The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is a United Nations (UN) mechanism to review the human rights records of all UN Member States. The UPR is a State-driven process, whereby each State declares what actions they have taken to improve the human rights situations in their countries and to fulfil their human rights obligations.

Cambodia was reviewed by UPR in January of 2019, where it received 198 recommendations and accepted 173 recommendations at the adoption of its UPR outcome at the Human Rights Council 41, in July 2019. This is an increase of 6% when compared to the 2nd cycle.

**WHAT IS THE UPR?**

**AREAS OF PROGRESS**

**THE WAY FORWARD**

Since receiving the recommendations, the RGC has made progress in the following areas:

- As of September 2021, 47 political parties have registered with the Ministry of Interior.
- The Ministry of Interior has collaborated with UNDP to implement a three-year project to enhance civic engagement, peace building and inclusive dialogue.
- The Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training has established a working group to prepare a draft law on the amendment to several articles of the Trade Union Law.

Despite such progress, it is recommended that the RGC:

- Continue to review and register new political parties and rehabilitate political rights to individuals who have been banned from political activities.
- Continue to strengthen law enforcement and promote respect for human rights.

Accelerate discussion meetings regarding relevant laws and complete the procedures required for the National Assembly to adopt them.

CCHR reminds the RGC of its human rights obligations under the ICCPR and encourages the RGC to implement all accepted recommendations before the next UPR cycle. CCHR also urges the RGC to reconsider accepting all recommendations marked as noted in the fourth cycle.