

National Human Rights Council of the Kingdom of Morocco (CNDH)

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Implementation of Recommendations related to the CNDH



- Adoption of a new founding Law in 2018 establishing mainly three mechanisms hosted by the CNDH and provided for by international human rights standards:
 - The National Preventive Mechanism against Torture;
 - The National Child Redress Mechanism;
 - The Disability Rights Mechanism.



Economic, Social, Civil and Political Rights

Right of Education



- Importance given to education in the report on the new Development Model as well as the Governmental Program.
- Ability of Development Model and Governmental Program to address challenges facing the right to education, including:
 - Quality of public education;
 - School dropout;
 - Access to education especially for girls in rural areas and persons with disabilities.

Right to Health



- Efforts made by Morocco to manage the pandemic crisis, improve the health infrastructure and launch a significant project to guarantee social security for all.
- Obstacles facing citizens to access their right to health:
 - Insufficient human and financial resources
 - Geographical disparities in terms of health infrastructure.
- Need to adopt a National health strategy based on the human rights approach.

Right to work



- Significant impact of the pandemic on the enjoyment of the right to work.
- Provision of practical solutions through the implementation of the Governmental Program's measures and recommendations of the new Development Model.
- Recommendation to adopt a National Action Plan regarding business and human rights, taking into account relevant international standards.

Civil and Political Rights



- Progress made at the legislative, institutional and policy levels:
 - Adoption of laws guaranteeing access to information;
 - Right to public participation;
 - Ongoing discussions to amend the penal laws.
- Continued de facto moratorium applied on the death penalty.
- Continued implementation of the recommendations of the Equity and Reconciliation Commission, including the right to memory.

Digital Space



- A platform reinforcing the rights to assembly and association.
- Ground for incitement to violence, hate speech and violation of the right to privacy.



CNDH Recommendations

Recommendations



- Abolish the death penalty in law and in practice;
- Accelerate the adoption of the draft law amending and supplementing the Penal Code, in accordance with the recommendations of the CNDH, contained in the memorandum of 2019;
- Accelerate the adoption of the draft law on the Code of Civil Procedure so as to reinforce the legal and judicial guarantees of fair trials;
- Revise the legal provisions relating to associations, in particular with regard to the procedure for constitution and renewal, and the provision of public spaces for the organization of activities;

Recommendations



- Revise the legal provisions relating to public assemblies by subjecting the use of public force to the control of the prosecution and by providing for provisions guaranteeing the protection of all human rights defenders, including journalists and media professionals covering peaceful protests;
- Amend all provisions related to the issue of freedom of expression and ensure that any restriction on this freedom is governed by a clear legal text;
- Revise the Family Code, including the repeal of the exception in Article 20 allowing child marriage;
- Accelerate the adoption of the Prisons Act and its adaptation according to international standards.