

Issues' Analysis

-Civil Society and NGO Participation in the UPR process- Session 1-5

Introduction

The issue of civil society and NGO participation in the UPR process represents an important part of civil society participation in general. Usually, this issue is raised both in advanced written questions and in recommendations. In advance written questions, the focus is usually on the preparation of the state report (i.e. 'In what way has the civil society in country A participated in the preparation of the state report'). In recommendations, the focus is usually on the involvement in the follow-up and implementation process (i.e. 'Ensure regular consultation of civil society in the follow-up process').

This issue is raised relatively rarely. Out of over 5000 recommendations in total over 5 sessions, 38 recommendations focussed on this issue.¹ In total 72 advance questions were posed. Furthermore, it has not been raised for all States under Review. The United Kingdom in particular is very active on this issue, both in asking advance questions, which it has done for almost all States under Review, and in making recommendations.

Top 4 countries making recommendations on this issue

1. United Kingdom (22 recommendations)
2. Mexico (3 recommendations)
Netherlands (3 recommendations)
4. Czech Republic (2 recommendations)

Top 5 States under Review receiving recommendations on this issue

1. Canada (6 recommendations)
2. Cuba (4 recommendations)
3. Azerbaijan (2 recommendations)
United Arab Emirates (2 recommendations)
Bahamas (2 recommendations)

Top 3 countries posing advance written questions on this issue

1. United Kingdom (69 questions)
2. Romania (2 questions)
3. Norway (1 question)

Top 3 States under Review receiving advance written questions on this issue

1. Philippines (2 questions)
Algeria (2 questions)
Viet Nam (2 questions)

¹ For more detailed data, see the table.