

Recommendations

Civil Society & NGOs

Constraints on the existence and work of the civil society and NGOs / **Call for cooperation with the civil society and NGOs (not within the UPR)**

Session 1 (7-18 April 2008), Session 2 (5-19 May 2008), and Session 3 (1-15 December 2008)

In this document are contained all the recommendations made during session 1, 2 and 3 of the UPR and mentioned in Section II "Conclusions and/or recommendations" of the Reports of the Working Group:

ALGERIA

- **To Montenegro- A/HRC/10/74**

- **To elaborate a census, in conjunction with UNDP, UNHCR and civil society, on the number of Roma, in particular refugees and displaced Roma**

AUSTRALIA

- **To Tuvalu- A/HRC/10/84**

- **To implement effective means to ensure greater public awareness of the issues of domestic violence and gender discrimination and encourage greater involvement of Government agencies and civil society in efforts to address these issues**

AUSTRIA

- **To Uzbekistan- A/HRC/10/83**

- **To take further steps to enable civil society to thrive without interference and restrictions**

BELGIUM

- **To Tunisia - A/HRC/8/21**

- To encourages the facilitation of the registration of civil society, unions and political parties

CANADA

- **To Gabon - A/HRC/8/35**

- To revoke laws on defamation, which limit the capacity of civil society to express a diversity of views

- **To Turkmenistan - A/HRC/10/79**

- To abolish the system of registration for nongovernmental organizations working in the country

- To remove constraints on civil society groups and human rights defenders

DENMARK

- **To Serbia - A/HRC/10/78**

- To speed up the process of implementing the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and designate an independent national preventive mechanism in consultation with civil society, take all required measures to effectively prevent torture

FRANCE

- **To Colombia - A/HRC/10/82**

- To reopen dialogue with the representatives of civil society organizations to allow coordinated and rapid implementation of the National Plan of Action on Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law

- **To Uzbekistan - A/HRC/10/83**

- To adopt a national legislation complying with international human rights standards, to ensure freedom of assembly as enshrined in the Constitution, in particular by guaranteeing human rights NGOs the right to freely carry out their activities

GERMANY

- **To Turkmenistan - A/HRC/10/79**

- To ensure that members of civil society are allowed, free of harassment, to meet with representatives of foreign media and Governments and international organizations

IRELAND

- **To Guatemala - A/HRC/8/38**

- To combat impunity for attacks on human rights defenders, by effectively investigating allegations and by prosecuting those responsible and that Guatemala develop Government policy for the protection of human rights defenders, taking into account the views of civil society and also including the views delineated by the Presidential Commission on Human Rights in 2007

- **To Pakistan - A/HRC/8/42**

- To effectively address the repressive effect of civil society monitoring procedures and antiterrorism legislation on the operation of human rights defenders

- **To Sri Lanka - A/HRC/8/46**

- To address the concerns raised by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights defenders regarding the registration of NGOs with particular regard to the need to avoid unduly constraining the activities of civil society

- **To Uzbekistan - A/HRC/10/83**

- To lift all restrictions on the activities of civil society and complies with the request by the Human Rights Committee to bring its law, regulations and practice governing the registration of political parties into line with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

MALAYSIA

- **To Uzbekistan - A/HRC/10/83**

- To continue efforts in promoting and nurturing a vibrant civil society

MEXICO

- **To Algeria - A/HRC/8/29**

- Recommends an exchange of respective experiences at the international level on the issue of communication between Governments and civil societies

- **To Tonga - A/HRC/8/48**

- To strengthen its efforts in the area of human rights education, training of public officials and on the participation of civil society in the promotion and protection of human rights, including through international and regional cooperation

- **To Turkmenistan - A/HRC/10/79**

- To submit its periodic reports as soon as possible and establish mechanisms for the implementation of recommendations with the participation of civil society

- To strengthen measures to promote freedom of association and take measures to guarantee the full exercise of the right to freedom of expression, including the right to access to public information by civil society organizations and individual citizens

MOROCCO

- **To Uzbekistan - A/HRC/10/83**

- To continue to work closely with civil society to fight the propagation of HIV/AIDS, without which the 6th objective of the MDGs will be difficult to achieve

NETHERLANDS

- **To Zambia - A/HRC/8/43**

- That a strategy of assistance and prevention be developed for street children in order to protect and guarantee their rights, involving community-based associations and other civil society organizations

- **To Tonga - A/HRC/8/48**

- To facilitate extended access to prisons for NGOs and that it implements the recommendations contained in the report of the Community Para-Legal Taskforce on Human Rights with regard to persons detained by the security forces

SLOVENIA

- **To Montenegro - A/HRC/10/74**

- To involve meaningfully civil society in the process of the preparation of the planned law on protection against domestic violence

SPAIN

- **To Colombia - A/HRC/10/82**

- To ensure dialogue with important sectors of civil society, leaving aside stigmatizing speech and anything that would be unjustified on one side or the other; in this context, it is especially important to finalize the agreed national human rights plan of action

SWEDEN

- **To Tunisia - A/HRC/8/21**

- To encourages the facilitation of the registration of civil society, unions and political parties

SWITZERLAND

- **To Uzbekistan - A/HRC/10/83**

- To strengthen its collaboration with national and international civil society actors, notably by giving general accreditation to the major international human rights organizations

UNITED KINGDOM

- **To Tunisia - A/HRC/8/21**

- To encourages the facilitation of the registration of civil society, unions and political parties

- **To Colombia - A/HRC/10/82**

- To deepen its engagement with and support for civil society actors, human rights defenders and minority groups, and ensure their safety, with specific mechanisms in place if necessary, including through supportive public statements on the important role they play in democracy

UNITED STATES

- **To Tunisia - A/HRC/8/21**

- To encourages the facilitation of the registration of civil society, unions and political parties

- **To Peru - A/HRC/8/37**

- To demonstrate its commitment to coordinating with civil society, including NGOs, academics, and research institutions, as it develops and implements domestic human rights policy

Uruguay

- **To Colombia- A/HRC/10/82**

- To give strict orders to security forces not to make mistakes by qualifying as “terrorists” those who in reality are human rights defenders and members of nongovernmental organisations