was adopted by consensus. It requests the OHCHR to convene two open consultations: 1<sup>st</sup> consultation to analyse best practices on cross-border cooperation between State agencies and judicial bodies and submit its report to the 35<sup>th</sup> session of the Human Rights Council; 2<sup>nd</sup> consultation on the access to remedy and submit its report to 38<sup>th</sup> session. It also requests the OHCHR to prepare a report on the effectiveness of State-based non-judicial mechanism for the 38<sup>th</sup> session.
- The resolution on **“Protection of human rights of migrants: strengthening the promotion and protection of the human rights of migrants, including in large movements”** (A/HRC/32/L.22) proposed by Mexico was adopted by consensus. It decides to hold an enhanced interactive dialogue on “the human rights of migrants in the context of large movement” at the 34<sup>th</sup> session based on the OHCHR report on the theme submitted to the 33<sup>rd</sup> session.
- The resolution on **“Addressing the impact of multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination and violence in the context of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance on the full enjoyment of all human rights by women and girls”** (A/HRC/32/L.25) proposed by Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay, Uruguay was adopted by consensus. It requests the OHCHR to prepare a report on this topic for the 35<sup>th</sup> session, followed by a panel discussion on the theme at 36<sup>th</sup> session.
- The resolution on **“Accelerating efforts to eliminate violence against women: Preventing and responding to violence against women and girls, including indigenous women and girls”** (A/HRC/32/L.28/Rev.1) proposed by Canada was adopted by vote (Yes: 31, No: 7, Abstention: 9). 4 proposed amendments from Russia and China to exclude the reference to the Security Council resolution, the terms “intimate partner violence”, “human rights defenders” and “sexual education” were rejected by vote.
- The resolution on **“Civil society space”** (A/HRC/32.L.29) proposed by Chile, Ireland, Japan, Sierra Leone and Tunisia was adopted by vote (yes: 31, No: 7, Abstention: 9). Amendments proposed by Russia and China to remove the terms “human rights defenders”, “vulnerable groups” as well as the paragraphs to condemn the undue restriction on civil society space were rejected by vote.
- The resolution on **“Declaration on the Right to Peace”** (A/HRC/32/L.18) proposed by Cuba was adopted by vote (yes: 34, No: 9, Abstention: 4). The text of the Declaration is attached.