

Issues' Analysis

-Right to Education- Session 1-5

Introduction

The right to education is raised often within the context of the Universal Periodic review. Out of over 5000 recommendations in total over 5 sessions, 224 recommendations focussed on this issue.¹ In total, 72 advance questions concerned the right to education. Overall, 74 states posed questions and made recommendations, while 67 states received recommendations and questions. Most recommendations were made by states from the Asian (33%), WEOG (23%) and African (21%) regions, while most questions came from the WEOG region (86%). As far as States under Review are concerned, most recommendations were received by the African and Asian regions (respectively 37% and 30%). In general, all regions received questions on this topic, with the EEG region receiving the most (31%).

Recommendations and questions covered issues like the Millennium Development Goals, the UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education, the Special Rapporteur on the right to education, technical assistance, best practices, discrimination, access to education, free education, school enrolment (in particular in relation to girls), the right to education of minority groups and the use of languages in schools.

Top 5 countries making recommendations on this issue

1. Algeria (22 recommendations)
2. Bangladesh (11 recommendations)
3. Malaysia (10 recommendations)
4. Saudi Arabia (8 recommendations)
5. Indonesia (7 recommendations)

Top 5 States under Review receiving recommendations on this issue

1. Cuba (14 recommendations)
2. Yemen (12 recommendations)
3. Djibouti (11 recommendations)
Afghanistan (11 recommendations)
5. Vanuatu (10 recommendations)

Top 5 countries posing advance written questions on this issue

1. United Kingdom (19 questions)
2. Germany (10 questions)
3. Sweden (9 questions)
4. Liechtenstein (7 questions)
The Netherlands (7 questions)

Top 5 States under Review receiving advance written questions on this issue

1. Romania (5 questions)
2. Russian Federation (4 questions)
New Zealand (4 questions)
Chile (4 questions)
Macedonia (4 questions)

¹ For more detailed data, see the table.