1 Data

1.1 UNHRC

The data on the UNHRC consists of two datasets covering the first twenty sessions of the UNHRC (special sessions are excluded).

The first dataset `hrc_resolutions-1.csv` contains a list of all resolutions with the following main variables

- `Resolutionid`: official UNHRC resolution identification number
- `Title`: Title of the resolution
- `Session`: Session in which resolution was adopted.
- `Dateintroduced`: Date when resolution was introduced.
- `Datevotedon`: Date when resolution was voted upon.
- `Introducedby`: Author of resolution.
- `Introducedonbehalf`: If resolution was introduced on behalf of a group of member states, the latter group appears here.
- `Sponsored`: list of countries sponsoring the resolution.
- `Joined`: countries having joined as sponsors.
- `rcvrequest`: countries having requested a roll call vote.
- `var`: Variable name for roll call votes linking this dataset to the second one containing the voting data (see below)
- `vardup`: indicator for duplicate records
- `agendaitem`: agenda item under which resolution was treated

The third sheet of `hrc_resolutions.xls` contains information on additional votes which were scraped from the minutes (see below) but which did not concern resolutions in the regular sessions.

The second file `unhrc_1_20.csv` contains the voting data. The following variables appear in this data:

- `country`: name of the country voting in at least one of the twenty sessions.
- `Vxxyyy`: Variables containing the voting information for votes in session xx (.e.g., 01 corresponds to session 1, 13 to session 13) which are numbered consecutively (yyy with 001 corresponding to the first vote etc.) as they appear in the minutes (there are for some sessions holes in the sequence as the minutes list some votes twice). 0 corresponds to a no-vote, 1 to a yes-vote, 9 to an abstention and NA indicates absence. These variable names appear identically in the resolution-file presented above.

This voting data was scraped from the minutes of the UNHRC