



Promoting and strengthening  
the Universal Periodic Review  
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Mr President,

At the end of the third cycle of the Universal Periodic Review, States will have to present results achieved in the implementation of recommendations made to them. Beyond the adoption of policies and legislation, States will have to show that measures they took resulted in an improvement of the human rights situation for all segment of society, that process were inclusive, and that people participated in decisions making affecting their life.

To ensure the effectiveness of the UPR, sufficient budget must be allocated to sectors requiring funds to support the implementation of human rights recommendations. National institutions must also be strengthened so that they fully participate in the promotion of the respect of human rights. The separation of power and independence of the judiciary and the parliament will guarantee that they play their role as oversight mechanisms.

Mr President,

To monitor the UPR recommendations, *UPR info* encourages States to report every year to the Human Rights Council on progress made in their implementation.

*UPR Info* invites States to provide a clear position on recommendations.

Mr. President,

*UPR Info* is concerned and condemns acts of reprisal and intimidation against human rights defenders. It calls on States to involve civil society organisations, National Human Rights Institutions, Parliament and other national actors in all stages of the UPR process.

The Universal Periodic Review by it's nature is a participatory mechanism. We encourage all stakeholders to use it constructively to promote the respect of human rights.

I thank you.