

## **UPR Info Database**

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### **A comprehensive help guide**

UPR Info's Database of UPR Recommendations is a very unique tool developed by UPR Info.

It is intended to facilitate access to UPR recommendations to all stakeholders: States, NHRI, NGOs, UN staff, academics, media and civil society in general. Designed with an intuitive and user-friendly layout, it allows searching any recommendation of interest through several filters (see below), creating specific queries by combining entries (from the same filter or by different filters) and keywords.

The database contains notably an exclusive category looking at the action contained in each recommendation developed by Professor Edward R. McMahon from the University of Vermont.

### **Description of database**

The database ensures to search all UPR recommendations through eight categories:

1. State under Review (SuR)
2. Recommending State (RS)

3. Regional groups
4. Organisations
5. Responses provided by the SuR
6. Action categories (Exclusive!)
7. Issues contained in each recommendation
8. Sessions

## **Action category**

The Action category is an innovative component offering the possibility to analyse recommendations through the type of action requested. Developed by Professor McMahon from the University of Vermont with the support of UPR Info, this exclusive tool creates a new approach to UPR recommendations by ranking them on a scale from 1 to 5:

- 1- Minimal action. Ex: “Share its experiences...”
- 2- Continuing action. Ex: “Continue its work...”
- 3- Considering action. Ex: “Consider ratifying...”
- 4- General action. Ex: “Improve women’s rights”
- 5- Specific action. Ex: “Amend the legislation...”

To know more about this Action Category, please refer to our document available on our website:

[http://www.upr-info.org/IMG/pdf/Action\\_Category.pdf](http://www.upr-info.org/IMG/pdf/Action_Category.pdf)

# How to use UPR Info's Database

## -1- Basic search

Basic search allows searching through all recommendations received by a SuR, made by a RS or made on a given issue, using or not keywords (please note you can also select how many recommendations to display per page):

The screenshot shows the 'Search & filters' section of the UPR Info database. The search criteria are: State under Review: All, Recommending State: All, Issue: Counter-terrorism, and Search keyword(s) in recommendations: indigenous peoples. The results table shows one result for Chile (GRULAC) with a recommendation from the Netherlands (WEOG) regarding the Anti-Terrorism Act. The response is 'Accepted' with 4 votes. The issue categories are Treaty bodies and Counter-terrorism.

SuR	Recommendation	RS	Response	A	Issue	S
Chile GRULAC	Take the necessary measures to prevent outlawing or penalizing legitimate and peaceful activities or social demands by indigenous organizations and peoples and reinforce the notion that the Anti-Terrorism Act is to be applied only within its	Netherlands WEOG	Accepted	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treaty bodies</li> <li>Counter-terrorism</li> </ul>	5

Results will be displayed right below your query:

The screenshot shows the search results for the keyword 'torture'. The search criteria are: State under Review: All, Recommending State: All, Issue: All, and Search keyword(s) in recommendations: torture. The results table shows two results: one from Qatar (OIC, AL) regarding stoning and flogging, and another from DPR Korea (Asia) regarding the practice of torture. Both recommendations were rejected with 5 votes. The issue categories include Treaty bodies, Torture, Rights of the Child, and Special procedures.

SuR	Recommendation	RS	Response	A	Issue	S
Qatar Asia OIC, AL	Abolish stoning and flogging from its legislation, as mentioned by the Committee against Torture	Chile GRULAC OAS, OEI	Rejected	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treaty bodies</li> <li>Torture</li> </ul>	7
DPR Korea Asia	Abolish the practice of torture, cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment, including the collective punishment of families, as reported by the Special Rapporteur, and amend national legislation to prohibit the torture and other ill-treatment of children, as recommended by the Committee on the Rights of the Child	Israel WEOG	Rejected	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rights of the Child</li> <li>Treaty bodies</li> <li>Special procedures</li> <li>Torture</li> </ul>	8

Results can be sorted, exported (see *Other options* section); since a limited number of recommendations are displayed at once, you may navigate through pages. The total of recommendations is also available.

## -2- Advanced search

Advanced search panel allows a more in-depth search through additional categories and multiple entries within a category. To display the advanced search panel, click on "Advanced search" button:

**Database of UPR recommendations**

Welcome to UPR Info's Database of UPR recommendations. This unique feature enables the viewer to access and search all UPR recommendations through several categories: State under Review, State that made the recommendation, regional groups and organisations, response, session, thematic issues and the type of action. The latter is an exclusive element of our database which looks into the specificity of the action contained in each recommendation. To know more about it, see on the right. To learn how to use the database, read our [help guide](#).

**Names of columns:**  
**SuR** - State under Review  
**RS** - Recommending State  
**A** - Action  
**S** - Session

**Action categories:**  
 1 - Minimal action  
 2 - Continuing action  
 3 - Considering action  
 4 - General action  
 5 - Specific action  
 More information [here](#).

**Search & filters**

State under Review - **All** | Recommending State - **All** | Issue - **All** | **GO** | **Reset**

Search keyword(s) in recommendations -  Max. results - **25** | **Advanced search**

**A** Advanced search offers same options as *basic search*; since **one may search through all recommendations** received by a SuR, made by a RS or made on a given issue, using or not keywords:

**Search & filters**

State under Review - **All** | Recommending State - **All** | Issue - **All** | **GO** | **Reset**

Search keyword(s) in recommendations -  Max. results - **25** | **Advanced search**

**State under Review**  
 Afghanistan  
 Albania  
 Algeria  
 Angola  
 Argentina

**Recommending State**  
 Iran  
 Iraq  
 Ireland  
 Israel  
 Italy

**Issue**  
 Human rights violations by state agents  
 Indigenous peoples  
 Internally displaced persons  
 International humanitarian law  
 International instruments

**SuR - Regional Groups**  
 Africa: African Group  
 Asia: Asian Group  
 EEG: Eastern European Group  
 GRULAC: Group of Latin American and Caribbean States  
 WEOG: Western European Group

**SuR - Organisations**  
 ASEAN: Association of Southeast Asian Nations  
 AU: African Union  
 CIS: Commonwealth of Independent States  
 Commonwealth

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**RS - Organisations**  
 OEL: Organisation of Ibero-American States  
 OIC: Organisation of the Islamic Conference  
 OIF: Organisation internationale de la Francophonie  
 PIF: Pacific Islands Forum

**Response**  
 Accepted  
 Rejected  
 General Response  
 No Response

**Action Category**  
 1 - Minimal action  
 2 - Continuing action  
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 5 - Specific action

**Session**  
 1 - April 2008  
 2 - May 2008  
 3 - December 2008  
 4 - February 2009  
 5 - May 2009  
 6 - December 2009  
 7 - February 2010

**Tools**  
[Export to csv](#)  
[Link to your current results](#)

Displaying results 1 to 1 of 1 total results

SuR	Recommendation	RS	Response	A	Issue	S
Angola Africa AU	Join CRPD in order to protect persons with <a href="#">disabilities</a> in Angola	Iraq Asia OIC,AL	Accepted	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International instruments</li> <li>Disabilities</li> </ul>	7

(note you can also select how many recommendations to display per page, as with *basic search*)

**B** Moreover, one can also search using **additional filters specifically available for the advanced search**, like “Regional groups” and “Organisations” (both for SuR and RS), “Response”, “Action category” and “Session”:

The screenshot shows the 'Search & filters' interface with the following settings:

- State under Review: All
- Recommending State: All
- Issue: All
- Search keyword(s) in recommendations: disabilities
- Max. results: 25

Filters applied:

- State under Review:** Angola (checked)
- Recommending State:** Iraq (checked)
- Issue:** International instruments (checked)
- SuR - Regional Groups:** Africa: African Group (checked)
- SuR - Organisations:** AU: African Union (checked)
- RS - Regional Groups:** Asia: Asian Group (checked)
- RS - Organisations:** OIC: Organisation of the Islamic Conference (checked)
- Response:** Accepted (checked)
- Action Category:** 5 - Specific action (checked)
- Session:** 7 - February 2010 (checked)

Results table:

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Tick one to as many box options, depending of your needs.

**C Multiple terms for the queries:** possibility is offered to select all kind of previously mentioned filters:

This screenshot is identical to the one above, showing the 'Search & filters' interface with the same search criteria and filters applied. The search results table is also identical.

### -3- Other options

**A Sorting.** You can sort the results by a given category by clicking one of the arrows at the top of each column:

SuR	Recommendation	RS	Response	A	Issue	S
Qatar Asia OIC, AL	Abolish stoning and flogging from its legislation, as mentioned by the Committee against <a href="#">Torture</a>	Chile GRULAC OAS, OEI	Rejected	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treaty bodies</li> <li>Torture</li> </ul>	7
DPR Korea Asia	Abolish the practice of <a href="#">torture</a> , cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment, including the collective punishment of families, as reported by the Special Rapporteur, and amend national legislation to prohibit the <a href="#">torture</a> and other ill-treatment of children, as recommended by the Committee on the Rights of the Child	Israel WEOG	Rejected	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rights of the Child</li> <li>Treaty bodies</li> <li>Special procedures</li> <li>Torture</li> </ul>	6
Yemen	Abolish <a href="#">torture</a> and other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment in all forms, in particular stoning, flogging and the	Israel			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treaty bodies</li> </ul>	

Arrow will point down, showing sort is active.

**B Export.** It is possible to extract the results of the search into an excel sheet. To do so, please click on "Advanced search", then on "Export to cvs" from "Tools" area:

Advanced search

Displaying results 1 to 25 of 514 total results

1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | >> | Last page

State under Review

- Afghanistan
- Albania
- Algeria
- Angola
- Argentina

Recommending State

- Iran
- Iraq
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy

Issue

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- International humanitarian law
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Response

- Accepted
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Action Category

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Session

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Tools

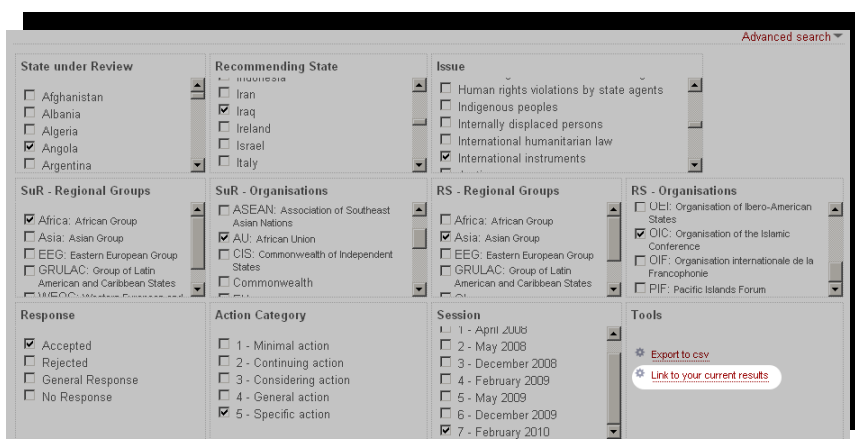
- [Export to cvs](#)
- [Link to your current results](#)

After a few seconds, a new icon will be displayed, named "CSV FILE"; depending on how is your internet browser configured, clicking on it will either display a new tab, or ask you if you want to download/save the file.



The best way to get your data is to right click on the new icon, and select "save target as"; it will save an excel-like sheet on your computer. CSV are standardised files that can be opened through Microsoft Office Excel as well as OpenOffice software.

**C Bookmarks.** It is possible to catch an URL (web address) of the result of a query to bookmark it. To do so, please click on "Advanced search", then on "Link of your current results" from "Tools" area.



After a few seconds, a new icon will be displayed, named "WEB LINK", as well as the URL:



You may either left-click on the picture to add the URL to your bookmarks or right-click to copy the URL. The text area alongside contains also the URL; you may select the entire area (please carefully scroll to the right, or press CTRL+A once into the field) if you want to quickly add the URL in a document. This is very handfull to send by email or to copy-paste a list of recommendations: our web-links can act as shortcuts!

## **ANNEX 1 – Regional groups**

Africa: African Group

Asia: Asian Group

EEG: Eastern European Group

GRULAC: Group of Latin American and Caribbean States

WEOG: Western European and Other States Group

## **ANNEX 2 – Organisations**

ACS: Association of Caribbean States

AL: League of Arab States

AU: African Union

ASEAN: Association of Southeast Asian Nations

CIS: Commonwealth of Independent States

Commonwealth: the Commonwealth

EU: European Union

OAS : Organisation of American States

OEI: Organisation of Ibero-American States

OIC: Organisation of the Islamic Conference

OIF: Organisation internationale de la Francophonie

PIF: Pacific Islands Forum