

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

Overview

The vote this year was 112 for, 16 against with 55 abstaining. Compared to last year in the Third Committee, this 12 more YES votes, 1 less NO vote and 4 less abstentions. Compared to last year in the General Assembly plenary, this is 6 more YES votes, 4 less NO votes and 2 less abstentions. 10 states were absent.¹

Four states that had voted in favour of the [Human Rights Council resolution on the DPRK](#) abstained in this vote (Burkina Faso, Guatemala, Thailand, and Zambia). None of the states that had voted either against or abstained in the Human Rights Council switched their votes at the Third Committee.

Cuba (on behalf of the NAM), the DPRK, Syria, Venezuela, Zimbabwe, Belarus, and Myanmar spoke out against the resolution, on principle against country-specific resolutions. Vietnam voted NO for the same reasons, despite concerns about the issue of abductions of foreigners. Malaysia and Lao also explained their abstention on the grounds that the Human Rights Council and the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is the proper forum for dealing with human rights. Nepal and Indonesia explained their abstentions along the same lines, but shared some of the concerns addressed in the resolution. Poland (the main sponsor), Japan, Costa Rica, and Brazil spoke in favour of the resolution. Costa Rica spoke against no-action motions and affirmed that the UPR does not mean the General Assembly is not responsible for looking at systematic abuses wherever they occur.

Which countries changed their votes from last year?

(see table below)

Compared to last year's vote in Third Committee, only Libya shifted its vote **from NO to YES**. 9 States shifted their votes **from abstain to YES** (Cape Verde, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Kyrgyzstan, Mauritius, and the Philippines). 2 states shifted their votes away **from YES to Abstain** (Fiji, Guatemala). Only Malaysia shifted from **NO to Abstain**.

Compared to last year's vote in the GA plenary, only Libya shifted its vote from **NO to YES**. 4 states shifted from **Abstain to YES** (DRC, Mauritius, Saudi Arabia, Philippines). 2 states shifted their votes away **from YES to Abstain** (Fiji, Guatemala). Only Malaysia shifted from **NO to Abstain**.

Of the states that traditionally oppose state resolution: 16 maintained that position (Algeria, Belarus, China, Cuba, DPRK, Egypt, Iran, Myanmar, Oman, Russian Federation, Sudan, Syria, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, and Zimbabwe) but one **abstained** (Malaysia) and two voted **YES** (Kyrgyzstan, Libya).

Votes by regional or other groups

Votes across the 56 OIC states were very split: about half (24) **abstained**, 7 voted **NO** and 20 voted **YES**. A further 5 were absent.

Votes across the 117 states in the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) were also split: 44 voted **YES** despite a principled NAM position against country resolutions in the General Assembly. A further 14 voted **NO** and 9 were **absent**. 50 states **abstained**.

¹ Chad, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Guinea, Mongolia, Nigeria, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, and Somalia.

In GRULAC, there was a clear split between 17 states voting **YES** (Argentina, Bahamas, Belize, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, and Uruguay) and 13 **abstaining** (Antigua-Barbuda, Barbados, Bolivia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Nicaragua, Saint Kitts-Nevis, Saint Vincent-Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago). Only Cuba and Venezuela voted **NO**.

In the African group, states were split between **abstaining** (22) and voting **YES** (20) apart from 4 who voted **NO** (Algeria, Comoros, Sudan, Zimbabwe).

2010 and 2011 votes compared

REGION	COUNTRY	DPRK HRC 16	DPRK C3 2010	DPRK GA 2010	DPRK C3 2011
African	Algeria		NO	NO	NO
African	Angola	A	A	A	A
African	Benin		YES	YES	YES
African	Botswana		YES	YES	YES
African	Burkina Faso	YES	A	A	A
African	Burundi		YES	YES	YES
African	Cameroon	A	A	A	A
African	Cape Verde		A	YES	YES
African	Central African Republic		YES	YES	YES
African	Chad				
African	Comoros		A	A	A
African	Congo		A	A	A
African	Côte D'Ivoire		A		A
African	Democratic Republic of the Congo		A	A	YES
African	Djibouti	YES	YES	YES	YES
African	Egypt		NO	NO	NO
African	Equatorial Guinea				
African	Eritrea		YES	YES	
African	Ethiopia		A	A	A
African	Gabon	YES	A	YES	YES
African	Gambia		A	A	A
African	Ghana	YES	YES	YES	YES
African	Guinea		A	NO	
African	Guinea-Bissau		A	YES	YES
African	Kenya		A	A	A
African	Lesotho		A	A	A
African	Liberia		YES	YES	YES
African	Libya		NO	NO	YES
African	Madagascar		YES	YES	YES
African	Malawi			YES	YES
African	Mali		A	A	A
African	Mauritania	A		A	A
African	Mauritius	YES	A	A	YES
African	Morocco		YES	YES	YES
African	Mozambique		A	A	A
African	Namibia		A	A	A
African	Niger		A	A	A
African	Nigeria	A	A	A	
African	Rwanda		A	A	A
African	Sao Tome and Principe		YES	YES	YES
African	Senegal	A	A	A	A
African	Seychelles		YES		
African	Sierra Leone		YES	YES	
African	Somalia		[1]	NO	
African	South Africa		A	A	A
African	South Sudan				A
African	Sudan		NO	NO	NO
African	Swaziland		A	A	A
African	Togo		YES	YES	YES
African	Tunisia				YES
African	Uganda	A	A	A	A
African	United Republic of Tanzania		YES	YES	YES
African	Zambia	YES	A	A	A
African	Zimbabwe		NO	NO	NO
Asian	Afghanistan		YES	YES	YES

Asian	Bahrain		YES	YES	YES
Asian	Bangladesh	A	A	A	A
Asian	Bhutan		YES	YES	YES
Asian	Brunei		A	A	A
Asian	Cambodia		A	A	A
Asian	China	NO	NO	NO	NO
Asian	Cyprus		YES	YES	YES
Asian	DPRK		NO	NO	NO
Asian	Fiji		YES	YES	A
Asian	India		A	A	A
Asian	Indonesia		A	A	A
Asian	Iran		NO	NO	NO
Asian	Iraq		YES	YES	YES
Asian	Japan	YES	YES	YES	YES
Asian	Jordan	YES	YES	YES	YES
Asian	Kazakhstan		YES	YES	YES
Asian	Kiribati		YES	YES	YES
Asian	Kuwait		A	A	A
Asian	Kyrgyzstan	YES	A	YES	YES
Asian	Lao People's Democratic Republic		A	A	A
Asian	Lebanon		YES		YES
Asian	Malaysia	A	NO	NO	A
Asian	Maldives	YES	YES	YES	YES
Asian	Marshall Islands		YES	YES	YES
Asian	Micronesia		YES	YES	YES
Asian	Mongolia				
Asian	Myanmar		NO	NO	NO
Asian	Nauru		YES	YES	YES
Asian	Nepal		A	A	A
Asian	Oman		NO	NO	NO
Asian	Pakistan	A	A	A	A
Asian	Palau		YES	YES	YES
Asian	Papua New Guinea		YES	YES	YES
Asian	Philippines		A	A	YES
Asian	Qatar	A	A	A	A
Asian	Republic of Korea	YES	YES	YES	YES
Asian	Samoa		YES	YES	YES
Asian	Saudi Arabia		A	A	YES
Asian	Singapore		A	A	A
Asian	Solomon Islands		YES	YES	YES
Asian	Sri Lanka		A	A	A
Asian	Syria		NO	NO	NO
Asian	Tajikistan		A	A	A
Asian	Thailand	YES	A	A	A
Asian	Timor-Leste		YES	YES	YES
Asian	Tonga		YES	YES	YES
Asian	Turkmenistan			A	A
Asian	Tuvalu		[2]	YES	YES
Asian	United Arab Emirates		YES	YES	YES
Asian	Uzbekistan		NO	NO	NO
Asian	Vanuatu		YES	YES	YES
Asian	Viet Nam		NO	NO	NO
Asian	Yemen		A	A	A
CEIT	Albania		YES	YES	YES
CEIT	Armenia				A
CEIT	Azerbaijan		A	A	A
CEIT	Belarus		NO	NO	NO
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
CEIT	Hungary	YES	YES	YES	YES
CEIT	Latvia		YES	YES	YES
CEIT	Lithuania		YES	YES	YES
CEIT	Montenegro		YES	YES	YES
CEIT	Poland	YES	YES	YES	YES
CEIT	Republic of Moldova	YES	YES	YES	YES
CEIT	Romania		YES	YES	YES
CEIT	Russian Federation	NO	NO	NO	NO
CEIT	Serbia				YES
CEIT	Slovakia	YES	YES	YES	YES
CEIT	Slovenia		YES	YES	YES

CEIT	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		YES	YES	YES	
CEIT	Ukraine	YES	YES	YES	YES	
GRULAC	Antigua and Barbuda		A	A	A	
GRULAC	Argentina	YES	YES	YES	YES	
GRULAC	Bahamas		YES	YES	YES	
GRULAC	Barbados		A	A	A	
GRULAC	Belize		YES	YES	YES	
GRULAC	Bolivia		A	A	A	
GRULAC	Brazil	YES	YES	YES	YES	
GRULAC	Chile	YES	[3]	YES	YES	
GRULAC	Colombia		A	A	YES	
GRULAC	Costa Rica		YES	YES	YES	
GRULAC	Cuba	NO	NO	NO	NO	
GRULAC	Dominica			A		
GRULAC	Dominican Republic		A	A	A	
GRULAC	Ecuador	A	A	A	A	
GRULAC	El Salvador		YES	YES	YES	
GRULAC	Grenada		A	A	A	
GRULAC	Guatemala	YES	YES	YES	A	
GRULAC	Guyana		A	A	A	
GRULAC	Haiti		A	A	YES	
GRULAC	Honduras		YES	YES	YES	
GRULAC	Jamaica		YES	YES	YES	
GRULAC	Mexico	YES	YES	YES	YES	
GRULAC	Nicaragua		A	A	A	
GRULAC	Panama		YES	YES	YES	
GRULAC	Paraguay		YES	YES	YES	
GRULAC	Peru		YES	YES	YES	
GRULAC	Saint Kitts and Nevis		A	A	A	
GRULAC	Saint Lucia		YES	YES	YES	
GRULAC	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		A	A	A	
GRULAC	Suriname		A	A	A	
GRULAC	Trinidad and Tobago		A	A	A	
GRULAC	Uruguay	YES	YES	YES	YES	
GRULAC	Venezuela		NO	NO	NO	
WEOG	Andorra		YES	YES	YES	
WEOG	Australia		YES	YES	YES	
WEOG	Austria		YES	YES	YES	
WEOG	Belgium	YES	YES	YES	YES	
WEOG	Canada		YES	YES	YES	
WEOG	Denmark		YES	YES	YES	
WEOG	Finland		YES	YES	YES	
WEOG	France	YES	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	Malta		YES	YES	YES	
WEOG	Monaco		YES	YES	YES	
WEOG	Netherlands		YES	YES	YES	
WEOG	New Zealand		YES	YES	YES	
WEOG	Norway	YES	YES	YES	YES	
WEOG	Portugal		YES	YES	YES	
WEOG	San Marino		YES	YES	YES	
WEOG	Spain	YES	YES	YES	YES	
WEOG	Sweden		YES	YES	YES	
WEOG	Switzerland	YES	YES	YES	YES	
WEOG	Turkey		YES	YES	YES	
WEOG	United Kingdom	YES	YES	YES	YES	
WEOG	United States	YES	YES	YES	YES	
			11	60	57	55
			3	18	20	16
			30	100	106	112

[1] should have been in favour

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[3] should have been in favour