

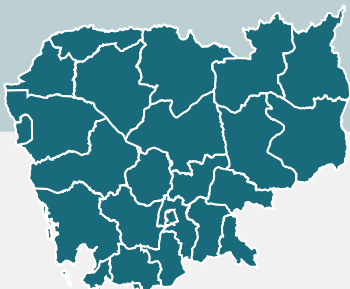
THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW

- ☑ The **Universal Periodic Review (UPR)** is a United Nations (UN) mechanism that operates by reviewing each UN Member States' adherence to its human right obligations.
- ☑ During the UPR, UN Member States give **recommendations** on how the State under review could improve human rights.

The process takes place in each country **every 5 years** on a cyclical basis.



THE UPR IN CAMBODIA



1st Cycle
December 2009



2nd Cycle
February 2014



3rd Cycle
January 2019

THE REVIEW PROCESS

The Universal Periodic Review is conducted by the UPR Working Group that is composed by all UN member States and chaired by the **Human Rights Council** president.

The review is based on information provided in the **three main documents**:



1

The State under review, explains accomplishments and challenges faced in implementing recommendations since the previous review in its **national report**.

The State is encouraged to consult with national bodies and CSOs when it is compiling its own report.

2

The **compilation of UN information**, prepared by the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) contains information from various UN agencies, special procedures and treaty bodies about recent development in the human rights situation of the state under review.

3

OHCHR summarizes **reports submitted by civil society organizations** and national human rights institutions into the **Stakeholders summary**.

*Submissions from CSOs typically focus on a **particular thematic area**. Organizations may also wish to **collaborate** with other CSOs to create a joint report, demonstrating a united voice of civil society on the international arena.*



During the UPR, the State under review also **presents its national report**, explains & highlight the current human rights situation and actions undertaken to implement recommendations received in the last report.



Other UN Member States make recommendations on how the State under review could improve human rights.

Once the review process is finished, the State concerned can:



support the recommendations received, that is, to make a political commitment to implement that recommendation before the next review; **or, note** the recommendations received.



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