1 Data

1.1 UNCHR

The data on the UNCHR consists of two datasets covering the last ten years (and thus also sessions) of UNCHR (special sessions are excluded). The data was generated on the basis of the annual reports available at `http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcou`

A first dataset (`unchr.xls`) contains information on all resolutions adopted in the last ten sessions (the information of each session is stored in a separate sheet (1: 52nd, . . . 10: 61st).

- `body`: voting body (always CHR)
- `session`: Session in which resolution was adopted.
- `date`: Date when resolution was voted upon.
- `documentid`: ID of the document containing the resolution
- `title`: Title of the resolution
- `votingresult`: information of type of adoption and voting result
- `var`: Variable name for roll call votes linking this dataset to the second one containing the voting data (see below)
- `resolutionid`: official UNCHR resolution identification number
- `vote`:
- `author`: Author of resolution.[1]
- `Sponsored`: list of countries sponsoring and co-sponsoring the resolution (withdrawals are not taking into account).[2]

[1]For separate votes on parts of a resolution the author corresponds to the author of the resolution, except if the parts being the object of the separate vote were revised, in which case the author of these revisions appears as author.

[2]For separate votes on parts of a resolution the sponsors corresponds to the sponsors of the resolution, except if the parts being the object of the separate vote were revised, in which case the sponsors of these revisions appears as author.

- `requestervote`: countries having requested a vote.[3]
- `requesterrcv`: countries having requested a roll call vote.

In a second file (`chrvotes.csv`) contains a list of all roll votes with the following variables largely gleaned from `unchr.xls`:

- `var`: Variable name for roll call votes linking this dataset to the second one containing the voting data (see below)
- `resolutionid`: official UNCHR resolution identification number
- `vote`: content of the vote, either title of the resolution or information on amendment, separate vote etc.
- `author`: Author of resolution or amendment etc..
- `requestervote`: countries having requested a vote.
- `requesterrcv`: countries having requested a roll call vote.[4]
- `cosponsors`: countries having consponsored the resolution

The third dataset `chr_voting_data.csv` contains the voting data with the following variables[5]

- `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- and roll-call vote-files presented above.

[3]If motions of no-action have a requester and a roll-call vote requester, the former is listed under requester vote.

[4]For the vote recorded in V58005 the roll call vote requester in missing in the minutes. For V58019 no author or rcv requester listed in minutes, while for V59054 and V59055 (proposed by Chairperson) has no roll call vote requester.

[5]For the roll call vote on resolution 1996/9 Madagascar is both listed has having votes yes and having abstained. I coded this as a yes vote, but this can easily be changed by recoding V52003.

The documents used to generate the voting records are the following:

- 51 http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/UN/Resolutions95.html http://www.unhchr.ch/Huri
  http://www.unhchr.ch/Huridocda/Huridoca.nsf/2848af408d01ec0ac1256609004e770b/6
- 52 1996 www.un.org/terrorism/pdfs/2/G9613230.pdf
- 53 1997 www.un.org/terrorism/pdfs/2/G9712841.pdf
- 54 1998 http://www.un.org/terrorism/pdfs/2/G9814179.pdf
- 55 1999 http://www.un.org/terrorism/pdfs/2/G9914457.pdf
- 56 2000 www.un.org/terrorism/pdfs/2/G0014048.pdf
- 57 2001 http://www.unhchr.ch/huridocda/huridoca.nsf/3d1134784d618e28c1256991004b
  E/2001/23 E/CN.4/2001/167
- 58 2002 www.un.org/terrorism/pdfs/2/G0215272.pdf
- 59 2003 www.un.org/terrorism/pdfs/2/G0316227.pdf E/CN.4/2003/135
- 60 2004 http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=E/CN.4/2004/127,
  www.un.org/terrorism/pdfs/2/G0414734.pdf
- 61 2005 www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/chr/docs/61chr/reportCHR61.pdf
- 62 2006 http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/chr/docs/English.pdf
  http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/chr/docs/french.pdf