

Liberation Scotland
UN Human Rights Council 61st Session
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Summary Report



As part of Liberation Scotland's (LS) ongoing international outreach and diplomacy campaign, an LS delegation attended the UN Human Rights Council 61st annual session in Geneva during the week of 16-20 March 2026 to proactively participate in this important event in the annual UN calendar, and also to give Scotland a voice at this international event (particularly in the absence of anyone attending from Scotland's devolved administration).

LS participation at HRC61 (and the associated side events) was supported and facilitated by several of our international partners, including Hong Kong based International Probono Legal Services Association (IPLSA), Colombia's [MALOCA Internationale](#), and the Indigenous Peoples and Nations Coalition (IPNC).

Key highlights from LS participation in this official UN event:

- The formal registration of document A/HRC/61/NGO as an official paper for inclusion in the HRC61 event programme and internal UN system; *NOTE: this transitions Scotland's case from a domestic UK political debate into an international public record accessible by all 193 Member States !*

<https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/g26/031/70/pdf/g2603170.pdf>

- LS meetings with senior representatives of:
 - the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR);
 - the African Union;
 - the European Public Law Organisation (EPLO);
 - the International Commission of Jurists; and
 - the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the UN.

(all of whom expressed an interest in supporting Scotland's case)

- Co-sponsorship of a side-event (at Geneva's Centre John Knox) entitled 'Paying the Price of Empty Rhetoric' at which Sara Salyers presented a paper attacking imperialism, foreign occupation and colonisation, referencing Mark Carney's speech (World Economic Forum Feb. 2026) about the current rupture in the international rules-based order, and summarising and comparing Scotland's position with those of Alaska, Namibia, East Timor and Chagos.

[Humanity is Paying the Price of Empty Rhetoric](#)

