

Voting analysis: [Third Committee resolution on the situation of human rights in Myanmar](#)

Overview

The vote this year was 98 for, 25 against with 63 abstaining. Compared to last year in the Third Committee, this shows an increase of 2 YES votes, a decrease of 3 NO votes and an increase of 3 abstentions. Compared to last year in the General Assembly plenary, this is 13 more YES votes, 1 less NO vote and 17 more abstentions. Seven States were absent.¹

Overall, the major changes of note are Tunisia's shift from being absent in country resolutions to voting YES, Libya's shift from NO to YES, Malaysia's shift from NO to abstain and the change from abstain to YES by the Central African Republic, Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea Bissau and Haiti.

States that made statements in support of the resolution include Poland, Turkey, Botswana, Japan and Australia. Myanmar, DPRK, Cuba, China, India, Vietnam, and Venezuela spoke against the resolution as well as any country-specific resolutions, which they described as being counter reproductive and politically driven. Neighboring states including Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore explained their abstentions in light of the recent positive changes in Myanmar, pledging their support to the government. Brazil (who abstained), welcomed recent steps taken by the country and encouraged Myanmar to address justice, accountability and access to truth to promote national reconciliation.

Who changed their votes?

(see table below)

Compared to last year's vote in Third Committee, only one state (Libya) shifted its vote **from NO to YES**, 5 states shifted their **from abstain to YES** (Central African Republic, Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea Bissau and Haiti) and 4 states shifted votes away **from YES to abstain** (Guyana, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, and South Africa). NO state shifted from **YES to NO**; 1 state (Malaysia) shifted **from NO to abstain**; and 1 state (Senegal) shifted **from abstain to NO**.

Compared to last year's vote in the GA plenary, only one state (Libya) shifted its vote **from NO to YES**, 4 states shifted **from abstain to YES** (Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea Bissau and Haiti) and 5 states shifted votes away **from YES to abstain** (Guyana, Nauru, Nigeria, South Africa and Guatemala). NO state shifted **from YES to NO**; 1 state (Malaysia) shifted **from NO to abstain**; and 1 state (Senegal) shifted from **abstain to NO**.

Of the states that traditionally oppose country resolutions, 16 states maintained that position (Algeria, Egypt, Sudan, Zimbabwe, China, DPRK, Iran, Myanmar, Oman, Syria, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Belarus, Russia, Cuba and Venezuela) but 2 states **abstained** (Kyrgyzstan and Malaysia) and one state voted **YES** (Libya).

Votes by regional or other groups

Of the 56 OIC states, about half (28) abstained while 13 voted **YES**, 11 voted **NO**, and 4 were **absent**.

¹ Chad, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Guinea, Sierra Leone and Somalia

Of the 117 states in the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), 33 voted **YES** despite a principled NAM position against country resolutions in the General Assembly. A further 22 voted **NO** and 6 were **absent**. About half (56) **abstained**.

In the **GRULAC**, there was a near even split between the 15 voting **YES** (Argentina, Bahamas, Belize, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia and Uruguay) and the 14 **abstaining** (Antigua Barbuda, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenada, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago). 3 states voted **NO** (Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela).

In the **African group**, states tended to **abstain** with the exception of 13 states who voted **YES** (Botswana, Cape Verde, Burundi, Central African Republic, Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mauritius, Seychelles, Togo and Tanzania) and 3 states who voted **NO** (Senegal, Sudan and Zimbabwe).

2010 and 2011 votes compared

REGION	COUNTRY	Myanmar C3 2010	Myanmar GA 2010	Myanmar C3 2011
African	Algeria	NO	NO	NO
African	Benin	A		A
African	Burkina Faso	A	A	A
African	Cameroon	A	A	A
African	Chad			
African	Comoros	A		A
African	Côte D'Ivoire	A	A	YES
African	Djibouti	A	A	A
African	Egypt	NO	NO	NO
African	Gabon	A	A	YES
African	Gambia	A		A
African	Guinea	A		
African	Guinea-Bissau	A		YES
African	Libya	NO	NO	YES
African	Mali	A	A	A
African	Mauritania		A	A
African	Morocco	YES	YES	A
African	Mozambique	A		A
African	Niger	A	A	A
African	Nigeria	YES	YES	A
African	Senegal	A	A	NO
African	Sierra Leone	YES		
African	Somalia	NO		
African	Sudan	NO	NO	NO
African	Togo	YES		YES
African	Tunisia			YES
African	Uganda	A	A	A
African	Angola	A		A
African	Botswana	YES	YES	YES
African	Burundi	YES	YES	YES
African	Cape Verde	A		YES
African	Central African Republic	A		YES
African	Congo	A	A	A
African	Democratic Republic of the Congo	A		A
African	Equatorial Guinea			
African	Eritrea	A	A	
African	Ethiopia	A	A	A
African	Ghana	YES	A	YES
African	Kenya	A		A
African	Lesotho	A	A	A
African	Liberia	YES	YES	YES
African	Madagascar	A	A	A

African	Malawi		YES	A
African	Mauritius	YES	YES	YES
African	Namibia	A	A	A
African	Rwanda	A	A	A
African	Sao Tome and Principe	YES		YES
African	Seychelles	YES		YES
African	South Africa	YES	YES	A
African	Swaziland	A	A	A
African	United Republic of Tanzania	YES	YES	YES
African	Zambia	A	A	A
African	Zimbabwe	NO	NO	NO
African	South Sudan			A
Asian	Afghanistan	YES	YES	YES
Asian	Bahrain	NO	A	A
Asian	Bangladesh	NO	NO	NO
Asian	Brunei	NO	NO	NO
Asian	Indonesia	A	NO [1]	A
Asian	Iran	NO	NO	NO
Asian	Iraq	YES	YES	YES
Asian	Jordan	A	A	A
Asian	Kuwait	A	A	A
Asian	Lebanon	YES	YES	YES
Asian	Malaysia	NO	NO	A
Asian	Maldives	YES	YES	YES
Asian	Oman	NO	NO	NO
Asian	Pakistan	A	A	A
Asian	Qatar	A	A	A
Asian	Saudi Arabia	A	A	A
Asian	Syria	NO	NO	NO
Asian	Turkmenistan		A	A
Asian	United Arab Emirates	A	A	A
Asian	Uzbekistan	NO		NO
Asian	Yemen	A	A	A
Asian	Kazakhstan	YES	YES	YES
Asian	Kyrgyzstan	A		A
Asian	Tajikistan	A		A
Asian	Bhutan	A	A	A
Asian	Cambodia	NO	NO	NO
Asian	Cyprus	YES	YES	YES
Asian	DPRK	NO	NO	NO
Asian	India	NO	NO	NO
Asian	Lao People's Democratic Republic	NO	NO	NO
Asian	Mongolia	YES	YES	YES
Asian	Myanmar	NO	NO	NO
Asian	Nepal	A	A	A
Asian	Papua New Guinea	YES		A
Asian	Philippines	A	A	A
Asian	Singapore	A	A	A
Asian	Sri Lanka	NO	NO	NO
Asian	Thailand	A	A	A
Asian	Vanuatu	YES		YES
Asian	Viet Nam	NO	NO	NO
Asian	China	NO	NO	NO
Asian	Fiji	A	A	A
Asian	Japan	YES	YES	YES
Asian	Kiribati	YES		YES
Asian	Marshall Islands	YES	YES	YES
Asian	Micronesia	YES	YES	YES
Asian	Nauru	YES	YES	A
Asian	Palau	YES	YES	YES
Asian	Republic of Korea	YES	YES	YES
Asian	Samoa	YES	YES	YES
Asian	Solomon Islands	YES	YES	YES
Asian	Timor-Leste	A	A	A
Asian	Tonga	YES	YES	YES
Asian	Tuvalu	YES	YES	YES
CEIT	Albania	YES	YES	YES
CEIT	Azerbaijan	NO	NO	NO
CEIT	Belarus	NO	NO	NO
CEIT	Armenia	YES	YES	YES

CEIT	Bosnia and Herzegovina	YES	YES	YES
CEIT	Bulgaria	YES	YES	YES
CEIT	Croatia	YES	YES	YES
CEIT	Czech Republic	YES	YES	YES
CEIT	Estonia	YES	YES	YES
CEIT	Georgia	YES	YES	YES
CEIT	Hungary	YES	YES	YES
CEIT	Latvia	YES	YES	YES
CEIT	Lithuania	YES	YES	YES
CEIT	Montenegro	YES	YES	YES
CEIT	Poland	YES	YES	YES
CEIT	Republic of Moldova	YES	YES	YES
CEIT	Romania	YES	YES	YES
CEIT	Russian Federation	NO	NO	NO
CEIT	Serbia			YES
CEIT	Slovakia	YES	YES	YES
CEIT	Slovenia	YES	YES	YES
CEIT	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	YES	YES	YES
CEIT	Ukraine	YES	YES	YES
GRULAC	Guyana	YES	YES	A
GRULAC	Suriname	A		A
GRULAC	Antigua and Barbuda	A	A	A
GRULAC	Bahamas	YES		YES
GRULAC	Barbados	A	A	A
GRULAC	Belize	YES	YES	YES
GRULAC	Bolivia	A	A	A
GRULAC	Chile	YES	YES	YES
GRULAC	Colombia	A	A	A
GRULAC	Cuba	NO	NO	NO
GRULAC	Dominican Republic	A	A	A
GRULAC	Ecuador	A	A	A
GRULAC	Grenada	A	A	A
GRULAC	Guatemala	A	YES	A
GRULAC	Haiti	A	A	YES
GRULAC	Honduras	YES	YES	YES
GRULAC	Jamaica	YES	YES	YES
GRULAC	Nicaragua	NO	NO	NO
GRULAC	Panama	YES	YES	YES
GRULAC	Peru	YES	YES	YES
GRULAC	Saint Kitts and Nevis	A		A
GRULAC	Saint Lucia	YES		YES
GRULAC	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	A		A
GRULAC	Trinidad and Tobago	A	A	A
GRULAC	Venezuela	NO	NO	NO
GRULAC	Argentina	YES	YES	YES
GRULAC	Brazil	A	A	A
GRULAC	Costa Rica	YES	YES	YES
GRULAC	Dominica			
GRULAC	El Salvador	YES		YES
GRULAC	Mexico	YES	YES	YES
GRULAC	Paraguay	YES		YES
GRULAC	Uruguay	YES	YES	YES
WEOG	Turkey	YES	YES	YES
WEOG	Malta	YES	YES	YES
WEOG	Andorra	YES	YES	YES
WEOG	Australia	YES	YES	YES
WEOG	Austria	YES	YES	YES
WEOG	Belgium	YES	YES	YES
WEOG	Canada	YES	YES	YES
WEOG	Denmark	YES	YES	YES
WEOG	Finland	YES	YES	YES
WEOG	France	YES	YES	YES
WEOG	Germany	YES	YES	YES
WEOG	Greece	YES	YES	YES
WEOG	Iceland	YES	YES	YES
WEOG	Ireland	YES	YES	YES
WEOG	Israel	YES	YES	YES
WEOG	Italy	YES	YES	YES
WEOG	Liechtenstein	YES	YES	YES
WEOG	Luxembourg	YES	YES	YES

WEOG	Monaco	YES	YES	YES
WEOG	Netherlands	YES	YES	YES
WEOG	New Zealand	YES	YES	YES
WEOG	Norway	YES	YES	YES
WEOG	Portugal	YES	YES	YES
WEOG	San Marino	YES		YES
WEOG	Spain	YES	YES	YES
WEOG	Sweden	YES	YES	YES
WEOG	Switzerland	YES	YES	YES
WEOG	United Kingdom	YES	YES	YES
WEOG	United States	YES	YES	YES
		60	46	63
		28	26	25
		96	85	98

[1] Subsequently, Indonesia advised the Secretariat that it had intended to abstain