



State Department Invites UN to Probe “Systemic Racism” in the U.S.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken is inviting United Nations officials to investigate “systemic racism” in the United States — a move that Blinken sees as an example the United States sets for other nations.

“The United States intends to issue a formal, standing invitation to all UN experts who report and advise on thematic human rights issues,” Blinken announced in a statement.

“As the President has repeatedly made clear, great nations such as ours do not hide from our shortcomings; they acknowledge them openly and strive to improve with transparency. In so doing, we not only work to set the standard for national responses to these challenges, we also strengthen our democracy, and give new hope and motivation to human rights defenders across the globe,” Blinken continued.

Blinken said the United States welcomed the UN Human Rights Council’s adoption on Tuesday of a resolution to address “systemic racism” against Africans and people of African descent in the context of law enforcement. In that [report](#), the UN cited the case of the death of George Floyd in police custody, and called on nations to “start dismantling racism.”

Blinken urged all UN member states to follow the example of the United States and “confront the scourge of racism, racial discrimination, and xenophobia,” adding, “because when all people — regardless of their race or ethnicity — are free to live up to their full potential, our collective security is strengthened.”

Blinken issued that invitation as the diplomats and UN officials in Geneva [agreed](#) to establish “an international independent expert mechanism” to investigate police discrimination against people of African descent globally, which will include a study of the issues ranging from excessive use of force, racial profiling and police handling of peaceful protests to links between racial supremacy movements and the police and the criminal justice system.

In light of last year’s “racial justice” protests that erupted across the United States and other parts of the “civilized” world, the UN Human Rights Council issued a [statement](#) that called for “reparative intervention for historical and contemporary racial justice” around the world.

Earlier this month, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet repeated the call, and [said](#) that nations should “fully fund ... a wide range of reparations measures” to make amends for slavery, discrimination, and colonial rule. Bachelet neither mentioned the ultimate sacrifice many



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people made to end slavery or colonialism, nor explained if the descendants of black slaveowners should give or receive reparations payments. Such [details](#) as the fact that in America, the middle-class blacks outnumber blacks living in poverty, or that trillions of dollars in transfer payments have been made to African Americans in the form of welfare benefits and racial benefits over the past five decades, and many other discrepancies, were also ignored. They remain ignored by President Biden and Secretary Blinken, too.

The “experts” invited by the administration, the so-called special rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism and the UN special rapporteur on minority issues, are appointed by and report to the Human Rights Council, a body long mired in [controversy](#) over the presence within its ranks of some of the world’s leading rights-abusing regimes — including China.

The invitation also comes less than a year after the United States endured a [lashing](#) for its civil rights record before the UN — getting scolded by the likes of China, Russia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and North Korea. “The level of brazen hypocrisy is staggering, isn’t it?” [wrote](#) RedState back then: “It would be like Harvey Weinstein, Bill Cosby, Ghislaine Maxwell, and Matt Lauer judging a New York City construction worker for catcalling a pretty lady on the street.” Each of these nations is guilty of a slew of different human rights abuses ranging from genocide, torture, political imprisonment and associations, to cracking down on free speech and press, and more. That these nations would even assume that they have the moral high ground on human rights is absurd and serves as yet another indication that America has no reason to continue its relationship with that discredited, ineffective, and money-consuming organization.

Yet the Biden administration opens America’s door to the representatives of the regimes of China and its ilk to “investigate” the instances of “systemic discrimination” against the portion of the population that, if it was its own nation, [would be](#) the 17th richest in the world, and has [significant](#) representation in the branches of the government.



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