

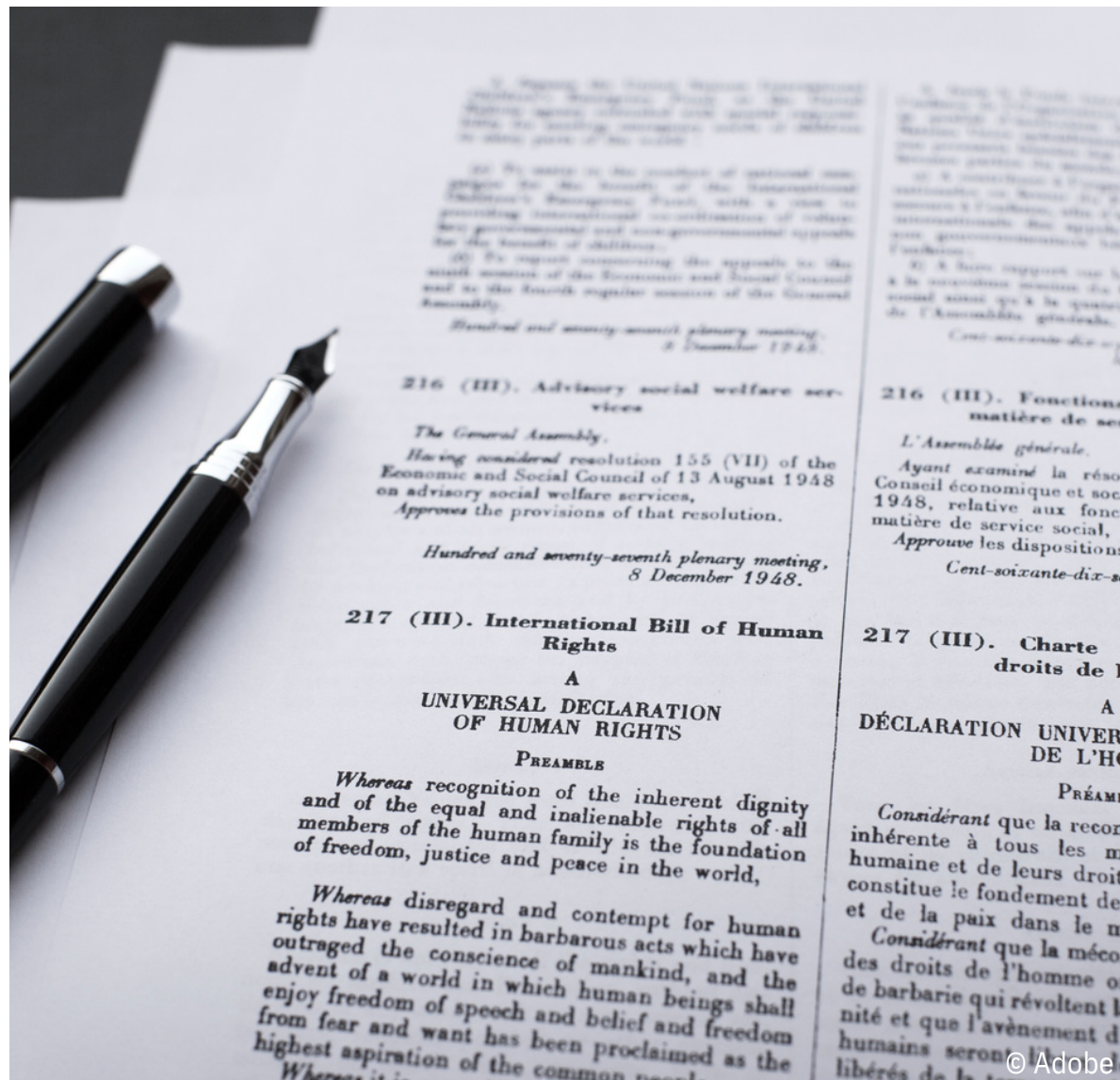
ENSURING HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE FACE OF CURRENT GLOBAL CHALLENGES

SIDE EVENT AT THE 53RD SESSION OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 12 JULY 2023 | 14:00 - 15:00
ROOM XXV, PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA

Universality has been a key international human rights law principle since it was enshrined in the preamble of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) in 1948.

On the occasion of UDHR 75th anniversary and VDPA 30th anniversary, this HRC side event co-organized with the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and Geneva for Human Rights will discuss the relevance of universal human rights – i.e. human rights that protect all individuals worldwide – to tackling current global challenges.



Participants will address, among others, the following questions:

- How can human rights offer protection before, during and after crisis and armed conflicts?
- How do they contribute to the debates on building sustainable peace and supporting development?
- What can the universal framework at ‘HumanRights75’ offer with regard to climate change and major threats to our living environment and living conditions?
- How do human rights contribute to address energy crisis and pandemics?
- What are the human rights challenges and opportunities with regard to the use of new technologies?

MODERATION

- Felix Kirchmeier, Executive Director, Geneva Human Rights Platform

SPEAKERS

- H.E. Franz Perrez, Director of the Directorate of International Law, FDFA Switzerland
- H.E. Nada Al-Nashif, Deputy UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, OHCHR
- Adrien-Claude Zoller, President of the NGO ‘Geneva for Human Rights’
- Hélène Tigroudja, Member of the UN Human Rights Committee