









HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL – 53rd SESSION

UPR Outcome of Guatemala, adopted under Item 6 07 July 2023, Geneva

Guatemala’s Universal Periodic Review (UPR) was held on 25 January 2023. Main issues in the recommendations from states were:

 <p>Detention Conditions Investigate promptly, exhaustively and impartially all cases of violence, deaths, torture and ill-treatment that occur in detention centres.</p>	 <p>Freedom of Expression Promote and protect the right to freedom of assembly, freedom of expression and media freedom, as well as the safety of journalists.</p>
 <p>Trafficking in Persons Continue efforts to prevent and combat sexual violence, exploitation and trafficking in persons, including children.</p>	 <p>Sexual and Reproductive Health Decriminalize abortion and guarantee access to sexual and reproductive health and rights for all, women and girls.</p>
 <p>Poverty Take effective measures to address the disproportionate levels of poverty among women as well as their persistent economic and social inequity.</p>	 <p>Women's Rights Intensify efforts to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women and increase the representation of women, including Indigenous women, in elected and decision-making positions.</p>
 <p>Migration Code Effectively implement the comprehensive national policy on migration; revise the Migration Code in accordance with the full application of the principle of non-refoulement, special attention to the rights of migrant children.</p>	 <p>Ratify International Conventions Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance; Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.</p>

Additional documentation:

- [A/HRC/53/9](#): Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Guatemala
- [A/HRC/53/9/Add.1](#): Report of the Working Group on the UPR of Guatemala – Addendum

Mr. Ramiro Alejandro Contreras Escobar, Executive Director of the Presidential Commission for Peace and Human Rights (presenting the outcome of the UPR):

- Recommendations received during the review in January 2023: 207
- Recommendations accepted by Guatemala: 127
- Recommendations noted by Guatemala: 80

Delegations that took the floor during the UPR Outcome (12 delegations):

UK, Tanzania, Venezuela, Burkina Faso, Chile, China, Egypt, India, Maldives, Morocco, Nepal, and Pakistan.

Civil Society Organizations that took the floor during the UPR Outcome (10):

Dominican for Justice and Peace, Lawyers for Lawyers, Action Canada for Population and Development, Franciscans International, Peace Brigades International, World Jewish Congress, Humanists International, Centre for Justice and International Law, ISHR, Advocated for Human Rights.

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UPR Outcome of Benin, adopted under Item 6 07 July 2023, Geneva

Benin's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) was held on 26 January 2023. Main issues in the recommendations from states were:



Ratification the UN Conventions and Optional Protocols

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families; joining the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Right.



Torture

Accelerate the establishment of the national mechanism for the prevention of torture.



Freedom of Expression

Ensure the right to freedom of expression, in particular for journalists, and guarantee freedom of peaceful assembly in accordance with the ICCPR.



Children's Rights

Strengthen national mechanisms to combat the sale of children for forced labour and to fully implement the provisions of the Labour Code concerning child labour.



Trafficking in Persons

Continue efforts to ensure effective measures to combat trafficking in persons through the adoption of a national policy and action plan to combat the crime.



Right to work

Reinforce measures for the enhancement of people's right to work and to just and favourable conditions of work, especially for the most vulnerable groups.

Protection of rights of persons with albinism



Take concrete measures with a view to protecting persons with albinism from violence, discrimination and abduction, and provide them with access to education, health and employment.



Right to food

Continue efforts in the fight against hunger in order to achieve food security.

Additional documentation:

- [A/HRC/53/10](#): Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Benin
- [A/HRC/53/10/Add.1](#): Report of the Working Group on the UPR of Benin – Addendum

H.E. Mr. Sévérin Maxime Quenum, Minister of Justice and Legislation (presenting the outcome of the UPR):

- Recommendations received during the review in January 2023: 258
- Recommendations accepted by Benin: 234
- Recommendations noted by Benin: 22

Delegations that took the floor during the UPR Outcome (15 delegations):

India, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Maldives, Mauritania, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka.









Civil Society Organizations that took the floor during the UPR Outcome (10):

Franciscans International, COC Netherlands, VIDES, FIAN International, International Lesbian and Gay Association, ISHR, CIVICUS, RADHR, Women in Law & Development in Africa, Interfaith International.

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UPR Outcome of Republic of Korea, adopted under Item 6 07 July 2023, Geneva

Republic of Korea's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) was held on 26 January 2023. Main issues in the recommendations from states were:

 <p>Poverty Intensify its efforts to reduce poverty, especially among older persons, by guaranteeing their access to adequate social security and medical care and by preventing discrimination and abuse.</p>	 <p>Health and Medical Care Proceed with measures to improve access to health care, especially for disadvantaged and marginalized groups, women and girls; ensure access to safe and legal abortion.</p>
 <p>Right to Education Implement measures to reduce disparities in access to education in rural areas, by strengthening school infrastructure and increasing teaching personnel.</p>	 <p>Gender-based crimes and discriminations Continue efforts to address gender-based crimes and discrimination against women, particularly in the employment sector, and in the public and private sectors.</p>
 <p>Death penalty Take steps towards the formal abolition of the death penalty, based on the longstanding moratorium.</p>	 <p>Hate Speech and Prejudice Take the necessary measures to eradicate hate speech and adopt a strategy to combat prejudice, misinformation and stigmatization against migrants and refugees; Continue efforts to strengthen the fight against racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia.</p>
 <p>Military sector Review the prevention and protection mechanisms on sexual violence in the military; continue and strengthen efforts to improve human rights in the military; Take steps to implement alternative service for conscientious objectors to military service in line with international standards.</p>	 <p>Ratification the UN Conventions Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance; and ratify Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in respect of Intercountry Adoption.</p>

Additional documentation:

- [A/HRC/53/11](#): Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Republic of Korea
- [A/HRC/53/11/Add.1](#): Report of the Working Group on the UPR of the Republic of Korea – Addendum

H.E. Mr. Yun, Seong-Deok, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva (presenting the outcome of the UPR):

- Recommendations received during the review in January 2023: 263
- Recommendations accepted by the Republic of Korea: 159
- Recommendations noted by the Republic of Korea: 98

Delegations that took the floor during the UPR Outcome (16 delegations):

China, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libya, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Vanuatu, Russian Federation, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Tanzania, Venezuela, Algeria.









Civil Society Organizations that took the floor during the UPR Outcome (7):

Amnesty International, Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development, Center for Global Nonkilling, CPTI, COC Nederland, GongGam Human Rights Law Foundation, OCAPROCE Internationale.

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UPR Outcome of Switzerland, adopted under Item 6 07 June 2023, Geneva

Switzerland's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) was held on 27 January 2023. Main issues in the recommendations from states were:

 <p>Combat Racial Discrimination</p> <p>Establish a legal definition of racial discrimination in accordance with international law and standards against racial and ethnic profiling, and provide comprehensive assistance to victim. Introduce a general anti-discrimination law to combat racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.</p>	 <p>Places of Detentions</p> <p>Put an end to the violation of human rights during pretrial detention and drastically reduce the suicide rate among detainees. Policy on the treatment of women prisoners. Address overcrowding in prisons in the French-speaking part of the country.</p>
 <p>Climate Action</p> <p>Continue to take concrete steps on the implementation of the Paris Agreement on climate change. Intensify efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Incorporate at the constitutional and legal levels the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment.</p>	 <p>Gender Inequalities</p> <p>Intensify its efforts in addressing issues of gender inequalities, particularly the gender pay gap and the pension age gap. Increase opportunities for women to gain access to formal employment.</p>
 <p>Women's Rights</p> <p>Continue strengthening measures aimed at eliminating female genital mutilation, in particular by implementing public awareness programmes and prosecuting the perpetrators of such acts. Reform the sexual criminal law to ensure a consent-based definition of rape and sexual offences.</p>	 <p>Minority Groups</p> <p>Continue its considerable efforts aimed at protecting migrants, refugees and minorities. Promote intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding between the majority and the different minority groups, as well as religious communities.</p>
 <p>Children's Rights</p> <p>Continue to provide support to youth advocacy organizations, especially organizations that offer services to children and adolescents. Strengthen measures to ensure access to quality education by all children. Ensure that all children have access to quality mental health care.</p>	 <p>Ratification the UN Conventions</p> <p>Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families; ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.</p>

Additional documentation:

- [A/HRC/53/12](#): Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Switzerland
- A/HRC/53/12/Add.1: Report of the Working Group on the UPR of Switzerland – Addendum

H.E. Jürg Lauber, Ambassador of the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva (presenting the outcome of the UPR):

- Recommendations received during the review in January 2023: 317
- Recommendations accepted by Switzerland: 209
- Recommendations noted by Switzerland: 102

Delegations that took the floor during the UPR Outcome (15 delegations):

Philippines, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Ukraine, UK, Tanzania, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Algeria, Armenia, Belgium, Botswana, and Burkina Faso.


Civil Society Organizations that took the floor during the UPR Outcome (10):

Action Canada for Population and Development, Alliance Defending Freedom, Amnesty International, Center for Global Nonkilling, CPTI, FIAN International e.V., Institute for NGO Research, ACAT, World Evangelical Alliance, World Jewish Congress.

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UPR Outcome of Pakistan, adopted under Item 6 10 June 2023, Geneva

Pakistan's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) was held on 30 January 2023. Main issues in the recommendations from states were:

 <p>Ratify International Conventions Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance; the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.</p>	 <p>Freedom of Religion and Belief Fully respect freedom of religion or belief in accordance with international human rights law, in particular by: reforming blasphemy laws; repealing other legal provisions discriminating against members belonging to religious minorities; and halting abductions, forced marriages and forced conversions of women and girls from religious minorities.</p>
 <p>Death Penalty End the widespread use of the death penalty, especially against children and persons with disabilities; abolish the death penalty for drug-related offences.</p>	 <p>National Commission for Human Rights Continue its commitment to upholding the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all: strengthen the role and the effectiveness of the National Commission for Human Rights, in accordance with the Paris Principles.</p>
 <p>Right to health Continue to provide health insurance and improve health-care facilities; promote the right to health; measures to remove any barriers that impede access to sexual and reproductive health for adolescents; strengthen the successful social policies of free and quality education and health care for its people.</p>	 <p>Climate Action Intensify action on mitigation and adaptation measures to effectively tackle climate change; Pursue efforts towards achieving the goals of sustainable development, especially in the sectors of education, health, climate change and disaster risk management.</p>
 <p>Women's Rights Continue its efforts to enhance the inclusion of women in political and public positions; Strengthen support structures to protect victims of (domestic) violence; Strengthen the education system, particularly in rural areas; Adopt measures to eradicate the forced conversion to Islam of women and girls.</p>	 <p>Freedom of Expression Intensify efforts aimed at sufficiently safeguarding freedom of expression; ensure that human rights defenders, journalists and media professionals have adequate protection against intimidation, reprisals and violence.</p>

Additional documentation:

- [A/HRC/53/13](#): Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Pakistan
- A/HRC/53/13/Add.1: Report of the Working Group on the UPR of Pakistan – Addendum

H.E. Mr. Khalil Hashmi, Ambassador of the Permanent Representative of Pakistan (presenting the outcome of the UPR):

- Recommendations received during the review in January 2023: 340
- Recommendations accepted by Pakistan: 243
- Recommendations noted by Pakistan: 87

Delegations that took the floor during the UPR Outcome (13 delegations):

Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Israel, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libya, Maldives, Morocco, Nepal, Oman.









Civil Society Organizations that took the floor during the UPR Outcome (10):

Jubilee Campaign, Action Canada for Population Development, GIN SSOGIE NPC, European Centre for Law and Justice, Federation for Women and Family Planning, Minority Rights Groups, Christian Solidarity Worldwide, Centre for Reproductive Rights, International Federation for Human Rights Leagues, CIVICUS.

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UPR Outcome of Zambia, adopted under Item 6 07 June 2023, Geneva

Zambia's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) was held on 30 January 2023. Main issues in the recommendations from states were:

 <p>Ratification the UN Conventions Ratify the Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child; Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women; Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, abolishing the death penalty.</p>	 <p>Women's Rights Take effective measures to combat discrimination and violence against women and to protect their rights; address the problem of discrimination based on gender and violence against women and girls, including child marriage.</p>
 <p>Persons with Albinism Take effective measures to protect persons with albinism from violence and discrimination, including by guaranteeing their right to life. Take action to combat the mutilation and killing of persons with albinism.</p>	 <p>Detention Centres Improve the situation of detained persons, especially concerning the overcrowding in places of detention and access for detainees to health care; Take measures aimed at improving the situation in the judicial and penitentiary systems.</p>
 <p>Freedoms of Expression and of Peaceful Assembly Continue to adopt and implement effective policies to ensure freedom of expression and of peaceful assembly, including for journalists and the media.</p>	 <p>Trafficking in Persons Put in place mechanisms and national plan to combat the human trafficking of women and children for forced labour, sexual exploitation and domestic servitude.</p>
 <p>Right to Education Consider further measures aimed at ensuring access to quality education for all children, especially in rural areas; increase financing to education and access to teacher training; expedite the comprehensive sexuality education.</p>	 <p>Climate Action Put in place additional measures to protect the environment in accordance with global objectives; continue imposing measures to ensure that mining operations meet safety and environmental protection standards.</p>

Additional documentation:

- [A/HRC/53/14](#): Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Zambia
- [A/HRC/53/14/Add.1](#): Report of the Working Group on the UPR of Zambia – Addendum

Ms. Mwenya Kaela Bwalya, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Justice (presenting the outcome of the UPR):

- Recommendations received during the review in January 2023: 250
- Recommendations accepted by Zambia: 226
- Recommendations noted by Zambia: 24

Delegations that took the floor during the UPR Outcome (16 delegations):

Gabon, India, Lesotho, Libya, Malawi, Maldives, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Russian Federation, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka.

Civil Society Organizations that took the floor during the UPR Outcome (10):

VIDES, Action Canada for Population and Development, Advocates for Human Rights, Amnesty International, Centre du Commerce International pour le Développement, CIVICUS, Edmund Rice International Limited, FIAN International e.V., International Lesbian and Gay Association, ISHR.

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UPR Outcome of Japan, adopted under Item 6 10 June 2023, Geneva

Japan's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) was held on 31 January 2023. Main issues in the recommendations from states were:

 <p>Ratify International Conventions Ratify the First and the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty; Ratify the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products.</p>	 <p>Death Penalty Introduce a formal moratorium on executions and take concrete steps towards the total abolition of the death penalty; reduce the number of capital crimes.</p>
 <p>Detention Conditions Take concrete steps to improve the medical care system within immigration detention facilities and avoid unnecessary long-term detention of immigrants by defining detention criteria, introducing judicial review, setting a limit on the detention period and granting provisional release.</p>	 <p>System of Administration of Justice Consider implementing a practice to address the application of international human rights treaties in Japanese courts; Continue to improve the national system of administration of justice.</p>
 <p>Trafficking in Persons Step up efforts and measures to combat trafficking in persons, especially with regard to women and children; hold perpetrators accountable.</p>	 <p>Climate Action Incorporate the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment in its legal system; Comply fully with international obligations, in particular the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea; Refrain from discharging radioactive wastewater in the Pacific Ocean; Continue to exert efforts and assistance to all evacuees affected by the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster.</p>
 <p>Combat Racism Continue its efforts to combat various forms of discrimination and racism, including racist rhetoric, xenophobia and related intolerance; Reinforce the public policy aimed at preventing hate speech.</p>	 <p>Women's Rights Promote gender equality further by intensifying the fight against domestic violence and ratifying the Istanbul Convention; Strengthen legal protection against all forms of violence, including gender-based violence, especially in schools.</p>

Additional documentation:

- [A/HRC/53/15](#): Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Japan
- A/HRC/53/15/Add.1¹: Report of the Working Group on the UPR of Japan – Addendum

H.E. Mr. Yamazaki Kazuyuki, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva (presenting the outcome of the UPR):

- Recommendations received during the review in January 2023: 300
- Recommendations accepted by Japan: 180
- Recommendations noted by Japan: 120

Delegations that took the floor during the UPR Outcome (14 delegations):

Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libya, Maldives, Nepal, Nigeria, Philippines, Republic of Korea, China, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Ukraine, Tanzania.

Civil Society Organizations that took the floor during the UPR Outcome (10):

Advocates for Human Rights, Amnesty International, Center for Global Nonkilling, Interfaith International, IADL, International Federation for Human Rights Leagues, IMADR, iuventum e.V., Shaanxi Patriotic Volunteer Association, Japanese Organization for International Family Planning.

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¹ As of 10 July, only English Advance version is available.

UPR Outcome of Peru, adopted under Item 6 07 July 2023, Geneva

Peru's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) was held on 25 January 2023. Main issues in the recommendations from states were:

 <p>Ratify International Conventions Ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty; Ratify the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean.</p>	 <p>Freedom of Expression and Peaceful Protests Ensure full protection for freedom of expression and peaceful protest, for all citizens, including ensuring that any complaints of human rights violations during protests are fully investigated; create a safe environment for civil society, including human rights defenders.</p>
 <p>Trafficking in Persons Take measures to further strengthen procedures for assisting victims of trafficking in persons; efforts to prevent trafficking in persons; to combat all forms of criminal organization, sexual and gender-based violence and trafficking in persons.</p>	 <p>Social security system Continue efforts and adopt measures to reduce homelessness among vulnerable groups throughout the country and to increase women's access to the national social security system; appropriate educational service; ensure access to health-care services.</p>
 <p>Right of the Child Continue to take measures to eliminate child, early and forced marriage, in particular in rural areas of the country; national action plan on the promotion and protection of street children and adolescents.</p>	 <p>Migrants' Rights Accelerate the regularization of migrants and refugees, remove barriers to their access to services and strengthen their protection from expulsion; ensure migrant workers have access to basic education and health care, and protect them from ill treatment by providing judicial and administrative remedies.</p>
 <p>Women's Rights Strengthen capacities for prevention and intervention to combat violence against women, and continue with the policies deployed in this area; programmes dedicated to supporting and empowering rural women; preventive measures to more effectively combat femicide.</p>	 <p>Indigenous Peoples Ensure that Indigenous Peoples fully enjoy all their rights; assure the access of Indigenous Peoples and the Afro-Peruvian community to quality education; public defence services and access to justice with an intercultural approach to benefit.</p>

Additional documentation:

- [A/HRC/53/8](#): Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Peru
- [A/HRC/53/8/Add.1²](#): Report of the Working Group on the UPR of Peru – Addendum

H.E Daniel M. Romero, Minister of Justice and Human Rights (presenting the outcome of the UPR):

- Recommendations received during the review in January 2023: 202
- Recommendations accepted by Peru: 190
- Recommendations noted by Peru: 4

Delegations that took the floor during the UPR Outcome (13 delegations):

Brazil, Chile, China, India, Maldives, Morocco, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Russian Federation, Tunisia, Tanzania, Venezuela.

Civil Society Organizations that took the floor during the UPR Outcome (9):

Centre Europe, International Lesbian and Gay Association, Centre for Justice and International Law, Edmund Rice, Civicus, Human Rights Watch, FIDH, Amnesty International, IBAHRI.









International Organizations (2): UN WOMEN, UNFPA.

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² As of 06 July, only the Spanish Advance version is available.

UPR Outcome of Sri Lanka, adopted under Item 6 10 July 2023, Geneva

Sri Lanka's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) was held on 01 February 2023. Main issues in the recommendations from states were:

 <p>Ratification the UN Conventions and Optional Protocols Ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty; Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, with a view to further strengthening child protection; Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.</p>	 <p>Trafficking in Persons Continue efforts to combat human trafficking; Increase efforts on strengthening the protection of children's rights in the areas of child labour, domestic violence and trafficking.</p>
 <p>Death Penalty Establish a moratorium on executions and commute all death sentences to prison sentences; reform the Penal Code to formally abolish the death penalty.</p>	 <p>Judicial Mechanism and Truth Commission Intensify peacebuilding and social reconciliation efforts; Fully implement a credible transitional justice and reconciliation mechanism; Establish a truth commission and a judicial mechanism to advance investigations and prosecute perpetrators of atrocity crimes.</p>
 <p>Right to Education Ensure equal access to education for women, children and persons with disabilities; Further ensure access to education for all children, including children with disabilities and children in rural areas.</p>	 <p>Women's Rights Further intensify measures to advance women's rights, to promote the empowerment of women and their participation in public, economic and political life; Ensure the protection of women and men, girls and boys, from sexual harassment and gender-based violence; criminalize marital rape.</p>
 <p>Right of the Child Strengthen measures to protect the rights of children, particularly to prevent child labour, hazardous forms of employment and violence against children; protect children from abuse, exploitation and child marriage; national human rights action plan to prevent child abuse and to end corporal punishment.</p>	 <p>Combat Discriminations Take further steps to eradicate all forms of discrimination and violence against minority communities, including women, girls, disabled people and the LGBTQI+ communities; guarantee Indigenous Peoples their fundamental rights.</p>

Additional documentation:

- [A/HRC/53/16](#): Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Sri Lanka
- A/HRC/53/16/Add.1³: Report of the Working Group on the UPR of Sri Lanka – Addendum

H.E. Ms. Himalee Subhashini, Ambassador at the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka (presenting the outcome of the UPR):

- Recommendations received during the review in February 2023: 294
- Recommendations accepted by Sri Lanka: 173
- Recommendations noted by Sri Lanka: 121

Delegations that took the floor during the UPR Outcome (13delegations):

Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libya, Maldives, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Russian Federation, Singapore, South Africa.

Civil Society Organizations that took the floor during the UPR Outcome (10):

Amnesty International, Christian Solidarity Worldwide, CIVICUS, COC Nederland, Franciscans International, Human Rights Watch, Humanists International, Lawyers for Lawyers, Stichting Global Human Rights Defence, World Evangelical Alliance.









International Organizations: UN WOMEN

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³ As of 10 July, only the English Advance version is available.

UPR Outcome of Czechia, adopted under Item 6 06 June 2023, Geneva

Czechia's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) was held on 23 January 2023. Main issues in recommendations from States:

 <p>Violence Against Women And Girls Continue its efforts to combat violence against women and ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention)</p>	 <p>Hate Crimes and intolerance Combat racism and hate speech, hate crimes, xenophobia, and promote tolerance towards minority groups</p>
 <p>Combat human trafficking Intensify its efforts to effectively prevent and combat trafficking in persons, including the sexual exploitation of children in cyberspace.</p>	 <p>Rights of migrants and asylum seekers Ensure the protection of refugees and asylum-seekers, and stateless persons; and ensure their access to legal aid, facilitate family reunification procedures and access to social protection</p>
 <p>Rights of the child Prohibit corporal punishment of children, in all of its forms and settings and align its child justice system fully with the Convention on the Rights of the Child.</p>	 <p>Detention of migrant children End to the detention of children and families of migrants, especially in closed immigration detention centres, and introduce feasible and accessible alternatives to detention; and provide basic needs, health care and education services in refugee reception centres</p>
 <p>LGBTQI + Enact legislation ensuring equal rights to same-sex couples, including their recognition and access to social security protection and abolish mandatory medical sterilization for transgender people who are seeking legal gender recognition. Include sexual orientation and gender identity as a basis for hate crimes.</p>	 <p>Protection of rights and inclusion of minorities Ensure the full and timely implementation of the Roma Integration Strategy 2021–2030</p>

Additional documentation:

- [A/HRC/53/4](#): Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Czechia
- [A/HRC/53/4/Add.1](#): Report of the Working Group on the UPR – Addendum

Mr. Victor Kundrak, Director of the Department of Human Rights and Protection of Minorities, Office of the Government of Czechia (presenting the outcome of the UPR):

- Recommendations received during the review in January 2023: 242
- Recommendations accepted by Czechia: 207
- Recommendations noted by Czechia: 31
- Recommendations partly accepted: 4

Delegations that took the floor during the UPR Outcome (16 delegations):

China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Gabon, India, Indonesia, Israel, Lithuania, Maldives, Namibia, Nepal, Philippines, Romania, Russian Federation, South Africa, Ukraine.







Civil Society Organizations that took the floor during the UPR Outcome (3 NGOs):

World Jewish Congress, Maat for Peace Development and Human Rights Association, United Towns Agency for North-South Cooperation.

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UPR Outcome of Argentina, adopted under Item 6 06 June 2023, Geneva

Argentina's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) was held on 23 January 2023. Main issues in recommendations from States:

 <p>Address Discriminations Implement of the National Plan against Discrimination 2021–2024 and reinforce government measures to combat hate speech, discrimination and xenophobia</p>	 <p>Human Rights Institutions Appoint the Ombudsperson of the Nation, in compliance with the Paris Principles and strengthen the role of the Office of the Ombudsperson.</p>
 <p>Law enforcement Reinforce the mechanisms protecting against excessive use of force and arrests and abuses by the police and security forces and ensure excessive use of force is investigated and, when appropriate, prosecuted.</p>	 <p>Prevention of Torture and Detention Improve prison conditions, and take implement measures to combat torture.</p>
 <p>Combat Discrimination Take action to eliminate discriminations against people of African descent and Indigenous Peoples and take measures to promote and protect the rights of Indigenous Peoples.</p>	 <p>Gender-based Violence Take all necessary measures to end femicide and all forms of violence against women and Continue the effective implementation of national plans for combating gender-based violence and discrimination.</p>

Additional documentation:

- [A/HRC/53/5](#): Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Argentina
- [A/HRC/53/5/Add.1 \(ES\)](#): Report of the Working Group on the UPR of Argentina – Addendum

Mr. Federico Villegas, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Argentina to the International Organizations in Geneva (presenting the outcome of the UPR):

- Recommendations received during the review in January 2023: 287
- Recommendations accepted by Argentina: 271
- Recommendations noted by Argentina: 14
- Recommendations partly accepted : 2

Delegations that took the floor during the UPR Outcome (15 delegations):

Armenia, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, China, Cuba, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Gabon, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Morocco.







Civil Society Organizations that took the floor during the UPR Outcome (8 NGOs):

World Jewish Congress, Istituto Internazionale Maria Ausiliatrice Delle Salesiane Di Don Bosco, Center For Reproductive Rights Inc, Edmund Rice International Limited, Amnesty International, Lutheran World Federation, United Towns Agency for North South Cooperation, Action Canada for Population Development.

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UPR Outcome of Gabon, adopted under Item 6 06 June 2023, Geneva

Gabon's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) was held on 24 January 2023. Main issues in the recommendations from states were:

 <p>National Human Rights Institutions</p> <p>Expedite the operationalization of the National Human Rights Commission and support the creation of the National Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture</p>	 <p>Adequate Standards of Living</p> <p>Intensify efforts to increase equitable access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene, nutrition, health and education; and consolidate its social programmes and policies for the welfare of its people</p>
 <p>Freedom of Expression</p> <p>Fully guarantee the exercise of the rights to the freedoms of peaceful assembly, association, press and expression, and promote a safe environment for civil society.</p>	 <p>Women's Rights</p> <p>Continue to strengthen measures to eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against women and address early and forced marriage.</p>
 <p>Education</p> <p>Enhance access to free and inclusive education, and continue efforts to improve the quality of education</p>	 <p>Human Trafficking</p> <p>Continue efforts to combat trafficking in persons, including trafficking in children.</p>

Additional documentation:

- [A/HRC/53/6](#): Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Gabon
- [A/HRC/53/6/Add.1](#): Report of the Working Group on the UPR of Gabon – Addendum

S.E. Mme Mireille Sarah NZENZE, Ambassadeur, Représentant Permanent du Gabon auprès de l'ONU à Genève (presenting the outcome of the UPR):

- Recommendations received during the review in January 2023: 259
- Recommendations accepted by Gabon: 230
- Recommendations noted by Gabon: 29

Delegations that took the floor during the UPR Outcome (16 delegations):

India, Lesotho, Libya, Malawi, Maldives, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka.

Civil Society Organizations that took the floor during the UPR Outcome (6 NGOs):

Centre du Commerce International pour le Développement, Rencontre Africaine pour la Défense des Droits de l'Homme, Africa Culture International, United Towns Agency North South Cooperation, Interfaith International, Ingénieurs du Monde.

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UPR Outcome of Ghana, adopted under Item 6 06 June 2023, Geneva

Ghana's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) was held on 24 January 2023. Main issues in the recommendations from states were:

 <p>Death Penalty Abolish the death penalty and ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.</p>	 <p>Human Rights Institutions Consider the development of the national human rights action plan and Step up efforts to strengthen institutions responsible for the promotion and protection of human rights.</p>
 <p>Freedom of Expression Guarantee full respect for the rights to freedom of expression, assembly and association. Ensure the safety of journalists and human rights defenders and recognize the legitimacy of their work.</p>	 <p>Access to Health Continue efforts to increase access to quality and essential health-care services, including maternal health care and sexual and reproductive health care.</p>
 <p>Protection of rights of people with disabilities Enhance protection of the rights of persons with disabilities and re-examine the Persons with Disability Act to ensure coherence with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.</p>	 <p>Women's Rights Combat harmful practices against women and girls, including early and forced marriage and accusations of witchcraft.</p>

Additional documentation:

- [A/HRC/53/7](#): Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Ghana
- [A/HRC/53/7/Add.1](#): Report of the Working Group on the UPR of Ghana – Addendum

H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Kwame Asiedu Antwi, Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Ghana Permanent Mission, Geneva, Switzerland (presenting the outcome of the UPR):

- Recommendations received during the review in January 2023: 298
- Recommendations accepted by Switzerland: 265
- Recommendations noted by Switzerland: 30
- Recommendations partly accepted: 3

Delegations that took the floor during the UPR Outcome (13 delegations):

Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Algeria, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, China, Congo, Cuba.

Civil Society Organizations that took the floor during the UPR Outcome (10):

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Action Canada for Population and Development, Defence for Children International, Humanists International, International Lesbian and Gay Association, Advocates for Human Rights, Edmund Rice International, Amnesty International, Rencontre Africaine pour la Défense des Droits de l'Homme, Centre du Commerce International pour la Développement.

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