THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW

WHAT IS THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW?

The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is a United Nations (UN) mechanism to review the human rights practices of all the States in the world.

During the UPR, States under review explain what they have done to respect human rights, while other UN member States give recommendations on how the state under review could improve human rights.

The UPR Cycle

New UPR Session

Submission of reports on the human rights situation in the country

Interactive dialogue between State under review & UN Member States

Implementation of recommendations by the State reviewed

Final Report with recommendations adopted by the State under review

WHAT CAN CIVIL SOCIETY DO?

Send a report on the human rights situation in the State under review;

Ask UN member States and/or local embassies in their countries to ask specific questions and make some recommendations to the State under review during the interactive dialogue;

Take the floor at the Human Rights Council during the adoption of the final UPR report;

Monitor the implementation of the recommendations by the State;

Raise awareness with the media on the States commitment to implement the recommendations.

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