

Issue Analysis

-Right to Education- *Sessions 1-8*

Introduction

- Right to education is an issue that is raised fairly often within the context of the Universal Periodic Review.
- A total of 15 States posed advance questions on the issue while 99 States made recommendations.
- Out of 3533 advance questions in sessions 1-8, 56 questions concerned the right to education.
- Out of 12385 recommendations in total, 469 focused on the right to education.
- In order to facilitate further analysis on this issue, a division has been made between questions and recommendations that concern the general situation of the right to education and questions and recommendations that relate, more particularly, to the education of women. These categories are not mutually exclusive.

Analysis

General situation of the right to education

- This category contains all questions and recommendations that generically relate to the situation of the right to education, including general measures for the improvement of educational resources and facilities.
- Out of 56 questions posed on the right to education, 51 of these focused on the general situation of the right to education.
- Out of 469 recommendations on the right to education, 443 recommendations focused on the general situation of the right to education.
- Questions and recommendations include, for example, “What have been the measures taken by Bosnia in order to provide access to education for children belonging to ethnic minorities, ensuring the teaching of their language, reading and knowledge of the history of their people?” and “Enforce or institute mechanisms for ensuring that the first grade of school is free for all children”.

Top 4 States posing advance written questions on this issue

1. United Kingdom (12 questions)
2. Germany (8 questions)
3. Sweden (7 questions)
4. Netherlands (5 questions)

Top 4 States making recommendations on this issue

1. Algeria (33 recommendations)
2. Cuba (24 recommendations)
3. Malaysia (19 recommendations)

4. Bangladesh (16 recommendations)

Women's right to education

- This category contains all questions and recommendations that relate to the girls' and women's right to education, including women's access to education and equal treatment in schools.
- Out of 56 questions posed on the right to education, only 7 of these focused on women's right to education.
- Out of 469 recommendations on the right to education, 60 recommendations focused on women's right to education.
- Questions and recommendations include, for example, "Are there any concrete plans for measures to combat discrimination in the education of girls?" and "Ensure that all girls and women are accepted as students, independently of their status as engaged, married or pregnant".

Top States posing advance written questions on this issue

1. Argentina and Norway (2 questions each)
2. Czech Republic, Germany and Hungary (1 question each)

Top States making recommendations on this issue

1. Algeria (10 recommendations)
2. Iran (5 recommendations)
3. Bangladesh and Norway (3 recommendations)