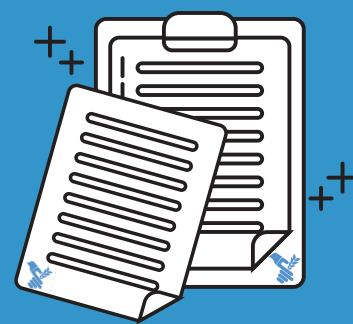


# HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL REPORTING INITIATIVE OF THE GENEVA CENTRE



Since the beginning of our reporting initiative of the Human Rights Council (HRC) in February 2020:

- 180 summary report produced, representing in average 30 reports per session.
- 6 HRC sessions covered: from the 43rd to the 48th.
- A mailing list composed of more than 500 subscribers, who receive our reports.



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## WHY DID WE START OUR REPORTING INITIATIVE?

The underlying aim was to bridge what we perceived as a gap between discussions taking place in Geneva, and the rest of the world, at the local, national and regional levels. While UNOG Press Services admittedly do an excellent job providing Press Releases after all HRC meetings, these summaries are often relatively short and do not always provide vital details of the discussions. The Geneva Centre's reports, therefore, aim to offer a more detailed and analytical coverage to those closely following the work of the Council, often quoting the state delegations and civil society organizations and the main points they raised.

The ultimate goal of our reporting initiative is to make people aware of the nature of the discussions and the processes of international human rights mechanisms, because everyone is concerned by human rights as they are universal and relate to the intrinsic value of all human beings. In parallel, we also want to contribute concretely to the work of professionals active in the field of human rights. That is why our summary reports are equally used by diplomats, NGO workers, journalists and academics who are interested in the discussions but who do not necessarily have the time to follow them systematically at the UN. All our reports are available for universal access on our website.



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## WHAT DO WE INCLUDE IN OUR REPORTS?

For those who are not very familiar with the online tools that facilitate following of the UN Human Rights Council (HRC Extranet platform, UN WebTV broadcasting, etc.), the Geneva Centre seeks to provide synthesized and user-friendly reports with all practical information, such as the list of speakers from both States and NGOs, the names of the experts and short summaries of their interventions, the questions asked during the discussion, among others. We also include the link to the original video recording of the meeting in all our reports.

## DIFFERENT KIND OF REPORTS

The format of our reports differ, depending on the type of meeting held at the HRC.

- **Interactive Dialogues (IDs):** these are the most common reports. IDs start with the presentation of a report by a UN expert, on a specific subject. This is followed by interventions from States and NGOs. In general, our summary reports accord 1 page to the presentation of the expert and 1 page to the interventions of States and NGOs
- **General Debates (GDs):** these are our longest reports. They correspond to the 10 items of the HRC agenda. There is no limit to the list of speakers for States and NGOs, thus our summary reports are longer for GDs and are formatted in tables.
- **UPR Outcomes clustered reports:** these reports are more specific and allow 1 page for each country under review. These reports are designed in an infographic style, highlighting the main human rights issues in the country under review.
- **Resolution tables:** represent our most important and appreciated reports. The final resolution tables contain extensive information about resolutions discussed during each session of the HRC. They also indicate the voting patterns of the resolutions.
- **Weekly overviews:** these reports are issued each Monday during the sessions. They provide an overview of the coming week, with the main meetings, themes to be discussed and a short summary of each report to be presented and discussed.

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## TESTIMONIALS

*"We are so happy that you exist, as before, we could not follow all the UN work due to our civil society-focused programs, which we believe are key to creating change locally and nationally. You have our wholehearted support and admiration for your service to civil society actors to help bring about urgent changes on many fronts"*

International NGO based in Geneva



*"Your reports helped filling the gaps as I cover HRC and Health matters and couldn't attend both meetings at the same time. The information received tallied with the extranet video statements that I had missed."*

Geneva-based Permanent Mission to the UNOG (African States)



*"I like very much your timely and informative reports! Your reports were helpful by keeping me informed about the work and decisions of the HRC. As a Treaty Body member it is not easy to follow HRC."*

Expert from the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

*"It is very timely and help facilitate our work in many ways."*

Geneva-based Permanent Mission to the UNOG (Asia and Pacific States)

***"As we are small staff organization, it is difficult to follow all debates. Having good regular summaries is extremely useful."***

International NGO based in Geneva

***"Often I don't have the time to follow all the debates taking place at the HRC, and having a timely summaries is of huge help not to lose track of what happened, and also facilitates my day to day work."***

International NGO based in Geneva



***"Not being able to participate in all HRC meetings I was able to get information from the reports. Thank you for all your work."***

Geneva-based Permanent Mission to the UNOG (Western States)

***"You were very organized and very comprehensive. The reports were useful as a tool to make our own reports."***

Regional NGO (Morocco)