

**Responses to Recommendations**

**ALGERIA**

Review in the Working Group: 14 April 2008  
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**Algeria’s responses to recommendations:**

In the Report of the Working Group:	In the Addendum:	During the plenary:	Recommendations pending responses:	Summary:
17 REC accepted; 8 rejected	No addendum	No additional information provided	None	Accepted: 17 Rejected: 8 No clear position: 0 Pending: 0

**List of recommendations contained in Section II of the Report of the Working Group A/HRC/8/29:**

**“69. The recommendations formulated during the interactive dialogue have been examined by Algeria and the recommendations listed below enjoy the support of Algeria:**

- 1. The establishment of an international round table to discuss the interrelation between security and fundamental freedoms. (Kuwait)
- 2. That Algeria share its experience in the fight against terrorism and pursue its efforts to combat poverty and promote economic, social and cultural rights with a view to achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2015. (Sudan)
- 3. That Algeria take appropriate measures to address violence against children; recommends the continuation of the moratorium on death penalty. (Italy)
- 4. That the State strengthen its efforts to protect women’s rights, including by addressing cultural and social barriers, as well as legal ones; recommends that Algeria cooperate with special procedures mandate holders; recommends that steps be taken to guarantee the rights of detainees, including immediate access to a lawyer, information to families on detentions, and ensuring that judicial authorities are informed of all detentions. (United Kingdom)
- 5. That Algeria take steps to ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. (France)
- 6. That Algeria continue a dialogue with minority religions. (The Holy See)

- 7. That Algeria continue and strengthen its efforts in the field of economic, social and cultural rights, in particular in the field of health. (Cuba)
- 8. That Algeria pursue the peace process and national reconciliation. (Democratic Republic of Congo)
- 9. That Algeria continue the path along national reconciliation. (Jordan)
- 10. That the State take into account the observations made by the Human Rights Committee and the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism; recommends that Algeria consider withdrawing its reservation to article 2 of CEDAW; recommends an exchange of respective experiences at the international level on the issue of communication between Governments and civil societies; encourages Algeria to review the impact that the state of emergency has on the enjoyment of human rights. (Mexico)
- 11. That Algeria continue giving priority to tolerance and reconciliation. (Saudi Arabia)
- 12. That Algeria implement measures to protect detainees from torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment and ensure that all cases of persons detained are brought to the attention of the judiciary without delay; expresses support for the recommendation of United Kingdom regarding cooperation with special procedures mandate holders. (Germany)
- 13. That Algeria pursue its efforts in the area of the right to education. (Syrian Arab Republic)
- 14. That Algeria take steps to adopt a legal framework to protect children from trafficking and to define trafficking as a criminal offence under domestic law; recommends that Algeria integrate the gender perspective in the follow-up process to the UPR. (Slovenia)
- 15. That Algeria take measures for the prevention of torture and other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment; recommends the review of domestic legislation to criminalize domestic violence. (Sweden)
- 16. That Algeria consider facilitating visits by human rights mandate holders. (Brazil)
- 17. That Algeria take initiatives to strengthen gender mainstreaming and women's rights. It also recommended that the State pursue its efforts to combat poverty. (Nigeria)

**With respect to special procedures, Algeria will consider the requests for visits of mandate-holders keeping in mind its statutory right to determine the appropriateness of such visits.**

**70. Other recommendations noted in the report in paragraphs 45, 55, 56, last sentence, and 63 above did not enjoy the support of Algeria.”**

- Paragraph 45 (Canada): “Recommended that Algeria review its Family Code to remedy provisions, which still represent discrimination against women regarding the issues of divorce and rape witnesses.
- It also recommended that Algeria lift its reservations to CEDAW.
- Canada recommended that Algeria review the Charter in line with the recommendations of the Human Rights Committee to make sure that those who violated human rights be judged and prosecuted according to international standards, and to make sure that those who criticized the Government are not subjected to criminal prosecution.”
- Paragraph 55 (Belgium): “Recommended that Algeria respect freedom of religion and belief, revise the text of the 2006 Ordinance, and suspend its application in the meantime.”
- Paragraph 56, last sentence (Slovenia): “What steps were taken towards the withdrawal of Algeria’s reservations to articles 2 and 16 of CEDAW, which Slovenia considered contrary to the object and purpose of the Convention.”

- Paragraph 63 (The Netherlands): “Recommended the updating of legislation regarding the situation of women, such as the Family Code in the areas of divorce, testimony and inheritance.
- In relation to Law No. 90-07 on freedom of expression, it recommended the drafting of a follow-up report with a view to further strengthening domestic laws on freedom of expression.
- Finally, it recommended further cooperation with special procedures.”

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