



# PHILIPPINES

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### Introduction: Resolution A/HRC/57/L.21 World Programme on Human Rights Education and Training: the plan of action for the fifth phase

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Thank you, Mr. President.

On behalf of the Core Group Brazil, Costa Rica, Italy, Morocco, Senegal, Slovenia, and Thailand, I have the honor to introduce draft resolution L.21 on the *World Programme on Human Rights Education and Training (HRET)*.

The draft is a result of open and sincere dialogue on the enduring value of human rights education in a world of diversity, a world still to be freed from fear and want.

HRET is our first line of defense against injustices, intolerance and discrimination that undermine the most fundamental of truths about human existence – that all are born free and equal, in rights and dignity.

L.21 reaffirms the continuation of the World Programme which was started in 2005 and is implemented in phases. It is anchored on the principle that human rights education should embrace and draw inspiration from the diversity of civilizations, religions, cultures and traditions, while respecting the universality of human rights.

L.21 launches the fifth phase of the World Programme, taking into account the plans of action from the first to the fifth phase as guidance documents for States and other relevant stakeholders in crafting national strategies and programmes.

The fifth phase focuses on the nexus between human rights and digital technologies, the environment and climate change, and gender equality. Three of the most critical issues we face today.

We acknowledge the work of the OHCHR on the plan of action, based on a multi-stakeholder consultative process, as mandated by HRC resolution 54/7.

Finally, through L.21, the HRC decides to convene a panel discussion at its sixty-third session to commemorate the fifteenth anniversary of the UN Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training.

We thank all delegations and civil society representatives for the constructive engagement. This approach has enabled us to arrive at a text that honors our diversity and amplifies what truly unites us all.

We thank our early co-sponsors and express hope that the draft will be adopted by consensus.

Thank you, Mr. President. **END**