

UNHRC Resolution 51/1 (2022)

The October 2022 Human Rights Council resolution that extended the OHCHR Sri Lanka Accountability Project — preserving the evidence-collection mandate first established under resolution 46/1 for a further two years.

51/1 kept the lights on. The Sri Lanka Accountability Project — the dedicated OHCHR capacity to consolidate, analyse and preserve information and evidence of gross human-rights violations and serious violations of international humanitarian law — was renewed by 51/1 in October 2022 against active diplomatic resistance from Colombo.

§1 What it does

The Project preserves material from the 2002–2009 armed conflict and continuing patterns, with a view to advancing future accountability — including in domestic or foreign jurisdictions exercising universal jurisdiction. It does not itself prosecute.

51/1 renewed the mandate for two years and broadened the Council's attention to corruption and economic crimes in the post-2022 crisis context.

Sources

- UNHRC Resolution 51/1 (6 October 2022).
- OHCHR — Sri Lanka Accountability Project.
- UNHRC Resolution 30/1 (2015) — predecessor framework.

What this is not

- This article does not predict prosecutions.
- This article does not name individuals subject to evidence preservation.