

Issues' Analysis

-Counter-Terrorism and Human Rights- *Session 1-5*

Introduction

This issue is raised relatively rarely in the context of the Universal Periodic Review. Out of over 5000 recommendations in total over 5 sessions, 41 recommendations focussed on counter-terrorism and human rights.¹ In total, 22 advance questions concerned this issue. In total, 27 states raised this issue, while 28 states received questions and recommendations. Most recommendations were made by the WEOG (34%) and GRULAC (34%) regions, while most questions came from the WEOG region (77%). The Asian and WEOG regions received the most questions (respectively 41% and 36%) and recommendations (respectively 34% and 37%).

Issues covered by the recommendations and questions include implementation of treaty body recommendations (HRC, CAT), the work of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism, the compatibility of anti-terrorism legislation with human rights standards, non-derogability of certain rights, and specific issues such as secret detention centres.

Top 5 countries making recommendations on this issue

1. Mexico (10 recommendations)
2. Sweden (4 recommendations)
3. Algeria (3 recommendations)
Cuba (3 recommendations)
Switzerland (3 recommendations)

Top 5 States under Review receiving recommendations on this issue

1. United Kingdom (4 recommendations)
Chile (4 recommendations)
3. Algeria (3 recommendations)
Uzbekistan (3 recommendations)
Yemen (3 recommendations)

Top 3 countries posing advance written questions on this issue

1. Sweden (6 questions)
2. Denmark (3 questions)
Netherlands (3 questions)

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

1. United Kingdom (4 questions)
2. Yemen (3 questions)
3. Algeria (2 questions)

¹ For more detailed data, see the table.