

## State participation in the UPR Working Group

### SESSION 3: 1 – 15 December 2009

**Executive Summary:** This document shows that 110 States took the floor at the third Working Group session of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) making a total of 604 statements. Among member and non-member States of the Human Rights Council, the former group is the most active, contributing to 61% of total statements made. Among regional groups, the most active overall is the WEOG contributing to one third of the statements made when only representing 20% of the participating States. Finally, this document shows that regional groups are playing a key role in the UPR. The most participating regional group is always the one to which the State under Review (SuR) belongs.

- **110** States took the floor during the third session of the Universal Periodic Review<sup>1</sup>.
- **604** statements in total were made by those 110 States<sup>2</sup>.
- The average number of statements made by those 110 States was **5.5**.

### Participation by Human Rights Council Membership

	Participating States	%	Participation within State categories	Statements	%	Statements per participating States
<b>HRC Member States (47<sup>3</sup>)</b>	46	41.8 <sup>4</sup>	97.9% <sup>5</sup>	367	60.8 <sup>6</sup>	8
<b>HRC Observer States (147<sup>7</sup>)</b>	64	58.2	43.5%	237	39.2	3.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>5.5</b>

<sup>1</sup> Including United Nations (UN) observers Holy See and Palestine.

<sup>2</sup> Only statements delivered orally during the reviews are taken into account in this study.

<sup>3</sup> Total number of Human Rights Council (HRC) member States.

<sup>4</sup> 46/110 = 41.8%. 41.8% of the States participating in the third session were HRC member States.

<sup>5</sup> 46/47 = 97.9 %. 97.9% of the HRC member States took the floor during the third session.

<sup>6</sup> 367/604 = 60.8%. 60.8% of the statements made during the third session were from HRC member States.

<sup>7</sup> 192 UN members + 2 UN observers = 194 – 47 HRC member States = 147

**Comments:**

- All HRC member States, **except Madagascar**, took the floor during the third session.
- Despite representing only 41.85% of the participating States, the HRC member States contribute to 61% of the statements made.

**Participation by Regional Groups**

	Participating States	%	Participation within group	Statements	%	Statements per participating State
<b>Af. G (53)</b>	26	23.6 <sup>8</sup>	49% <sup>9</sup>	91	15.1 <sup>10</sup>	3.5
<b>As. G (54)</b>	29	26.4	53.7%	126	20.9	4.3
<b>EEG (23)</b>	14	12.7	60.9%	90	14.9	6.4
<b>GRULAC (33)</b>	17	15.5	51.5%	87	14.4	5.1
<b>WEOG (29)</b>	22	20	75.9%	204	33.7	9.3
<b>UN Observ. (2)</b>	2	1.8	100%	6	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>5.5</b>

**Comments:**

- In terms of number of States participating, the most active regional group is the Asian group (29 States) and the least is the Eastern European Group (EEG) (14 States).
- In terms of participation within regional group, the Western European States and Others Group (WEOG) has the most active members with 75.9% of its members participating. The African Group has the least active members with 49% of its members participating.
- In regard to the number of statements made, WEOG made the most statements during session 3 (representing one third of all statements made) and the least number of statements made was by GRULAC (14.4%).
- Finally, the regional group with the most statements made per State is the WEOG and the least is the African Group.

<sup>8</sup> 26/110 = 23.6%. 23.6% of the States participating in the third session were members of the African Group.

<sup>9</sup> 26/53 = 49%. 49% of the members of the African Group took the floor during the third session.

<sup>10</sup> 91/604 = 15.1%. 15.1% of the statements made during the third session were from members the African Group.

### Regional groups sorted by States under review

	Botswana (Af. G)	Bahamas (Grulac)	Burundi (Af. G)	Luxembourg (WEOG)	Barbados (Grulac)	Montenegro (EEG)	UAE (As. G)	Israel (WEO G)
Af. G	12	4	11	6	3	1	8	7
As. G	5	4	5	3	7	3	25	16
EEG	4	3	4	5	3	10	5	5
Grulac	5	8	4	6	8	2	5	6
WEOG	15	8	16	10	9	14	13	18
UN obs.	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>54</b>

	Liechtenstein (WEOG)	Serbia (EEG)	Turkmenistan (As. G)	Burkina Faso (Af. G)	Cape Verde (Af. G)	Colombia (Grulac)	Uzbekis- tan (As. G)	Tuvalu (As. G)
Af. G	1	2	1	18	7	2	5	3
As. G	5	6	9	7	2	7	18	4
EEG	4	12	9	4	2	7	10	3
Grulac	5	5	4	5	4	11	6	3
WEOG	11	16	12	12	9	16	15	10
UN obs.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>23</b>

#### Comments:

- This table shows the **key role** played by regional groups.
- Leaving aside the WEOG's dominant presence during most reviews, the most active regional group on a given review is **always** the one to which the State under Review belongs.
- For States located geographically near another regional group (Israel, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan), this second regional group will also widely participate.

## Details of participation by HRC membership\* and regional groups combined

### ***The African Group (26/53)***

Algeria	15	<b><i>Ghana</i></b>	<b><i>5</i></b>
<b><i>Angola</i></b>	<b><i>2</i></b>	Libya	1
Benin	2	Mali	1
Botswana	2	<b><i>Mauritius</i></b>	<b><i>4</i></b>
<b><i>Burkina Faso</i></b>	<b><i>3</i></b>	Morocco	7
Burundi	1	<b><i>Nigeria</i></b>	<b><i>6</i></b>
<b><i>Cameroon</i></b>	<b><i>4</i></b>	Rwanda	1
Côte d'Ivoire	1	<b><i>Senegal</i></b>	<b><i>5</i></b>
Chad	1	<b><i>South Africa</i></b>	<b><i>8</i></b>
Congo	1	Sudan	4
<b><i>Djibouti</i></b>	<b><i>5</i></b>	Tanzania	1
<b><i>Egypt</i></b>	<b><i>6</i></b>	Tunisia	1
<b><i>Gabon</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>	<b><i>Zambia</i></b>	<b><i>3</i></b>

### ***The Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC) (17/33)***

<b><i>Argentina</i></b>	<b><i>13</i></b>	Jamaica	3
Bahamas	1	<b><i>Mexico</i></b>	<b><i>16</i></b>
Barbados	1	<b><i>Nicaragua</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>
<b><i>Bolivia</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>	Panama	1
<b><i>Brazil</i></b>	<b><i>15</i></b>	Peru	1
<b><i>Chile</i></b>	<b><i>13</i></b>	Trinidad and Tobago	1
<b><i>Cuba</i></b>	<b><i>12</i></b>	<b><i>Uruguay</i></b>	<b><i>3</i></b>
Guatemala	3	Venezuela	1
Haiti	1		

### ***The Asian Group (29/54)***

Afghanistan	2	Nepal	1
<b><i>Bahrain</i></b>	<b><i>3</i></b>	Oman	2
<b><i>Bangladesh</i></b>	<b><i>9</i></b>	<b><i>Pakistan</i></b>	<b><i>8</i></b>
Bhutan	1	<b><i>Philippines</i></b>	<b><i>8</i></b>
<b><i>China</i></b>	<b><i>16</i></b>	<b><i>Qatar</i></b>	<b><i>4</i></b>
DPR Korea	2	<b><i>Rep. of Korea</i></b>	<b><i>8</i></b>
<b><i>India</i></b>	<b><i>6</i></b>	<b><i>Saudi Arabia</i></b>	<b><i>3</i></b>
<b><i>Indonesia</i></b>	<b><i>3</i></b>	Singapore	1
Iran	5	Sri Lanka	1
<b><i>Japan</i></b>	<b><i>11</i></b>	Syria	5
<b><i>Jordan</i></b>	<b><i>2</i></b>	United Arab Emirates	1
Kuwait	2	Uzbekistan	1
Lebanon	1	Viet Nam	2
<b><i>Malaysia</i></b>	<b><i>10</i></b>	Yemen	2
Maldives	6		

### ***The Western European States and Others Group (WEOG) (22/29)***

Australia	10	Luxembourg	4
Austria	6	Monaco	1
Belgium	8	<b><i>Netherlands</i></b>	<b><i>15</i></b>
<b><i>Canada</i></b>	<b><i>16</i></b>	New Zealand	1
Denmark	8	Norway	10
Finland	5	Portugal	4
<b><i>France</i></b>	<b><i>16</i></b>	Spain	7
<b><i>Germany</i></b>	<b><i>16</i></b>	Sweden	15
Greece	3	<b><i>Switzerland</i></b>	<b><i>9</i></b>
Ireland	7	Turkey	12
<b><i>Italy</i></b>	<b><i>15</i></b>	<b><i>United Kingdom</i></b>	<b><i>16</i></b>

### ***The Eastern European Group (14/23)***

Albania	5	Latvia	11
<b><i>Azerbaijan</i></b>	<b><i>11</i></b>	Poland	4
Belarus	1	Romania	5
<b><i>Bosnia and Herzegovina</i></b>	<b><i>2</i></b>	<b><i>Russian Federation</i></b>	<b><i>8</i></b>
Croatia	2	<b><i>Slovakia</i></b>	<b><i>5</i></b>
Czech Republic	11	<b><i>Slovenia</i></b>	<b><i>16</i></b>
Hungary	4	<b><i>Ukraine</i></b>	<b><i>5</i></b>

\*States in bold and italic were members of the HRC during the 3<sup>rd</sup> session of the UPR Working Group.