



## 43RD SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

### GENERAL DEBATE ITEM 6 – UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW

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*Main topics addressed by States and Civil Society Organizations during the General Debate:*

**UPR should be conducted in an objective and transparent way, avoiding double standards, politicization and interference in national spheres:** Azerbaijan (On behalf of the Non-Aligned-Movement), Palestine (on behalf of the Arab Group), Burkina Faso\* (on behalf of the African group), India\*, Pakistan\* (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation), Libya\*, Brazil\*, Venezuela\*, Iraq, Cuba, Iran, Syria, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, China

**Social, economic, and cultural context of the state under review must be considered before issuing recommendations:** Bahrain\*, Venezuela\*, Iraq, Syria, China

**Capacity building and technical assistance should be made available for states to help them in their UPR processes:** Burkina Faso\* (on behalf of the African group), India\*, Tunisia, Ethiopia, Belarus

**UPR reports should be based on reliable information:** Azerbaijan (On behalf of the Non-Aligned-Movement), Democratic People's Republic of Korea

**Civil Society should play a central role in the UPR process:** Croatia (on behalf of the European Union), Georgia, UPR Info\*\*

**States should protect human rights defenders and condemn harassment and acts of intimidation towards civil society:** Croatia (on behalf of the European Union)

**NHRI are a central actor of the UPR:** Croatia (on behalf of the European Union)

**Structure and format of UPR should not be changed:** India\*, Venezuela\*

**OHCHR should stop issuing warning letters to states under review:** Cuba, China

**Role of Parliament in the UPR process:** Georgia, UPR Info\*\*

*\*Member states of the Human Rights Council*

*\*\* Civil Society Organization*