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# Universal Periodic Review



# Basis of the UPR

- The Charter of the United Nations
- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- Human rights instruments to which a State is party
- Voluntary pledges and commitments made by States
- The review shall take into account applicable international humanitarian law

# Principles of the UPR

- Conducted in an objective, transparent, non-selective, constructive, non-confrontational and non-politicized manner
- Full integration of a gender perspective
- Without prejudice to the obligations contained in the elements provided for in the basis of review, take into account the level of development and specificities of countries
- Ensure the participation of all relevant stakeholders, including NGOs and NIs

# Documentation – State Report

- Prepared by the SUR, either orally or in writing, through a broad national consultation process (written submissions are encouraged)
- Structure: should follow general guidelines available (Annex HRC Decision 6/102)
- Not exceeding 20 pages
- Submitted by the SUR at least six weeks before the review takes place
- Cover a 4 year-time period
- Pages and paragraphs should be numbered

# Documentation – UN Compilation Report

- Prepared by OHCHR: based on information contained in the reports of UN human rights treaty bodies, UN special procedures and other relevant official UN documents (including relevant observations and comments by the State concerned)
- Includes written submissions from UN entities
- Not exceeding 10 pages

# Documentation – Stakeholder Summary Report

- Prepared by OHCHR: based on additional, credible and reliable information provided by other relevant stakeholders
- Stakeholders include NGOs, human rights defenders, academic/research institutes and other civil society organizations, NHRI, regional intergovernmental organizations
- Not exceeding 10 pages
- Stakeholders are strongly encouraged to provide written submissions that:
  - Are focused, highlight the main issues of concern and identify possible recommendations and/or best practices
  - Do not include second-hand information
  - Are specifically tailored for the UPR
  - Do not contain language manifestly abusive

# UPR Working Group of HRC

- Chaired by the President of the HRC and composed of the 47 member States of the Council
- Other UN Member States may participate in the review, including in the interactive dialogue
- Other relevant stakeholders
- Peer Review – 3 hours (1 hour to make presentation and 2 hours for dialogue)

# The Troika

- A group of three rapporteurs, selected by the drawing of lots among the members of the Council and from different Regional Groups (*troika*) facilitate each review
- The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) provides the necessary assistance and expertise to the rapporteurs
- The rapporteurs may collate issues or questions to be transmitted to the State under review to facilitate its preparation and focus the interactive dialogue
- The Troika will prepare the report of the Working Group with the assistance and support of the OHCHR, and by fully involving the State under review



# Report of the Working Group

- The WG report consists of a summary of the interactive dialogue, which will reflect recommendations and/or conclusions made by delegations during the interactive dialogue
- The State under Review will inform about its views concerning the recommendations and/or conclusions as well as voluntary commitments/pledges whenever it is in a position to do so: during the meeting of the Working Group; or between the Working Group session and the next Council's session; or at latest during the meeting of the Council Plenary

# Internet Rights in the UPR

- Enabling the RTI through the internet
- Empowering Common Service Centres (under the National e-governance plan) to serve as RTI application centres
- Ensuring the creation of connectivity-enabled citizen charter centres in panchayats
- Rights-based approach to the Information Technology Act
- Ensuring freedom of expression online and journalistic freedoms

# Additional information

- <http://www.upr-info.org/en/tutorials>