

Voting analysis: [Resolution on the situation of human rights in Syria](#) (General Assembly Plenary)

Overview

The vote was 132 for, 11 against with 43 abstaining. 7 States were absent. Comparing votes to the Third Committee, Antigua & Barbuda, Comoros, Congo, Dominican Republic, Grenada and Thailand changed their vote from **Abstain to YES**. Bolivia and Vietnam changed their votes **from NO to Abstain**. Unfortunately the plenary saw Chad and Mauritania changed their votes **from YES to Abstain**. No country changed their votes **from YES/Abstain to NO**.

Syria and Germany both addressed the General Assembly prior to the vote. Syria signalled that this resolution represented a declaration of political, media and diplomatic war against Syria and accused the main sponsors of taking a selective approach. Germany stated that the resolution is intended to send a strong signal to the Syrian authorities that the violence and human rights violations will not be tolerated by the international community. The German representative reminded the General Assembly that the resolution received overwhelming support from the Third Committee, including from Arab States. He also reiterated that the resolution does not establish any new mechanisms.

Comparing the vote in the General Assembly to [Human Rights Council Resolution S-18/1](#), China and Russia changed their vote **from NO to Abstain**, while Djibouti, Malaysia, and Mauritania changed their vote **from YES to Abstain**.

Comparing the vote in the General Assembly to [Human Rights Council Resolution S-17/1](#), the only change in vote was seen by China and Russia who switched **from NO to Abstain**.

Comparing the vote in the General Assembly to [Human Rights Council Resolution S-16/1](#), Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Thailand, and the Ukraine changed their votes from **Abstain to YES**; Bangladesh, Malaysia, Pakistan, China, Russia, and Mauritania changed their votes from **NO to Abstain**; Ghana and Zambia changed their votes **YES to Abstain**

Of the states that traditionally oppose country-specific resolutions: 8 states (Belarus, Cuba, DPRK, Iran, Syria, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Zimbabwe) maintained that position but 5 states (Algeria, China, Russia, Malaysia, Vietnam) Abstained and 5 states (Oman, Libya, Egypt, Sudan, Kyrgyzstan) voted YES.

Votes by regional or other groups

Of the 56 OIC states: A majority (32) voted YES, 3 voted NO (Uzbekistan, Syria and Iran) and 19 abstained. 2 were absent.

Of the 117 states in the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM): Approximately half (63) voted YES despite a principled NAM position against country resolutions in the General Assembly. A further 11 voted NO and 37 states abstained. 6 were absent. All States that voted NO are members of NAM.

In GRULAC, the majority of states supported the resolution with 24 states voting **YES**. Four States **abstained** (Bolivia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Dominica, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines) and 4 voted **NO** (Cuba, Ecuador, Nicaragua and Venezuela). Suriname was the only absent GRULAC member.

In the African group, over half of the present States voted **YES** (29) and Zimbabwe was the only State to vote **NO**. Nineteen States Abstained, and 5 States were absent (Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Gabon and Namibia).

Votes in 2011 compared

REGION	COUNTRY	Syria SS 16	Syria SS 17	Syria SS 18	Syria C3 no-action 2011	Syria C3 2011	Syria GA 2011
African	Algeria				A	A	A
African	Angola		A	A	A	A	A
African	Benin		YES	YES		YES	YES
African	Botswana		YES		NO	YES	YES
African	Burkina Faso	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
African	Burundi				NO	YES	YES
African	Cameroon	A	A	A		A	A
African	Cape Verde				NO	YES	YES
African	Central African Republic						YES
African	Chad				NO	YES	A
African	Comoros					A	YES
African	Congo		YES	YES		A	YES
African	Côte D'Ivoire				NO	YES	YES
African	Democratic Republic of the Congo						
African	Djibouti	A	A	YES			A
African	Egypt					YES	YES
African	Equatorial Guinea				NO		
African	Eritrea						
African	Ethiopia				NO	YES	YES
African	Gabon	NO			NO	YES	
African	Gambia						A
African	Ghana	YES			A	A	A
African	Guinea				NO	YES	YES
African	Guinea-Bissau				NO	YES	YES
African	Kenya				A	A	A
African	Lesotho				A	A	A
African	Liberia				NO	YES	YES
African	Libya	[1]	[1]	YES	NO	YES	YES
African	Madagascar				NO	YES	YES
African	Malawi				NO	YES	YES
African	Mali				A	A	A
African	Mauritania	NO	A	YES	NO	YES	A
African	Mauritius	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
African	Morocco				NO	YES	YES
African	Mozambique				A	A	A
African	Namibia				YES	A	
African	Niger						A
African	Nigeria	A	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
African	Rwanda				NO	YES	YES
African	Sao Tome and Principe						YES
African	Senegal	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
African	Seychelles						YES
African	Sierra Leone				NO	YES	YES
African	Somalia						A
African	South Africa				NO	A	A
African	Sudan				A	YES	YES
African	Swaziland				YES	A	A
African	Togo					YES	YES
African	Tunisia				A	YES	YES
African	Uganda	A	A	A	A	A	A
African	United Republic of Tanzania				A	A	A
African	Zambia	YES			A	A	A
African	Zimbabwe				YES	NO	NO
African	South Sudan						YES
Asian	Afghanistan				NO	YES	YES
Asian	Bahrain				NO	YES	YES
Asian	Bangladesh	NO	A	A	A	A	A
Asian	Bhutan				NO	A	A
Asian	Brunei				A	A	A
Asian	Cambodia					YES	YES
Asian	Cyprus				NO	YES	YES
Asian	DPRK				YES	NO	NO

Asian	India		A	A	A	A	A
Asian	Indonesia		YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
Asian	Iran				YES	NO	NO
Asian	Iraq						YES
Asian	Jordan		YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
Asian	Kuwait		YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
Asian	Lao People's Democratic Republic				YES	A	A
Asian	Lebanon					A	A
Asian	Malaysia	NO	A	YES	A	A	A
Asian	Maldives	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
Asian	Mongolia				NO	YES	YES
Asian	Myanmar				YES	NO	NO
Asian	Nepal				A	A	A
Asian	Oman				NO	YES	YES
Asian	Pakistan	NO			A	A	A
Asian	Papua New Guinea				NO	YES	YES
Asian	Philippines		A	A	A	A	A
Asian	Qatar			YES	NO	YES	YES
Asian	Saudi Arabia	A	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
Asian	Singapore				YES	A	A
Asian	Sri Lanka				YES	A	A
Asian	Syria				YES	NO	NO
Asian	Thailand	A	YES	YES	A	A	YES
Asian	Turkmenistan				A	A	A
Asian	United Arab Emirates				NO	YES	YES
Asian	Uzbekistan				YES	NO	NO
Asian	Vanuatu				NO	YES	YES
Asian	Viet Nam				YES	NO	A
Asian	Yemen				A	A	A
Asian	China	NO	NO	NO	YES	A	A
Asian	Fiji				NO	A	A
Asian	Japan	YES			NO	YES	YES
Asian	Kazakhstan				NO	YES	YES
Asian	Kiribati						YES
Asian	Kyrgyzstan	YES	YES	YES	A	YES	YES
Asian	Marshall Islands				NO	YES	YES
Asian	Micronesia				NO	YES	YES
Asian	Nauru				NO	YES	YES
Asian	Palau				NO	YES	YES
Asian	Republic of Korea	YES			NO	YES	YES
Asian	Samoa				NO	YES	YES
Asian	Solomon Islands					YES	YES
Asian	Tajikistan				A	A	A
Asian	Timor-Leste				NO	YES	YES
Asian	Tonga						YES
Asian	Tuvalu				NO		YES
CEIT	Belarus				YES	NO	NO
CEIT	Albania				NO	YES	YES
CEIT	Armenia					A	A
CEIT	Azerbaijan					YES	YES
CEIT	Bosnia and Herzegovina				NO	YES	YES
CEIT	Bulgaria				NO	YES	YES
CEIT	Croatia				NO	YES	YES
CEIT	Czech Republic		YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
CEIT	Estonia				NO	YES	YES
CEIT	Georgia				NO	YES	YES
CEIT	Hungary	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
CEIT	Latvia				NO	YES	YES
CEIT	Lithuania				NO	YES	YES
CEIT	Montenegro				NO	YES	YES
CEIT	Poland	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
CEIT	Republic of Moldova	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
CEIT	Romania		YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
CEIT	Russian Federation	NO	NO	NO	YES	A	A
CEIT	Serbia				NO	YES	YES
CEIT	Slovakia	YES			NO	YES	YES
CEIT	Slovenia				NO	YES	YES
CEIT	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia				NO	YES	YES
CEIT	Ukraine	A		YES	NO	YES	YES
GRULAC	Antigua and Barbuda				NO	A	YES
GRULAC	Bahamas				NO	YES	YES
GRULAC	Barbados				NO	YES	YES

GRULAC	Belize				NO	YES	YES
GRULAC	Bolivia				YES	NO	A
GRULAC	Chile	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
GRULAC	Colombia				NO	YES	YES
GRULAC	Cuba	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
GRULAC	Dominican Republic				A	A	YES
GRULAC	Ecuador	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
GRULAC	Grenada				NO	A	YES
GRULAC	Guatemala	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
GRULAC	Guyana				A	YES	YES
GRULAC	Haiti				NO	YES	YES
GRULAC	Honduras				NO	YES	YES
GRULAC	Jamaica				NO	YES	YES
GRULAC	Nicaragua				YES	NO	NO
GRULAC	Panama				NO	YES	YES
GRULAC	Peru		YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
GRULAC	Saint Kitts and Nevis				A	A	A
GRULAC	Saint Lucia				NO	YES	YES
GRULAC	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines				A	A	A
GRULAC	Suriname						
GRULAC	Trinidad and Tobago				NO	YES	YES
GRULAC	Venezuela				YES	NO	NO
GRULAC	Argentina	YES			NO	YES	YES
GRULAC	Brazil	YES			A	YES	YES
GRULAC	Costa Rica		YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
GRULAC	Dominica						A
GRULAC	El Salvador				NO	YES	YES
GRULAC	Mexico	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
GRULAC	Paraguay				NO	YES	YES
GRULAC	Uruguay	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
WEOG	Malta				NO	YES	YES
WEOG	Andorra				NO	YES	YES
WEOG	Australia				NO	YES	YES
WEOG	Austria		YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
WEOG	Belgium	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
WEOG	Canada				NO	YES	YES
WEOG	Denmark				NO	YES	YES
WEOG	Finland				NO	YES	YES
WEOG	France	YES			NO	YES	YES
WEOG	Germany				NO	YES	YES
WEOG	Greece				NO	YES	YES
WEOG	Iceland				NO	YES	YES
WEOG	Ireland				NO	YES	YES
WEOG	Israel				NO	YES	YES
WEOG	Italy		YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
WEOG	Liechtenstein				NO	YES	YES
WEOG	Luxembourg				NO	YES	YES
WEOG	Monaco				NO	YES	YES
WEOG	Netherlands				NO	YES	YES
WEOG	New Zealand				NO	YES	YES
WEOG	Norway	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
WEOG	Portugal				NO	YES	YES
WEOG	San Marino		YES		NO	YES	YES
WEOG	Spain	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
WEOG	Sweden				NO	YES	YES
WEOG	Switzerland	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
WEOG	Turkey				NO	YES	YES
WEOG	United Kingdom	YES			NO	YES	YES
WEOG	United States	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
		7	9	6		29	41
		9	4	4		118	13
		26	33	37		20	122
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[1] suspended on 1 March 2011