

Comment by the Information and Press Department on the opening of the 38th session of the UN Human Rights Council

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On June 18, the 38th session of the UN Human Rights Council will open in Geneva.

The agenda includes a wide range of issues related to the promotion and protection of human rights, including counteracting racism, preventing extrajudicial executions, observing the freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, ensuring the independence of judges and lawyers, eliminating discrimination against women, protecting migrants' rights, exercising the right to health and education, and respecting human rights in transnational corporations.

Plans also call for reviewing a series of problems in certain countries, including a discussion on human rights in Syria and Ukraine.

Participants will adopt relevant resolutions on the discussed subjects.

On the sidelines of the session, Russian non-governmental organisations will hold a series of events on counteracting racial and religious intolerance, as well as human rights violations in Ukraine.

The Russian delegation will consistently carry out a policy aimed at prohibiting politisation of the human rights agenda and its use as a pretext for interference in sovereign countries' internal affairs. We will direct our efforts towards helping our foreign partners realise the importance of making decisions on human rights exclusively based on equality and mutual respect, taking into account the opinions of all interested countries.