

States' participation in the UPR Working Group

SESSION 2: 5 – 19 MAY 2008

PARTICIPATING STATES

- **105 States** or **54.7%** (105/192) of the United Nations took the floor during the second session of the Universal Periodic Review.¹
- **647** statements in total were made by States during the second session.
- The average number of statements made per State that took the floor: $647/105 = 6.2$ 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	45	42.9	95.7 %	377	58.3	8.4
Observer States	145	75.5	60	57.1	41.4 %	270	41.7	4.5
Total	192	100	105	100	54.7%	647	100	6.2

¹ See Annex 1.

Member States of the Human Rights Council:

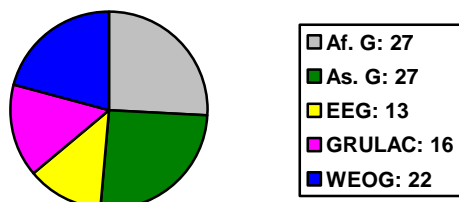
- **42.9%** (45/105) of the participating States were HRC member States, whereas the HRC member States represent 24.5% (47/192) of all UN member States.
- **377** Statements were made by HRC member States, representing **58.3%** (377/647) of all the statements made during the second session.
- Among the HRC member States, **95.7%** (45/47) took the floor for an average of **8.4** statements per State (377/45). **Bolivia** and **Gabon** only did not take the floor.

Observer States of the Human Rights Council:

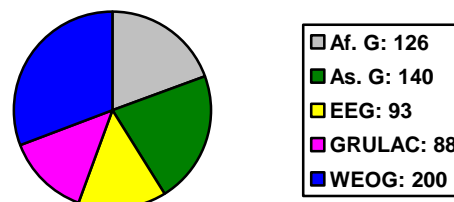
- **57.1%** (60/105) of the participating States were HRC observer States, whereas the HRC observer States represent 75.5% (145/192) of all UN member States.
- **270** Statements were made by HRC observer States representing **41.7%** (270/647) of all the statements made during the second session.
- Among the HRC observer States, **41.4%** (60/145²) of the States took the floor for an average of **4.5** statements per State (270/60).

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	27	25.7	50.9 %	126	19.5	4.7
As. G	54	28.1	27	25.7	50 %	140	21.6	5.2
EEG	23	12	13	12.4	56.5 %	93	14.4	7.2
GRULAC	33	17.2	16	15.2	48.5 %	88	13.6	5.5
WEOG	29	15.1	22	21	75.9 %	200	30.9	9.1
Total	192	100	105	100	54.7%	647	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:

- **25.7 %** (27/105) of the participating States belonged to the African Group, whereas the African Group represents 27.6 % (53/192) of all UN member States.
- **126** statements were made by States from the African Group representing **19.5 %** (126/647) of all the statements made during the second session.
- Among the African Group, **50.9 %** (27/53) of the States took the floor for an average of **4.7** statements per State (126/27).

Asian Group:

- **25.7 %** (27/105) of the participating States belonged to the Asian Group, whereas the Asian Group represents 28.1 % (54/192) of all UN member States.
- **140** statements were made by States from the Asian Group representing **21.6 %** (140/647) of all the statements made during the second session.
- Among the Asian Group, **50 %** (27/54) of the States took the floor for an average of **5.2** statements per State (140/27).

Eastern European Group:

- **12.4 %** (13/105) of the participating States belonged to the Eastern European Group, whereas the Eastern European Group represents 12 % (23/192) of all UN member States.
- **93** statements were made by States from the Eastern European Group representing **14.4 %** (93/647) of all the statements made during the second session.
- Among the Eastern European Group, **56.5 %** (13/23) of the States took the floor for an average of **7.2** statements per State (93/13).

Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC):

- **15.2 %** (16/105) of the participating States belonged to the GRULAC, whereas the GRULAC represents 17.2 % (33/192) of all UN member States.
- **88** statements were made by States from the GRULAC representing **13.6 %** (88/647) of all the statements made during the second session.
- Among the GRULAC, **48.5 %** (16/33) of the States took the floor for an average of **5.5** statements per State (88/16).

Western European and Others Group (WEOG):

- **21 %** (22/105) of the participating States belonged to the WEOG, whereas the WEOG represents 15.1 % (29/192) of all UN member States.
- **200** statements were made by States from the WEOG representing **30.9 %** (200/647) of all the statements made during the second session.
- Among the WEOG, **75.9 %** (22/29) of the States took the floor for an average of **9.1** statements per State (200/23).

NON PARTICIPATING STATES

- **87** States that did **not** take the floor during the second session⁴.
- Out of these 87, **28** do not have a Permanent Mission in Geneva.
- **36 %** (59/164⁵) 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	2	2.3	47	0	2	4.2
Observer States	85	97.7	117	28	58 ⁶	49.6
Total	87	100	164	28	59	36

Member States of the Human Rights Council:

- **2** HRC member States did **not** take the floor during the second session⁷: **Bolivia** and **Gabon**
- Every HRC member State has a Permanent Mission in Geneva.
- **4.2%** (2/47) of the HRC member States with a Permanent Mission in Geneva did not take the floor.

Observer States of the Human Rights Council:

- **85** HRC observers States did **not** take the floor during the second session.
- Out of these 85, **28** do not have a Permanent Mission in Geneva.
- **49.6%** (58/117) 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	26	26.6	44	9	17 ⁸	38.6
As. G	27	28.7	40	14	13	32.5
EEG	10	13.8	23	0	10	43.5
GRULAC	17	19.2	28	5	12	42.9
WEOG	7	11.7	29	0	7	24.1
Total	94	100	164	28	66	36

⁴ See Annex 4.

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

⁶ 85 – 28 = 58 -> number of HRC observer States that have a Permanent Mission in Geneva.

⁷ See Annex 4.

⁸ 26 – 9 = 17 -> number of States from the African Group that have a Permanent Mission in Geneva.

African Group:

- **26** States from the African Group did **not** take the floor:
Benin, Burundi, Cape Verde, **Central African Republic, Comoros**, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Gabon, Gambia, **Guinea-Bissau**, Kenya, Lesotho, **Liberia, Malawi**, Mozambique, **Namibia**, Niger, Rwanda, **Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Sierra Leone**, Somalia, Swaziland, Togo, Uganda.
- Out of these 26, **9** do not have a Permanent Mission in Geneva.
- **38.6 %** (17/44) 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**, Iraq, Lebanon, Kazakhstan, **Kiribati**, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, **Marshall Islands, Micronesia**, Mongolia, Myanmar, **Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tajikistan**, Timor-Leste, **Tonga, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu**, Uzbekistan, **Vanuatu**.
- 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:

- **10** States from the Eastern European Group did **not** take the floor:
Armenia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Georgia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Macedonia.
- Every States from the Eastern European Group has a Permanent Mission in Geneva.
- **43.5 %** (10/23) 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):

- **17** States from the GRULAC did **not** take the floor:
Antigua and Barbuda, **Bahamas**, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Grenada, **Guyana**, Honduras, Jamaica, Paraguay, **Saint Kitts and Nevis**, Saint Lucia, **Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname**, Trinidad and Tobago.
- Out of these 17, **5** do not have a Permanent mission in Geneva.
- **42.9 %** (12/28) of the States from the GRULAC with a Permanent Mission in Geneva did not take the floor.

Western European and Others Group (WEOG):

- **7** States from the WEOG did **not** take the floor:
Andorra, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Malta, Monaco, San Marino, Spain.
- Every States from the WEOG has a Permanent Mission in Geneva.
- **24.1 %** (7/29) of the States from the WEOG with a Permanent Mission in Geneva did not take the floor.

ANNEXE 1 –States’ Participation sorted by membership of the Human Rights Council

Albania	3	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	1
Algeria	15	Luxembourg	7
Angola	3	Madagascar	2
Argentina	4	Malaysia	13
Australia	8	Maldives	1
Austria	7	Mali	2
Azerbaijan	15	Mauritania	6
Bahrain	2	Mauritius	1
Bangladesh	10	Mexico	16
Belarus	2	Morocco	11
Belgium	8	Nepal	2
Bhutan	3	Netherlands	16
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4	New Zealand	4
Botswana	1	Nicaragua	2
Brazil	16	Nigeria	5
Burkina Faso	3	Norway	4
Cameroon	4	Oman	1
Canada	16	Pakistan	7
Chad	5	Panama	1
Chile	8	Peru	3
China	16	Philippines	13
Colombia	8	Poland	3
Côte d'Ivoire	5	Portugal	9
Cuba	12	Qatar	5
Czech Republic	10	Republic of Korea	13
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	4	Romania	7
Democratic Republic of the Congo	6	Russian Federation	14
Denmark	6	Saudi Arabia	4
Djibouti	2	Senegal	9
Dominican Republic	1	Singapore	1
Ecuador	2	Slovakia	2
Egypt	11	Slovenia	16
El Salvador	1	South Africa	7
Ethiopia	1	Sri Lanka	2
Finland	7	Sudan	5
France	15	Sweden	4
Germany	14	Switzerland	8
Ghana	1	Syrian Arab Republic	7
Greece	2	Thailand	1
Guatemala	6	Tunisia	13
Guinea	4	Turkey	11
Haiti	2	Ukraine	6
Hungary	2	United Arab Emirates	1
India	5	United Kingdom	16
Indonesia	4	United Republic of Tanzania	1
Iran, Islamic Republic of...	5	United States of America	14
Ireland	8	Uruguay	3
Israel	1	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of...	3
Italy	15	Viet Nam	1
Japan	11	Yemen	1
Jordan	6	Zambia	1
Kuwait	1	Zimbabwe	1
Latvia	9		

- 105 United Nations member States took the floor during the second session:

- 45 Human Rights Council member States: 377 statements.

Bolivia and Gabon are the only HRC member States that did not take the floor during the second session.

- 60 Human Rights Council observer States: 270 Statements

ANNEXE 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.

ANNEXE 3 – States' participation sorted by regional groups

Albania	3	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	1
Algeria	15	Luxembourg	7
Angola	3	Madagascar	2
Argentina	4	Malaysia	13
Australia	8	Maldives	1
Austria	7	Mali	2
Azerbaijan	15	Mauritania	6
Bahrain	2	Mauritius	1
Bangladesh	10	Mexico	16
Belarus	2	Morocco	11
Belgium	8	Nepal	2
Bhutan	3	Netherlands	16
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4	New Zealand	4
Botswana	1	Nicaragua	2
Brazil	16	Nigeria	5
Burkina Faso	3	Norway	4
Cameroon	4	Oman	1
Canada	16	Pakistan	7
Chad	5	Panama	1
Chile	8	Peru	3
China	16	Philippines	13
Colombia	8	Poland	3
Côte d'Ivoire	5	Portugal	9
Cuba	12	Qatar	5
Czech Republic	10	Republic of Korea	13
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	4	Romania	7
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Djibouti	2	Senegal	9
Dominican Republic	1	Singapore	1
Ecuador	2	Slovakia	2
Egypt	11	Slovenia	16
El Salvador	1	South Africa	7
Ethiopia	1	Sri Lanka	2
Finland	7	Sudan	5
France	15	Sweden	4
Germany	14	Switzerland	8
Ghana	1	Syrian Arab Republic	7
Greece	2	Thailand	1
Guatemala	6	Tunisia	13
Guinea	4	Turkey	11
Haiti	2	Ukraine	6
Hungary	2	United Arab Emirates	1
India	5	United Kingdom	16
Indonesia	4	United Republic of Tanzania	1
Iran, Islamic Republic of...	5	United States of America	14
Ireland	8	Uruguay	3
Israel	1	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of...	3
Italy	15	Viet Nam	1
Japan	11	Yemen	1
Jordan	6	Zambia	1
Kuwait	1	Zimbabwe	1
Latvia	9		

- African Group (27 States): 126 statements.
- Asian Group (27 States): 140 statements.
- Eastern European Group (13 States): 93 statements.
- GRULAC (16 States): 88 statements.
- WEOG (22 States): 200 statements.

ANNEXE 4 – Non participating States

Afghanistan	Lithuania
Andorra	Malawi
Antigua and Barbuda ⁹	Malta
Armenia	Marshall Islands
Bahamas	Micronesia, Federated States of...
Barbados	Moldova
Belize ¹⁰	Monaco
Benin	Mongolia
Bolivia	Montenegro
Brunei Darussalam	Mozambique
Bulgaria	Myanmar
Burundi	Namibia
Cambodia	Nauru
Cape Verde	Niger
Central African Republic	Palau
Comoros	Papua New Guinea
Congo, Republic of the...	Paraguay
Costa Rica	Rwanda
Croatia	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Cyprus	Saint Lucia
Dominica ¹¹	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
El Salvador	Samoa
Equatorial Guinea	San Marino
Eritrea	Sao Tome and Principe
Estonia	Serbia
Fiji	Seychelles
Gabon	Sierra Leone
Gambia ¹²	Solomon Islands
Georgia	Somalia
Grenada	Spain
Guinea-Bissau	Suriname
Guyana	Swaziland
Honduras	Tajikistan
Iceland	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Iraq	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	

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

• 87 States did not take the floor during the first session: 59 with a Permanent Mission in Geneva, 28 without.

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.

