



Promoting and strengthening
the Universal Periodic Review
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Madame President,

The Covid-19 pandemic has demonstrated that human rights violations are exacerbated in time of crisis. Vulnerabilities, discriminations, and inequalities were further exposed.

In the current context, it is critical that States continue to provide to civil society organisations an enabling environment and financial support to allow them promoting the respect of human rights.

Involving civil society in monitoring the implementation of human rights recommendations is critically important to ensure inclusivity and efficiency of actions.

Parliaments should seek to include civil society voice in their decision/policy-making process. In exercising their oversight role, they should ensure that government measures respect human rights principles. This is decisive to ensure that human rights are upheld, and democratic institutions strengthened.

The Universal Periodic Review is a key mechanism of the multilateral system. By its inclusive and participatory approach involving all national stakeholders it can strengthen a system of check and balance of government actions and safeguard human rights and fundamental freedoms. The implementation of UPR recommendations and the respect of rule of law will contribute to create resilient societies and to prevent the aggravation of human rights violations in time of crisis.

UPR Info call on all UPR stakeholders to support a human right gender centered and sustainable development where no one and no rights are left behind.

I thank you