

## UPR Info's Database of recommendations and VP

### Comprehensive help guide

UPR Info's Database of UPR Recommendations and Voluntary Pledges is a very unique tool developed by UPR Info.

It is dedicated to facilitating access to UPR recommendations and voluntary pledges to all stakeholders: states, NHRIs, NGOs, UN staff, academics, media and civil society in general. Designed with an intuitive and user-friendly layout, it allows searching any recommendation and voluntary pledges of interest through several filters (see below), creating specific queries by combining entries (from the same filter or by different filters) and keywords.

The database contains notably an exclusive category looking at the action contained in each recommendation.

## 1. Description of database

The database enables to search all UPR recommendations and/or voluntary pledges through eight categories:

1. [State under Review \(SuR\)](#)
2. [Recommending State or State making a voluntary pledge \(RS\)](#)
3. [Regional group](#)
4. [Organisation](#)
5. [Responses](#) provided by the SuR (Exclusive to UPR Info)
6. [Action](#) category (Exclusive to UPR Info)
7. [Issue](#) contained in recommendation (Exclusive to UPR Info)
8. [Session](#) and [Cycle](#) (1st cycle: sessions 1 to 12; 2nd: sessions 13 to 27)

## 1.1. Action category

The Action category is an innovative component offering the possibility to analyse recommendations through the type of action requested. Developed by Professor McMahon from the University of Vermont with the support of UPR Info, this exclusive tool creates a new approach to UPR recommendations by ranking them on a scale from 1 to 5:

1. **Minimal action.** Ex: “Share its experiences...”
2. **Continuing action.** Ex: “Continue its work...”
3. **Considering action.** Ex: “Consider ratifying...”
4. **General action.** Ex: “Improve women’s rights”
5. **Specific action.** Ex: “Amend the legislation...”

To know more about this Action Category, please refer to our document available on our website:

[http://www.upr-info.org/database/files/Database\\_Action\\_Category.pdf](http://www.upr-info.org/database/files/Database_Action_Category.pdf)

## 2. How to use UPR Info's Database

### 2.1. Basic search

Basic search allows to look up all recommendations and/or voluntary pledges **received** by a SuR, **made** by a RS or made on a given **issue**, using or not **keywords**. Once you made your selection, click on "GO":

**Search & filters**

State under Review - All | Recommending State - All | Issue - Women's rights | All cycles

Recommendations & Voluntary Pledges - Recommendations only | Max. results - 100 | Advanced search and tools

Search keyword(s) in recommendations -  | GO | Reset

Displaying results 1 to 23 of 23 total results

| SuR                          | Recommendation  | RS                            | Response | A | Issue  | C |
|------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|----------|---|--|---|
| Brazil<br>GRULAC<br>OAS, OEI | Continue in its effort to eliminate extreme poverty and include in its social policies those who are most vulnerable, especially women, children, Afro-descendants, indigenous peoples, the elderly and persons with disabilities | Ecuador<br>GRULAC<br>OAS, OEI | Accepted | 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disabilities</li> <li>• Indigenous peoples</li> <li>• Minorities</li> <li>• Poverty</li> <li>• Rights of the Child</li> <li>• Women's rights</li> </ul> | 2 |
| Brazil<br>GRULAC             | Continue to address the grievance of and empower vulnerable groups - particularly women, children, indigenous people, and people of African descent - by reducing urban-rural   | Thailand<br>Asia              | Accepted | 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indigenous peoples</li> <li>• Minorities</li> </ul>   | 2 |

Results will be displayed right below your query:

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Results can be **sorted** and **exported** (see the section *Other options*). Since a limited number of recommendations are displayed at the same time, use the navigation numbers below "go" and "reset" buttons to go through additional pages. The total number of recommendations is displayed (*Displaying results...*).

Finally, please note **you can restrict your recommendations to cycles**: "All" (all cycles), "1st Cycle" (UPR sessions 1 to 12) and "2nd Cycle" (UPR sessions 13 to 27). This is a convenient way to display recommendations and voluntary pledges for the first review of a given country, or for the second.

## 2.2. Advanced search and tools

The Advanced search and tools panel allows a more in-depth search through additional categories and multiple entries within a category. To display the advanced search panel, click on the "Advanced search and tools" button:

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Recommendations & Voluntary Pledges - Recommendations only | Max. results - 100 | Advanced search and tools

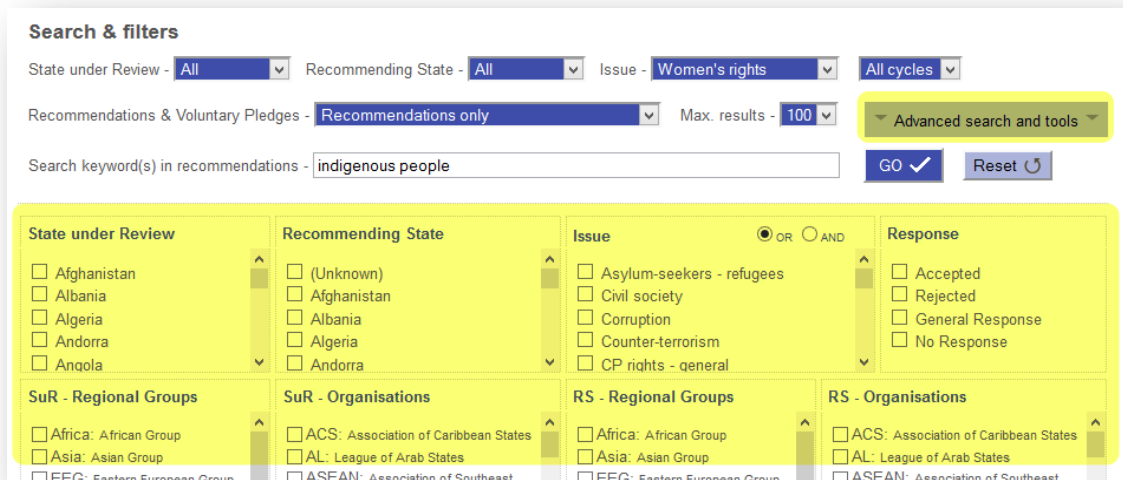
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| <b>Ecuador</b><br><small>GRULAC<br/>OAS, OEI</small> | Continue to improve the promotion and protection of the rights of <b>indigenous peoples</b> , in particular the respect of their cultural and linguistic diversity, and further think about programmes and policies for <b>indigenous peoples</b> , particularly focusing on women and children  | <b>Morocco</b><br><small>Africa<br/>OIC, AL, OIF</small> | Accepted | 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indigenous peoples</li> <li>• Rights of the Child</li> <li>• Women's rights</li> </ul>  | 2 |

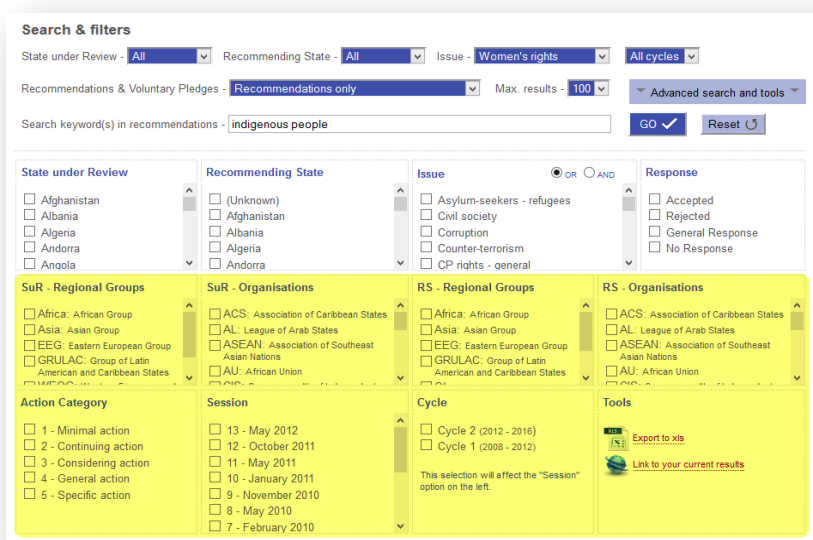
**A** *Advanced search* offers the same options as *basic search*; **you may search through all recommendations and voluntary pledges** received by a SuR, made by a RS or made on a given issue, using or not keywords:



The screenshot shows the 'Search & filters' section of the UPR website. At the top, there are dropdown menus for 'State under Review' (set to 'All'), 'Recommending State' (set to 'All'), 'Issue' (set to 'Women's rights'), and 'All cycles'. Below these, there is a dropdown for 'Recommendations & Voluntary Pledges' (set to 'Recommendations only') and a 'Max. results' dropdown (set to '100'). A search input field contains the text 'indigenous people', with 'GO' and 'Reset' buttons to its right. A yellow box highlights the 'Advanced search and tools' dropdown. Below the search bar, there are several filter panels: 'State under Review' (listing countries like Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola), 'Recommending State' (listing '(Unknown)', Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra), 'Issue' (listing 'Asylum-seekers - refugees', 'Civil society', 'Corruption', 'Counter-terrorism', 'CP rights - general'), and 'Response' (listing 'Accepted', 'Rejected', 'General Response', 'No Response'). At the bottom, there are panels for 'SuR - Regional Groups', 'SuR - Organisations', 'RS - Regional Groups', and 'RS - Organisations', each with a list of checkboxes for various groups and organizations.

You can also select how many recommendations to display per page like with *basic search*. Search is case insensitive, "Indigenous" or "indigenous" are understood as identical.

**B** Moreover, you can also search using **additional filters specifically available for the advanced search**, like "Regional groups" and "Organisations" (both for SuR and RS), "Response", "Action category", "Session" and "Cycle":



This screenshot shows the same search interface as above, but with additional filter panels highlighted in yellow. These include 'Action Category' (listing '1 - Minimal action', '2 - Continuing action', '3 - Considering action', '4 - General action', '5 - Specific action'), 'Session' (listing dates like '13 - May 2012', '12 - October 2011', '11 - May 2011', '10 - January 2011', '9 - November 2010', '8 - May 2010', '7 - February 2010'), 'Cycle' (listing 'Cycle 2 (2012 - 2016)', 'Cycle 1 (2008 - 2012)'), and 'Tools' (with 'Export to xls' and 'Link to your current results' buttons).

Tick one to as many box options depending on your needs.

**C Multiple terms for queries:** the database offers the possibility to select all kinds of aforementioned filters, including "or" and "and" specific option for the issues (in red below):

### 2.3. Other options

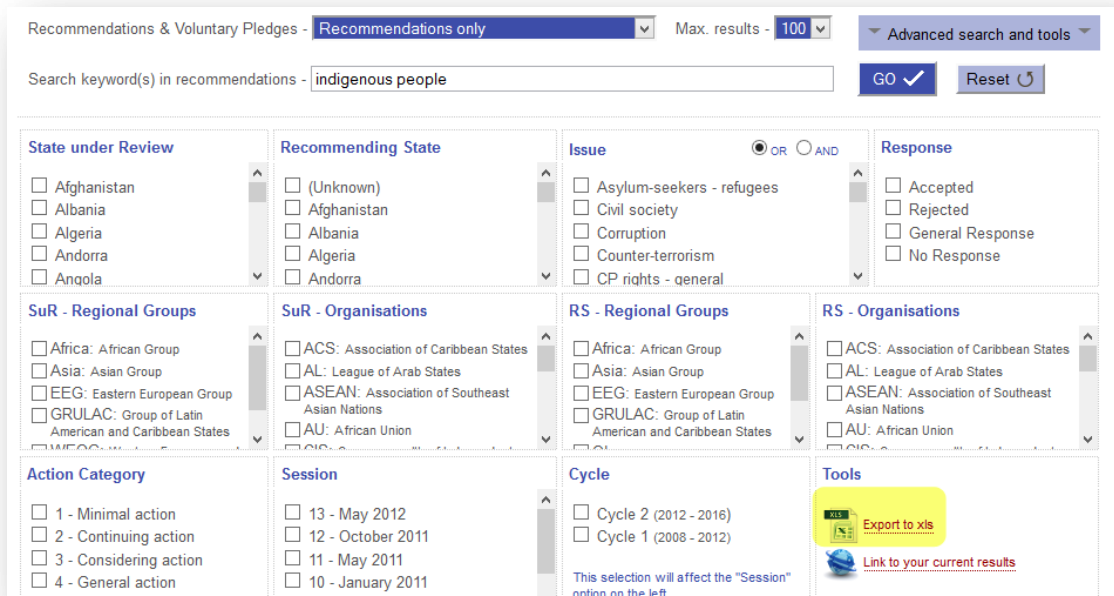
**A Sorting.** You can sort the results by a given category by clicking one of the arrows at the top of each column:

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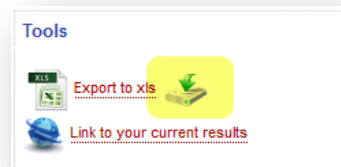
The arrow will point down, showing what sorting is active.

**B Export.** It is possible to extract the results of the search into an excel sheet. To do so, click on "Advanced search and tools" and then on "Export to xls" located in "Tools" area:



The screenshot shows the UPR search interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the keyword "indigenous people" and a "GO" button. Below the search bar, there are several filter sections: "State under Review", "Recommending State", "Issue", "Response", "SuR - Regional Groups", "SuR - Organisations", "RS - Regional Groups", "RS - Organisations", "Action Category", "Session", and "Cycle". The "Tools" section is highlighted in yellow and contains the "Export to xls" button and a "Link to your current results" link.

A new icon will be displayed. Click on it and an Excel sheet including the recommendations and voluntary pledges you have selected will open. Save the sheet on your desktop.

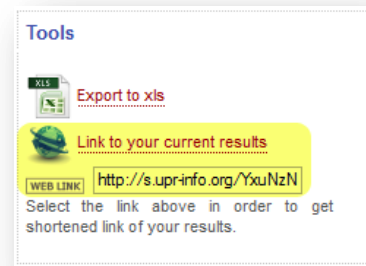


**C Bookmarks.** You can bookmark your results, in other words save your results for a later use. Such an option is very useful if you want to send your results by email or include a list of recommendations in a document. Those short links act as shortcuts to recommendations.

In order to bookmark your search results, click on "Advanced search and tools" and then on "Link of your current results" located in "Tools" area:

|   |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| <b>State under Review</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Afghanistan<br><input type="checkbox"/> Albania<br><input type="checkbox"/> Algeria<br><input type="checkbox"/> Andorra<br><input type="checkbox"/> Angola  | <b>Recommending State</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> (Unknown)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Afghanistan<br><input type="checkbox"/> Albania<br><input type="checkbox"/> Algeria<br><input type="checkbox"/> Andorra   | <b>Issue</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> OR <input type="radio"/> AND<br><input type="checkbox"/> Asylum-seekers - refugees<br><input type="checkbox"/> Civil society<br><input type="checkbox"/> Corruption<br><input type="checkbox"/> Counter-terrorism<br><input type="checkbox"/> CP rights - general | <b>Response</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Accepted<br><input type="checkbox"/> Rejected<br><input type="checkbox"/> General Response<br><input type="checkbox"/> No Response   |
| <b>SuR - Regional Groups</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Africa: African Group<br><input type="checkbox"/> Asia: Asian Group<br><input type="checkbox"/> EEG: Eastern European Group<br><input type="checkbox"/> GRULAC: Group of Latin American and Caribbean States     | <b>SuR - Organisations</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> ACS: Association of Caribbean States<br><input type="checkbox"/> AL: League of Arab States<br><input type="checkbox"/> ASEAN: Association of Southeast Asian Nations<br><input type="checkbox"/> AU: African Union   | <b>RS - Regional Groups</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Africa: African Group<br><input type="checkbox"/> Asia: Asian Group<br><input type="checkbox"/> EEG: Eastern European Group<br><input type="checkbox"/> GRULAC: Group of Latin American and Caribbean States  | <b>RS - Organisations</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> ACS: Association of Caribbean States<br><input type="checkbox"/> AL: League of Arab States<br><input type="checkbox"/> ASEAN: Association of Southeast Asian Nations<br><input type="checkbox"/> AU: African Union |
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A new icon named "Web Link" will be displayed as well as the URL:



You may either left-click on icon "Web Link" to add the URL to your bookmarks or right-click to copy the URL (and then paste it into your document or email). The text area alongside contains also the shortened URL; be sure to select the whole area.

"Web Links" look like this:

<http://s.upr-info.org/125AyNv>



## **ANNEX 1 – Regional groups**

Africa: **African Group**

Asia: **Asian Group**

EEG: **Eastern European Group**

GRULAC: **Group of Latin American and Caribbean States**

WEOG: **Western European and Other States Group**

## **ANNEX 2 – Organisations**

ACS: **Association of Caribbean States**

AL: **League of Arab States**

AU: **African Union**

ASEAN: **Association of Southeast Asian Nations**

CIS: **Commonwealth of Independent States**

Commonwealth: **the Commonwealth**

EU: **European Union**

OAS: **Organisation of American States**

OEI: **Organisation of Ibero-American States**

OIC: **Organisation of the Islamic Conference**

OIF: **Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie**

PIF: **Pacific Islands Forum**



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