



Aide Memoire

Candidacy of the Republic of Chile to the Human Rights Council for the 2023-2025 period

1. The Government of the Republic of Chile is pleased to present its candidacy to the United Nations Human Rights Council for the 2023-2025 period, which election will take place in New York during the 77th session of the General Assembly.
2. The candidacy of Chile reaffirms our commitment to the defence, promotion and protection of the rights of all people, a commitment that has a tradition that was born with the participation of Chilean Ambassador Hernán Santa Cruz, in the Drafting Commission of the Human Rights Universal Declaration, human rights being one of the cornerstones of Chile's Foreign Policy.
3. Chile has defended the need for an operational multilateral system, in which the mechanisms for the promotion and protection of human rights, both universal and regional, have an impact at both the global and national levels.
4. During our three periods as a member country of the Human Rights Council (2009-2011, 2012-2014 and 2018-2020) and in our participation as an observer country, we have actively promoted mainstreaming, integration, universality, indivisibility, interrelation and interdependence of human rights, carrying out concrete actions to reinforce the indispensable participation of civil society.
5. Our candidacy comes at a challenging time for multilateralism in general, and for the human rights architecture in particular. Today we are faced with the challenge of recognizing new realities regarding human rights, particularly in the area of civil and political rights, gender and women's rights, and the need to protect vulnerable groups during the pandemic.
6. Chile identifies and supports the Human Rights Council as the main space for cooperation, dialogue and consensus on human rights in the United Nations System. Our country has been an active promoter of the incorporation of the gender perspective in the United Nations System, the fight against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, the generation of spaces for civil society in international and regional organizations, the role of good governance and local governments in the promotion and protection of human rights and the autonomy and independence of special procedures.
7. Chile's commitment is expressed through actions and concrete links. Chile has signed the ten existing international treaties on human rights, which protect civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights; those of women, children and adolescents, indigenous peoples, people with disabilities, minorities and other vulnerable groups, and has continued to fulfil its commitments to the Treaty Bodies, by sending periodic reports and participating constructively in the Reviews before these instances.
8. Chile's active participation in the human rights system is also reflected in its support to permanent dialogue with other States, within the framework of cooperative evaluation,



among peers, which takes place in the Universal Periodic Review, to improve the situation of human rights on the spot.

9. Chile's commitment has also been reflected in the strengthening of the internal institutional framework in the field of human rights, which has experienced important progress in recent years, in line with the fulfillment of the international obligations assumed by our country, developing and strengthening institutions especially in the protection of vulnerable groups.

10. Indeed, just to mention a few examples, in recent years our country has ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women; created the Children Under-Secretariat and the Children Ombudsman, which institutions promote the protection of children; put into operation the National Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture in line with the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture; enacted the law that Recognizes and Protects the Right to Gender Identity and ratified the Convention on the Status of Stateless Persons of 1954 and the Convention to Reduce Cases of Statelessness of 1961.

11. Chile is willing to continue to actively promote human rights in the Human Rights Council. Therefore, we are honored to extend a cordial invitation to all Member States to support Chile's candidacy to the Council for the 2023-2025 period.

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