

The United Nations Security Council: Topic B Primary Sources

The Situation in the Central African Republic

Here are primary sources that your moderator or legal chair thought would be helpful in gaining an understanding of the topic. These are by no means all of the sources available, just sources we wanted to highlight.

Source #1: Deployment of the Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA), S/RES/2149

This Security Council Resolution established a new peacekeeping mission for the Central African Republic for an initial period of one year, beginning with an initial deployment of 10,000 military and 1,800 police personnel. Unanimously adopted in April 2014, the document transferred authority from the African-led International Support Mission in the Central African Republic (MISCA) to MINUSCA. It also authorized the Secretary-General to deploy military enablers before 15 September 2014 to help military and police components commence their mandated tasks immediately.

<https://minusca.unmissions.org/sites/default/files/n1429581.pdf>

Source #2: Report of the Secretary-General on the Central African Republic, S/2017/94

This document from the Secretary-General focused on multiple aspects of current actions being taken by the United Nations in the Central African Republic. The report extends the general arms embargo, travel ban and asset freeze until 31 January 2018, while also expanding sanctions to those involved in planning, directing, or committing acts involving sexual and gender-based violence in the Central African Republic. It urges the CAR authorities to ensure that fraudulent, counterfeit, stolen and lost passports and other travel documents are removed from circulation as soon as possible, and to share this information with other Members States through the INTERPOL (International Criminal Police Organization) database.

http://www.securitycouncilreport.org/atf/cf/%7B65BFCF9B-6D27-4E9C-8CD3-CF6E4FF96FF9%7D/s_res_2339.pdf

Source #3: Report of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic, A/HRC/33/63

This document, from the 22 July 2016 session of the Human Rights Council (HRC) is divided up into five parts, summarizing developments in the general situation within the nation (Part II), the human rights situation (Part III), and transitional justice mechanisms and combatting impunity (Part IV).

While all parts should be looked at by delegates, Parts III and V are the most vital. Part III recounts numerous acts of violence committed by armed militant groups and the national armed forces, gender-based violence, and even violence connected with accusations of witchcraft. Part V states recommendations in order to further improve the various conflicts within the Central African Republic.

<https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G16/164/08/PDF/G1616408.pdf?OpenElement>

Source #4: Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UNDHR)

This declaration, ratified by the United Nations General Assembly on 10 December 1948, outlines the fundamental rights guaranteed to all people, regardless of their gender, race, ethnicity, and religion.

While these rights are unalienable, the situation in the Central African Republic has resulted in the

violation of many of these articles, specifically Articles 3, 6, 7, and 18. Delegates in the Security Council should keep these articles, among others, in mind while trying to alleviate the various conflicts within the Central African Republic and take greater action to ensure that all people within the nation are truly equal.

<http://www.un.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights/>

Source #5: Central African Republic: World Health Organization (WHO) Statistical Profile

This PDF showcases the health crisis currently underway in the Central African Republic, characterized by a low life expectancy and multiple disease outbreaks. It shows direct comparisons between the Central African Republic and the region, illustrating that the nation is significantly behind in categories such as measles vaccinations for one year olds and the per capita total expenditure on health. This document shows the most common causes of death in people from multiple age groups and across the entire nation, pinpointing the health related issues the committee should focus on.

<http://www.who.int/gho/countries/caf.pdf?ua=1>

Source #6: Central African Republic- Situation Report June 2017, Food and Agriculture Office of the United Nations (FAO)

This report shows the struggles faced by the Central African Republic's agricultural industry as a result of the conflict and population displacement that is currently occurring. It outlines the challenges facing the industry in the nation, such as a deterioration of household food security and limited access to food for citizens living in war-torn areas. While the agency has assisted over 400,000 citizens as of the publication of this report, there is a significant gap in funding, needing roughly 43 million USD to assist struggling people across the Central African Republic.

http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/emergencies/docs/FAOCARsitrep_June2017.pdf