

State participation in the UPR Working Group

SESSION 1, 2, and 3

Executive Summary: This compilation of data on State participation over the three first sessions of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group shows that the number of States participating is continuously increasing over the sessions. However, the number of Statements made per State is decreasing, thus making reviews more diverse. The tendency among member and non-members of the Human Rights Council follows the same path. Within regional groups, however the African and Asian groups have seen their participation decreasing while the EEG and the WEOG have seen theirs increasing.

- **126** different States took the floor during the three first sessions of the Universal Periodic Review.
- **1882** statements in total were made by those 126 States.
- The average number of statements made by those 126 States was **15**.

	Participating States	Statements	Statements per participating States
Session 1	100	624	6.24
Session 2	107	654	6.11
Session 3	110	604	5.49

Comments:

- The number of participating States has increased over the three sessions.
- The number of statements per States at each session has slightly decreased.

Participation by Human Rights Council Membership

		Participating States	%	Participation within category	Statements	%	Statements per participating States
HRC Member States (47)	S1	46/100	46 ¹	46/47 = 97.9% ²	388/624	62.2 ³	8.4
	S2	45/107	42	45/47 = 95.7%	377/654	57.6	8.4
	S3	46/110	42	46/47 = 97.9%	367/604	60.8	8
HRC Observer States (146)	S1	54/100	54	54/146 = 35.9%	236/624	37.8	4.4
	S2	62/107	58	58/146 = 41.4%	277&54	42.4	4.5
	S3	64/110	58	58/146 = 43.8%	237/604	39.8	3.7

Comments:

- Both HRC member and observer States follow the trend over the three sessions: more States are participating but each State is making less statements

Participation by Regional Groups

Evolution over the three sessions:

		Participating States	%	Participation withing regional groups	Statements	%	Statements per participating State
Af. G (53)	S1	28	28 ⁴	52.8% ⁵	129	20.7 ⁶	4.6
	S2	27	25.2	50.9%	126	19.2	4.7
	S3	26	23.6	49%	91	15.1	3.5
As. G (54)	S1	27	27	50%	175	28	6.5
	S2	27	25.2	50%	140	21.4	5.2
	S3	29	26.4	53.7%	126	20.9	4.3
EEG (23)	S1	10	10	43.5%	69	11	6.9
	S2	13	12.1	56.5%	93	14.2	7.2
	S3	14	12.7	60.9%	90	14.9	6.4
GRULAC (33)	S1	15	15	45.45%	81	13	5.4
	S2	16	15	48.5%	88	13.4	5.5
	S3	17	15.5	51.5%	87	14.5	5.1
WEOG (29)	S1	18	18	62.1%	156	25	8.6
	S2	22	20	75.9%	200	30.6	9.1
	S3	22	20	75.9%	204	33.7	9.3
Observ. (2)	S1	2	2	100%	14	2.2	7
	S2	2	1.9	100%	7	1.1	3.5
	S3	2	1.8	100%	6	0.9	3

¹ 46% of the States participating in the first session were HRC member States.

² 97.9% of the HRC member States took the floor during the first session.

³ 62.2% of the statements made during the first session were from HRC member States.

⁴ 28% of the States participating in the first session were members of the African Group.

⁵ 52.8% of the members of the African Group took the floor during the first session.

⁶ 20.7% of the statements made during the first session were from members the African Group.

Comments:

- The African Group's participation is decreasing over the three sessions in terms of the number of participating States, number of Statements and thus number of statements per participating States.
- The Asian Group has had a steady participation in terms of State participation but a decrease in the number of statements they have made.
- GRULAC's participation saw the number of Statements increasing slightly with a steady number of statements.
- The EEG and the WEOG have increased their participation over the three sessions, both in terms of the number of States participating and also in the number of statements being made. Thus amounting for the latter to make one third of the statements during the third session.

Session 1, 2 and 3 combined:

	Participating States	%	Participation within regional group	Statements	%	Statements per participating State
Af. G (53)	33	26.2 ⁷	62.3% ⁸	346	18.4 ⁹	10.5
As. G (54)	31	24.6	57.4%	441	23.4	14.2
EEG (23)	14	11.1	60.9%	252	13.4	18
GRULAC (33)	22	17.5	66.7%	256	13.6	11.6
WEOG (29)	24	19	82.8%	560	29.8	23.3
UN Observ. (2)	2	1.6	100%	27	1.4	13.5
Total	126/192	100	N/A	1882	100	15

Comments:

- Over the first year of the Universal Periodic Review, the most active regional group is, so far, the WEOG, making twice as many statements as, for example, GRULAC (560 and 256 respectively), for the almost the same number of members (29 and 33 respectively).
- WEOG also has a higher rate of participation within its regional group (82.8%) and the highest average of statements made per State.

⁷ 26.2% of the States participating at least once during the three sessions were members of the African Group.

⁸ 62.3% of the members of the African Group took the floor at least once during the three sessions.

⁹ 18.4% of the statements made during the three sessions were from members the African Group.

States' participation sorted by regional groups and by membership of the Human Rights Council¹⁰

The African Group (53)

	S1	S2	S3		S1	S2	S3
Algeria	13	15	15	Libya	4	1	1
Angola	4	3	2	Madagascar	2	2	0
Benin	2	0	2	Mali*	3	2	1
Botswana	1	1	2	Mauritania	6	6	0
Burkina Faso	0	3	3	Mauritius	2	1	4
Burundi	0	0	1	Morocco	7	11	7
Cameroon	4	4	4	Mozambique	1	0	0
Chad	2	5	1	Nigeria	10	5	6
Congo	0	0	1	Rwanda	0	0	1
Côte d'Ivoire	3	5	1	Senegal	4	9	5
Djibouti	4	2	5	South Africa	6	7	8
DRC	4	6	0	Sudan	8	5	4
Egypt	13	11	6	Tanzania	1	1	1
Ethiopia	2	1	0	Tunisia	8	13	1
Gabon	0	0	1	Zambia	3	1	3
Ghana	8	1	5	Zimbabwe	2	1	0
Guinea	2	4	0				

The Asian Group (54)

	S1	S2	S3		S1	S2	S3
Afghanistan	0	0	2	North Korea	3	4	2
Bahrain	2	2	3	Oman	4	1	2
Bangladesh	11	10	9	Pakistan	14	7	8
Bhutan	2	3	1	Philippines	3	13	8
China	15	16	16	Qatar	4	5	4
India	8	5	6	Saudi Arabia	7	4	3
Indonesia	10	4	3	Singapore	4	1	1
Iran	10	5	5	South Korea	11	13	8
Iraq	1	0	0	Sri Lanka*	10	2	1
Japan	7	11	11	Syria	9	7	5
Jordan	7	6	2	Thailand	3	1	0
Kuwait	5	1	2	United Arab Emirates	3	1	1
Lebanon	4	0	1	Uzbekistan	0	0	1
Malaysia	14	13	10	Viet Nam	0	1	2
Maldives	0	1	6	Yemen	3	1	2
Nepal	1	2	1				

¹⁰ States in bold were members of the HRC during the 3rd UPR Working Group Session and countries with * were members, respectively, during the 1st and 2nd UPR Working Group Session.

The Eastern European Group (23)

	S1	S2	S3		S1	S2	S3
Albania	1	3	5	Latvia	6	9	11
Azerbaijan	13	15	11	Poland	0	3	4
Belarus	5	2	1	Romania*	4	7	5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3	4	2	Russian Federation	16	14	8
Croatia	0	0	2	Slovakia	1	2	5
Czech Republic	0	10	11	Slovenia	16	16	16
Hungary	0	2	4	Ukraine	4	6	5

The Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC) (33)

	S1	S2	S3		S1	S2	S3
Argentina	3	4	13	Guatemala*	5	6	3
Bahamas	0	0	1	Haiti	0	2	1
Barbados	0	0	1	Honduras	1	0	0
Bolivia	3	0	1	Jamaica	0	0	3
Brazil	14	16	15	Mexico	15	16	16
Chile	4	8	13	Nicaragua	1	2	1
Colombia	2	8	0	Panama	0	1	1
Cuba	14	12	12	Peru*	5	3	1
Dominican Republic	1	1	0	Trinidad and Tobago	0	0	1
Ecuador	5	2	0	Uruguay	4	3	3
El Salvador	0	1	0	Venezuela	4	3	1

The Western European and Others Group (WEOG) (29)

	S1	S2	S3		S1	S2	S3
Australia	8	8	10	Luxembourg	1	7	4
Austria	2	7	6	Monaco	0	0	1
Belgium	10	8	8	Netherlands	14	16	15
Canada	16	16	16	New Zealand	5	4	1
Denmark	2	6	8	Norway	7	4	10
Finland	0	7	5	Portugal	0	9	4
France	15	15	16	Spain	0	0	7
Germany	10	14	16	Sweden	11	4	15
Greece	0	2	3	Switzerland	8	8	9
Ireland	0	8	7	Turkey	6	11	12
Israel	4	1	0	United Kingdom	15	16	16
Italy	9	15	15	USA	13	14	0