

Methodology - Responses to Recommendations

This document explains the methodology followed to produce our documents “Responses to recommendations” and how we classify a recommendation as “Accepted”, “Rejected”, “No clear response” or “Pending”. Responses to recommendations have evolved drastically over the first eight sessions, and States under Review have created three new categories of responses to recommendations, which include: “Accepted in Part,” “Noted” and “Already implemented or in the process of implementation.” These new categories are included within the four main classifications abovementioned.

Please note that in our Database of UPR recommendations, the category “No clear response” is indicated “General response” and the category “Pending” as “No response”.

Accepted:

A recommendation is considered as “Accepted” when the State under Review (SuR) clearly uses the word “accept”. On the other hand, remarks made by the SuR that appear, but are not clearly expressed as an acceptance to a recommendation are considered as “No clear position/ General response”.

Ex: Algeria

Rejected:

A recommendation is considered as “Rejected” when the SuR clearly uses the word “reject” or similar expressions such as “do not accept” or “not in a position to accept”. On the other hand, remarks made by the SuR that appear, but are not clearly expressed as a rejection to a recommendation are considered as “No clear position/ General Response”

Ex: Colombia

No clear position/ General Response:

A recommendation is considered as “No clear position/ General Response” when a SuR responds to a recommendation without clearly using the words “accept” or “reject”. Though the statement may give the impression of an acceptance or a rejection, we solely acknowledge words that were deliberately used by the SuR.

For example, when a SuR provides information on actions taken to address an issue contained in the recommendations, this response is considered as “No clear position/ General Response.”

Ex: France, Luxembourg, Poland

Pending/ No response

A recommendation is considered as “Pending/ No response” when no responses are given by the SuR during the time of the process. For example, when a SuR does not comment or take the floor in the Report of the Working Group (WG), the addendum, as well as, the plenary.

However, when a SuR comments on a recommendation but postpones its overall responses, the recommendation is still considered as “Pending/ No response.”

Ex: Gabon, South Africa

Other responses

- Accepted in part: When a recommendation is accepted in part, we consider it as accepted and underline it.

Ex: Canada, New Zealand

- Noted: When a recommendation is noted, we consider it as “Pending/ No response”. We do so because we believe that taking note of a recommendation does not provide for any response and does not necessarily mean “Rejected”.

Ex: Israel

- Already implemented or in the process of implementation: if the recommendation is not accepted (example: Uzbekistan), it is considered as “No clear position/ General Response”. If the recommendation is accepted, we consider it as “Accepted” (ex: Nicaragua).

Ex: Uzbekistan, Nicaragua

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