

Issues' Analysis

-Racism / racial discrimination- *Session 1-5*

Introduction

Out of over 5000 recommendations in total over 5 sessions, 179 recommendations focussed on racial discrimination.¹ In total, 56 advance questions concerned this issue. Most of the recommendations (30%) and advance questions (93%) were made by WEOG states. As far as the states receiving recommendations are concerned, most of them belong to the WEOG (40%), EEG (22%) or Asia region (20%). WEOG and EEG states also received the most advance questions (36% and 27%)

In order to facilitate further analysis of this issue, a division has been made between those recommendations and questions that concern substantive issues related to racial discrimination, those recommendations and questions focussing on ratification of CERD and those focussing on treaty bodies and special procedures.²

Racism/Racial discrimination

This category concerns all substantive issues related to racial discrimination. Out of 179 recommendations on racial discrimination, 121 recommendations focussed on substantive issues. Furthermore, 30 advance questions were posed. A wide variety of issues is covered in recommendations and questions, such as implementation of CERD and ICCPR, the Durban conference, amendment of national legislation, investigation and prosecution of racially motivated crimes, collection of data, training of the judiciary and law enforcement bodies, protection against violence and promotion of tolerance. The Russian Federation, Germany, Canada and the Netherlands received the most recommendations in this category.

Ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

This category concerns all recommendations related to the ratification of CERD. Out of 179 recommendations, 25 recommendations focussed on ratification. No advanced questions were posed in this category. Generally, recommendations concerned the ratification of CERD, reservations and interpretative statements concerning specific Articles, and declarations by states concerning Article 14 (concerning the competence of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to receive individual complaints). Vanuatu received the most recommendations in this category.

Treaty Bodies and Special Procedures

This category concerns all recommendations and questions related to the treaty bodies and special procedures. Out of 179 recommendations, 33 recommendations focussed on treaty bodies and special procedures. Additionally, 26 advance questions were posed. Recommendations and questions concerned implementation of recommendations of the various treaty bodies (CERD, HRC, CAT, CEDAW) on racial discrimination, recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, and the submission of reports to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Argentina and Germany received the most recommendations in this category.

¹ For more detailed data, see the table.

² Incidentally, regional bodies may also be included (i.e. European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance).

Top 5 countries making recommendations on this issue

1. Algeria (16 recommendations)
2. Mexico (14 recommendations)
3. Egypt (11 recommendations)
4. Canada (10 recommendations)
5. Brazil (9 recommendations)

Top 6 States under Review receiving recommendations on this issue

1. Russian Federation (13 recommendations)
2. Germany (13 recommendations)
3. Canada (10 recommendations)
New Zealand (10 recommendations)
5. The Netherlands (8 recommendations)
Argentina (8 recommendations)

Top 5 countries posing advance written questions on this issue

1. United Kingdom (17 questions)
2. Germany (8 questions)
3. Sweden (7 questions)
Denmark (7 questions)
5. The Netherlands (4 questions)

Top 6 States under Review receiving advance written questions on this issue

1. Ukraine (6 questions)
2. Russian Federation (5 questions)
3. Ecuador (3 questions)
The Netherlands (3 questions)
Zambia (3 questions)
France (3 questions)