

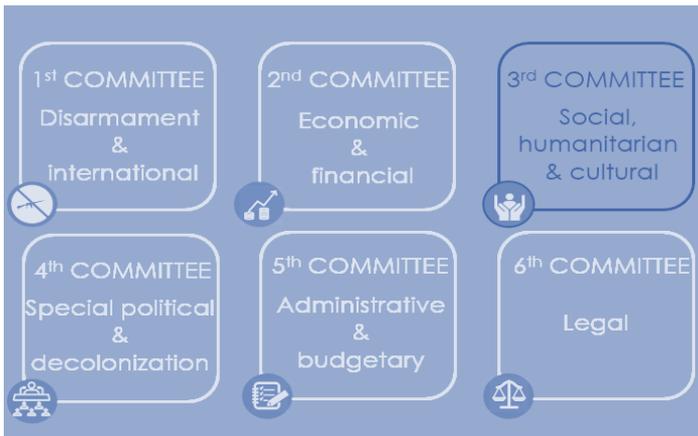
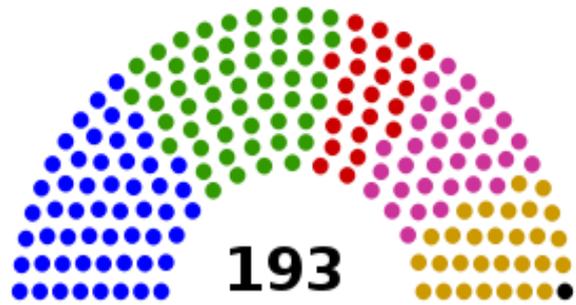


UNGA Resolution on PLWRD & their families: Understanding the process

The **UN General Assembly** assembles **193 nation-states**.

It is 'in session' for the entire year, starting in September.

UNGA Resolutions reflect the degree of intergovernmental agreement, the evolution of political ideas and the state of global cooperation on a given topic.



The **UNGA** works through **Six Main Committees** which carry out most of their work from September to December.

The UNGA Resolution on "Addressing the Challenges of Persons Living with a Rare Disease and their Families" (Resolution on PLWRD) will be presented through the **Third Committee**.

All Member States have a **UN Permanent Mission** – a sort of 'embassy' – to represent their interests at the UNGA in New York.

In the **Third Committee**, each Member State is represented by one or more **diplomats** – also referred to as 'experts' or 'counsellors' – from the UN Permanent mission.

These **Third Committee counsellors** work together to develop and adopt **resolutions**. They meet in **October and November** to adopt them as drafts and recommend them to the UNGA Plenary.

The **Plenary** then meets, usually in **mid-December**, to consider these recommendations and adopt the resolutions, at which point they become **UNGA resolutions**.



The Resolution on PLWRD is going to be officially introduced in the agenda of the **Third Committee** by the counsellors from the **Permanent Missions of Brazil, Qatar and Spain** in 2021.

They will negotiate its content with **Third Committee counsellors** from other Member States. Each one will **liaise with their national government** to get approval on whether to support the adoption of the resolution or not.

They will liaise with the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs** as it is the one setting their mandate. But this Ministry may in turn ask for the opinion of the **Ministry of Health** or the **Ministry of Social Affairs**.

Getting the support of the Ministries at national level is therefore key in the process, and we need your help!

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