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About the Committee

The Human Rights Council (HRC) is a subsidiary body of the United Nations General Assembly responsible for strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights around the globe and for addressing situations of human rights violations and make recommendations on them. It has the ability to discuss all thematic human rights issues and situations that require its attention. The Council is made up of 47 United Nations Member States which are elected by the UN General Assembly.

Private Military Companies and Human Rights Standards

Since the early 1990s, the world has witnessed the proliferation of private military companies (PMCs). The privatization of military services has dramatically altered the battlefield, challenging our own conventional assumptions about countries as primary actors in military affairs. While these private corporations may constitute a valuable component of a nation's military capability, little accountability or regulation exists regarding their use. It will be the role of the international community to develop a broad legal framework to answer important questions of human rights behind these private military corporations.