

States' participation in the UPR Working Group

SESSION 1: 7 - 18 APRIL 2008

PARTICIPATING STATES

- **98 States** or **51%** (98/192) of the United Nations took the floor during the first session of the Universal Periodic Review.¹
- **610** statements in total were made by States during the first session.
- The average number of statements made per State that took the floor: $610/98 = 6.2$ statements.

Participating States by Human Rights Council Membership

	Total UN	%	Participating States (PS)	%	Participation within State categories	Statements	%	Statements per PS
Member States	47	24.5	46	46.9	97.9 %	388	63.6	8.4
Observer States	145	75.5	52	53.1	35.9 %	222	36.4	4.3
Total	192	100	98	100	51%	610	100	6.2

¹ See Annex 1.

Member States of the Human Rights Council:

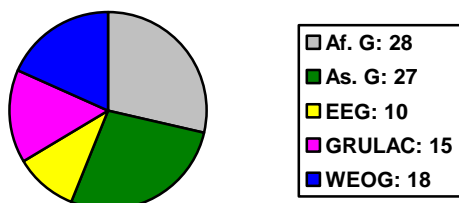
- **46.9%** (46/98) of the participating States were HRC member States, whereas the HRC member States represent 24.5% (47/192) of all UN member States.
- **388** statements were made by HRC member States, representing **63.6%** (388/610) of all the statements made during the first session.
- Among the HRC member States, **97.9%** (46/47) took the floor for an average of **8.4** statements per State (388/46). **Gabon** only did not take the floor.

Observer States of the Human Rights Council:

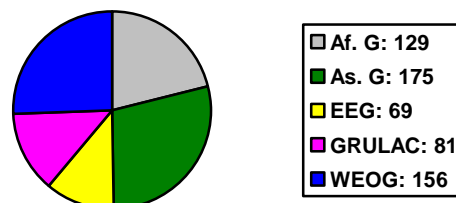
- **53.1%** (52/98) of the participating States were HRC observer States, whereas the HRC observer States represent 75.5% (145/192) of all UN member States.
- **222** Statements were made by HRC observer States, representing **36.4%** (222/610) of all the statements made during the first session.
- Among the HRC observer States, **35.9%** (52/145²) of the States took the floor for an average of **4.3** statements per State (222/52).

Participating States by Regional Groups³

Participation sorted by regional groups



Statements sorted by regional groups



	Total UN	%	Participating States (PS)	%	Participation within RG	Statements	%	Statements per State
Af. G	53	27.6	28	28.6	52.8 %	129	21.1	4.6
As. G	54	28.1	27	27.5	50 %	175	28.7	6.5
EEG	23	12	10	10.2	43.5 %	69	11.3	6.9
GRULAC	33	17.2	15	15.3	45.45 %	81	13.3	5.4
WEOG	29	15.1	18	18.4	62.1 %	156	25.6	8.7
Total	192	100	98	100	51%	610	100	6.2

² 192 (total of UN member States) – 47 (total of HRC member States) = 145 -> number of HRC observer States.

³ See Annex 2 and 3.

African Group:

- **28.6%** (28/98) of the participating States belong to the African Group, whereas the African Group represents 27.6% (53/192) of all UN member States.
- **129** statements were made by States from the African Group representing **21.1%** (129/610) out of all the statements made during the first session.
- Among the African Group, **52.8%** (28/53) of States took the floor with an average of **4.6** statements per State (129/28).

Asian Group:

- **27.5%** (27/98) of the participating States belong to the Asian Group, whereas the Asian Group represents 28.1% (54/192) of all UN member States.
- **175** statements were made by States from the Asian Group representing **28.7%** (175/610) of all the statements made during the first session.
- Among the Asian Group, **50%** (27/54) of the States took the floor with an average of **6.5** statements per State (175/27).

Eastern European Group:

- **10.2%** (10/98) of the participating States belong to the Eastern European Group, whereas the Eastern European Group represents 12% (23/192) of all UN member States.
- **69** statements were made by States from the Eastern European Group representing **11.3%** (69/610) of all the statements made during the first session.
- Among the Eastern European Group, **43.5%** (10/23) of the States took the floor with an average of **6.9** statements per State (69/10).

Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC):

- **15.3%** (15/98) of the participating States belong to the GRULAC, whereas the GRULAC represents 17.2% (33/192) of all UN member States.
- **81** statements were made by States from the GRULAC representing **13.3%** (81/610) of all the statements made during the first session.
- Among the GRULAC, **45.45%** (15/33) of the States took the floor with an average of **5.4** statements per State (81/15).

Western European and Others Group (WEOG):

- **18.4%** (18/98) of the participating States belong to the WEOG, whereas the WEOG represents 15.1% (29/192) of all UN member States.
- **156** statements were made by States from the WEOG representing **25.6%** (156/610) of all the statements made during the first session.
- Among the WEOG, **62.1%** (18/29) of the States took the floor with an average of **8.7** statements per State (156/18).

NON PARTICIPATING STATES

- **94** States that did **not** take the floor during the first session⁴.
- Out of these 94, **28** do not have a Permanent Mission in Geneva.
- **40.2%** (66/164⁵) of the States with a Permanent Mission in Geneva did not take the floor.

Non-participating States by Human Rights Council Membership

	Non Participating States	%	Permanent Mission in Geneva (PMG)	No PMG	States with a PMG that did not take the floor	%
Member States	1	1	47	0	1	2.1
Observer States	93	99	117	28	65 ⁶	55.5
Total	94	100	164	28	66	40.2

Member States of the Human Rights Council:

- **1** HRC member State did **not** take the floor during the first session⁷: **Gabon**.
- Every HRC member State has a Permanent mission in Geneva.
- **2.1%** (1/47) of the HRC member States with a Permanent Mission in Geneva did not take the floor.

Observer States of the Human Rights Council:

- **93** HRC observers States did **not** take the floor during the first session.
- Out of these 93, **28** do not have a Permanent Mission in Geneva.
- **55.5%** (65/117) of the HRC observer States with a Permanent Mission in Geneva did not take the floor.

Non-participating States by Regional Groups

	Non Participating States	%	Permanent Mission in Geneva (PMG)	No PMG	States with a PMG that did not take the floor	%
Af. G	25	26.6	44	9	16 ⁸	36.4
As. G	27	28.7	40	14	13	32.5
EEG	13	13.8	23	0	13	56.5
GRULAC	18	19.2	28	5	13	46.4
WEOG	11	11.7	29	0	11	37.9
Total	94	100	164	28	66	40.2

⁴ See Annex 4.

⁵ 192 – 28 = 164 -> number of UN member States in total that have a Permanent Mission in Geneva.

⁶ 93 – 28 = 65 -> number of HRC observer States that have a Permanent Mission in Geneva.

⁷ See Annex 4.

⁸ 25 – 9 = 16 -> number of States from the African Group that have a Permanent Mission in Geneva.

African Group:

- **25** States from the African Group did **not** take the floor:
Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, **Central African Republic, Comoros, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Namibia, Niger, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Swaziland, Togo, Uganda.**
- Out of these 25, **9** do not have a Permanent Mission in Geneva.
- **36.4%** (16/44) of the States from the African Group with a Permanent Mission in Geneva did not take the floor.

Asian Group:

- **27** States from the Asian Group did **not** take the floor:
- Afghanistan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Cyprus, **Fiji, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Viet Nam.**
- Out of these 27, **14** do not have a Permanent Mission in Geneva.
- **32.5%** (13/40) of the States from the Asian Group with a Permanent Mission in Geneva did not take the floor.

Eastern European Group:

- **13** States from the Eastern European Group did **not** take the floor:
Armenia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Serbia, Macedonia
- Every State from the Eastern European Group has a Permanent Mission in Geneva.
- **56.5%** (13/23) of the States from the Eastern European Group with a Permanent Mission in Geneva did not take the floor.

Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC):

- **18** States from the GRULAC did **not** take the floor:
Antigua and Barbuda, **Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Costa Rica, Dominica, el Salvador, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Panama, Paraguay, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago.**
- Out of these 18, **5** do not have a Permanent Mission in Geneva.
- **46.4%** (13/28) of the States from the GRULAC with a Permanent Mission in Geneva did not take the floor.

Western European and Others Group (WEOG):

- **11** States from the WEOG did **not** take the floor:
Andorra, Finland, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Malta, Monaco, Portugal, San Marino, Spain.
- Every State from the WEOG has a Permanent Mission in Geneva.
- **37.9%** (11/29) of the States from the WEOG with a Permanent Mission in Geneva did not take the floor.

ANNEX 1 – States’ participation sorted by membership of the Human Rights Council

Albania	1	Lebanon	4
Algeria	13	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	4
Angola	4	Luxembourg	1
Argentina	3	Madagascar	2
Australia	8	Malaysia	14
Austria	2	Mali	3
Azerbaijan	13	Mauritania	6
Bahrain	2	Mauritius	2
Bangladesh	11	Mexico	15
Belarus	5	Morocco	7
Belgium	10	Mozambique	1
Benin	2	Nepal	1
Bhutan	2	Netherlands	14
Bolivia	3	New Zealand	5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3	Nicaragua	1
Botswana	1	Nigeria	10
Brazil	14	Norway	7
Cameroon	4	Oman	4
Canada	16	Pakistan	14
Chad	2	Peru	5
Chile	4	Philippines	3
China	15	Qatar	4
Colombia	2	Republic of Korea	11
Côte d'Ivoire	3	Romania	4
Cuba	14	Russian Federation	16
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	3	Saudi Arabia	7
Democratic Republic of the Congo	4	Senegal	4
Denmark	2	Singapore	4
Djibouti	4	Slovakia	1
Dominican Republic	1	Slovenia	16
Ecuador	5	South Africa	6
Egypt	13	Sri Lanka	10
Ethiopia	2	Sudan	8
France	15	Sweden	11
Germany	10	Switzerland	8
Ghana	8	Syrian Arab Republic	9
Guatemala	5	Thailand	3
Guinea	2	Tunisia	8
Honduras	1	Turkey	6
India	8	Ukraine	4
Indonesia	10	United Arab Emirates	3
Iran, Islamic Republic of...	10	United Kingdom	15
Iraq	1	United Republic of Tanzania	1
Israel	4	United States of America	13
Italy	9	Uruguay	4
Japan	7	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of..	4
Jordan	7	Yemen	3
Kuwait	5	Zambia	3
Latvia	6	Zimbabwe	2

• 98 United Nations member States took the floor during the first session:

• 46 Human Rights Council member States: 388 Statements.

Gabon is the only HRC member State that did not take the floor during the first session.

• 52 Human Rights Council observer States: 222 Statements

ANNEX 2 – Unofficial list of Regional groups

The African Group (53)

Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

The Asian Group (54)

Afghanistan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, Yemen.

The Eastern European Group (23)

Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine.

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

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

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

Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States

ANNEX 3 – States’ participation sorted by regional groups

Albania	1	Lebanon	4
Algeria	13	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	4
Angola	4	Luxembourg	1
Argentina	3	Madagascar	2
Australia	8	Malaysia	14
Austria	2	Mali	3
Azerbaijan	13	Mauritania	6
Bahrain	2	Mauritius	2
Bangladesh	11	Mexico	15
Belarus	5	Morocco	7
Belgium	10	Mozambique	1
Benin	2	Nepal	1
Bhutan	2	Netherlands	14
Bolivia	3	New Zealand	5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3	Nicaragua	1
Botswana	1	Nigeria	10
Brazil	14	Norway	7
Cameroon	4	Oman	4
Canada	16	Pakistan	14
Chad	2	Peru	5
Chile	4	Philippines	3
China	15	Qatar	4
Colombia	2	Republic of Korea	11
Côte d'Ivoire	3	Romania	4
Cuba	14	Russian Federation	16
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	3	Saudi Arabia	7
Democratic Republic of the Congo	4	Senegal	4
Denmark	2	Singapore	4
Djibouti	4	Slovakia	1
Dominican Republic	1	Slovenia	16
Ecuador	5	South Africa	6
Egypt	13	Sri Lanka	10
Ethiopia	2	Sudan	8
France	15	Sweden	11
Germany	10	Switzerland	8
Ghana	8	Syrian Arab Republic	9
Guatemala	5	Thailand	3
Guinea	2	Tunisia	8
Honduras	1	Turkey	6
India	8	Ukraine	4
Indonesia	10	United Arab Emirates	3
Iran, Islamic Republic of...	10	United Kingdom	15
Iraq	1	United Republic of Tanzania	1
Israel	4	United States of America	13
Italy	9	Uruguay	4
Japan	7	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of..	4
Jordan	7	Yemen	3
Kuwait	5	Zambia	3
Latvia	6	Zimbabwe	2

- African Group (28 States): 129 statements.
- Asian Group (27 States): 175 statements.
- Eastern European Group (10 States): 69 statements.
- GRULAC (15 States): 81 statements.
- WEOG (18 States): 156 statements.

ANNEX 4 – Non-participating States

Afghanistan	Lithuania
Andorra	Malawi
Antigua and Barbuda ⁹	Maldives
Armenia	Malta
Bahamas	Marshall Islands
Barbados	Micronesia, Federated States of...
Belize ¹⁰	Moldova
Brunei Darussalam	Monaco
Bulgaria	Mongolia
Burkina Faso	Montenegro
Burundi	Myanmar
Cambodia	Namibia
Cape Verde	Nauru
Central African Republic	Niger
Comoros	Palau
Congo, Republic of the...	Panama
Costa Rica	Papua New Guinea
Croatia	Paraguay
Cyprus	Poland
Czech Republic	Portugal
Dominica ¹¹	Rwanda
El Salvador	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Equatorial Guinea	Saint Lucia
Eritrea	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Estonia	Samoa
Fiji	San Marino
Finland	Sao Tome and Principe
Gabon	Serbia
Gambia ¹²	Seychelles
Georgia	Sierra Leone
Greece	Solomon Islands
Grenada	Somalia
Guinea-Bissau	Spain
Guyana	Suriname
Haiti	Swaziland
Hungary	Tajikistan
Iceland	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Ireland	Timor-Leste
Jamaica	Togo ¹³
Kazakhstan	Tonga
Kenya	Trinidad and Tobago
Kiribati	Turkmenistan
Kyrgyzstan	Tuvalu
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Uganda
Lesotho	Uzbekistan
Liberia	Vanuatu
Liechtenstein	Viet Nam

• 164 States with a Permanent Mission in Geneva, 28 States without a Permanent Mission in Geneva;

• 94 States that did not take the floor during the first session, out of these 94, 28 do not have a Permanent Mission in Geneva.

Source: www.unog.ch

⁹ Based in London.

¹⁰ Based in New York.

¹¹ Based in London.

¹² Based in Paris.

¹³ Based in Paris.