

2RP: Responses to Recommendations & Voluntary Pledges

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Cyprus's responses to recommendations (as of 18.08.2014):

In the Report of the Working Group:	In the Addendum:	During the plenary:	Summary:
No response, all pending	84 recs were accepted in full, 5 accepted in part (n°67, 94, 97, 98, 101), 7 in principle (n°1, 9, 21, 23, 24, 56, 100), and 10 "rejected" (n°2-6, part of 7, 13, 17, 92, 99) ¹	Recs n°21, 23, 24 and 56 are now "supported". The delegation and the HRC President stated that 87 recs were accepted and the rest noted, but as rec n°7 could clearly be split into 2, the total amounts to 88 accepted and 18 noted.	Accepted: 88 Noted: 18 Total: 106

Paragraph headers are as in the Report of the Working Group, but the nature of responses to recommendations may have subsequently been changed.

List of recommendations contained in Section II of the Report of the Working Group A/HRC/26/14:

114. The response of Cyprus to the following recommendations will be included in the outcome report adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-sixth session in June 2014:

N - 114.1. Ratify the international instruments not yet ratified (Côte d'Ivoire);

¹ Recommendation 7 was both accepted and "rejected". As both parts were clearly identified, the recommendation was split into two recommendations, one accepted and one noted. The total number of recommendations is now 106.

N - 114.2. Consider ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Indonesia) (Paraguay);

N - 114.3. Consider favorably ratification of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Algeria);

N - 114.4. Consider the possibility of ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Ecuador);

N - 114.5. Consider the possibility of acceding to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Egypt);

N - 114.6. Sign the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (ICRMW) (Ethiopia);

114.7. Ratify:

N - the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families,

A - the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (Uruguay);

A - 114.8. Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and recognize the competence of the Committee (in conformity with articles 31 and 32) (Uruguay);

N - 114.9. Continue efforts aimed at ratifying the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance as well as the principal international human rights instruments to which the country is not yet a party (Argentina);

A - 114.10. Consider ratification of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Spain);

A - 114.11. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the ICESCR; the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (Portugal);

A - 114.12. Sign and ratify the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (Hungary);

N - 114.13. Ratify International Labour Organization Convention No. 189 concerning decent work for domestic workers (Uruguay) (Uzbekistan);

A - 114.14. Ratify soon the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Italy);

A - 114.15. Consider signing and ratifying the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Slovenia);

A - 114.16. Facilitate the work and the function of the Ombudsman in accordance with the Paris Principles (Indonesia);

N - 114.17. Ensure the full independence of the Office of the Ombudsman so that it is fully compliant with the Paris Principles (Malaysia);



A - 114.18. Continue advancing the consolidation of its National Human Rights Institution in conformity with the Paris Principles (Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of));

A - 114.19. Study the measures it considers appropriate to enable the accreditation of the Ombudsman as National Institution of Human Rights, in accordance with the Paris Principles (Algeria);

A - 114.20. Complete the process of consolidation of the National Human Rights Institution and its accreditation to the International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions (Mexico);

A - 114.21. Adopt measures aimed at strengthening the Independent National Authority for Human Rights in order for it to be fully compliant with the Paris Principles; in particular, providing it with adequate resources and more qualified staff so as to strengthen the National Preventive Mechanism against Torture and undertake information campaigns, especially among vulnerable groups (Uruguay);

A - 114.22. Continue strengthening the National Machinery for Women's Rights, conferring on it the authority, visibility and resources necessary to fulfil its purposes (Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of));

A - 114.23. Continue efforts to promote and protect human rights in line with international standards (Oman);

A - 114.24. Take into account the contributions from this Universal Periodic Review and integrate them into the respective national action plans promoted by the Government in various areas of human rights (Nicaragua);

A - 114.25. Step up relevant measures to protect the rights of women, children, persons with disabilities, and migrants (China);

A - 114.26. Continue measures for the protection of the rights of vulnerable groups of the population, particularly women, children, persons with disabilities and elderly persons (Russian Federation);

A - 114.27. Continue undertaking measures to strengthen the legal system in accordance with the international human rights treaties which it has accepted, especially those referring to the rights of children and young people (Cuba);

A - 114.28. Continue the current momentum, national action plans and programmes for effectively addressing challenges and disparities in health care, education, employment, gender equality and social welfare, especially for vulnerable groups of women, children, the elderly and persons with difficulties in the country (Viet Nam);

A - 114.29. Continue efforts to strengthen human rights education in school curricula (Morocco);

A - 114.30. Continue educational reform and the restructuring of the educational system, particularly paying attention towards raising awareness and education on human rights (Armenia);

A - 114.31. Ensure ongoing practical professional training of police officers of all ranks and categories on the protection of vulnerable groups, in compliance with human rights principles (Canada);

A - 114.32. Intensify efforts to further raise public awareness and education on human rights and further strengthen capacity-building for human rights institutions and law enforcement mechanisms (Viet Nam);

A - 114.33. Strengthen the measures to ensure gender equality, as well as to prevent violence against women (Côte d'Ivoire);

A - 114.34. Take further concrete measures to promote equality between men and women by enabling full and meaningful participation by women in the decision-making levels of the formal peace process and the advancement of negotiations regarding the Cyprus issue (Canada);

A - 114.35. Incorporate a gender perspective in negotiating and implementing any settlement accords (Australia);

A - 114.36. Strengthen public policies aimed at the achievement of gender equality in law and in practice, paying particular attention to the vulnerability of elderly women and women with disabilities and especially with respect to access to education, employment and social services (Colombia);

A - 114.37. Continue to pursue the reduction of the gender pay gap (Greece);

A - 114.38. Work on strengthening the implementation, monitoring and enforcement of its existing legal framework protecting the equality of women, particularly in the area of employment, in order to achieve a successful reduction in the wage gap between men and women (Israel);

A - 114.39. Continue on the path of reducing the wage gap between men and women, including by combating the root causes of the gender pay gap (State of Palestine);

A - 114.40. Adopt effective measures for the prevention of any form of racism and discrimination (Uzbekistan);

A - 114.41. Implement measures to combat racial stereotyping and discriminatory attitudes against migrants, including through awareness-raising campaigns and by enforcement of legislation against racial discrimination in all fields of public life (Philippines);

A - 114.42. Strengthen efforts to protect the rights of migrants by combating racial stereotypes and discriminatory attitudes, including through awareness-raising campaigns and by enforcing legislation against racial discrimination in all areas of public life (Brazil);

A - 114.43. Adopt an integrated strategy for the elimination of discrimination on any basis, which deals in particular with racially-motivated attacks against foreigners, persons of African descent and human rights defenders (Colombia);

A - 114.44. Adopt legislative and practical measures towards ensuring equality and equal opportunity in the fields of employment, education, health care and housing for all ethnic groups (Uzbekistan);

A - 114.45. Step up efforts to combat and sanction effectively all forms of discrimination and intolerance, as well as to take additional measures to provide a more adequate response and the required support to the educational needs of the minorities (Hungary);

A - 114.46. Continue actions aimed at the promotion of an environment of tolerance and cultural diversity in order to prevent cases of discrimination in schools (Ecuador);

A - 114.47. Increase awareness-raising programmes and campaigns to promote tolerance and respect for cultural diversity in schools as well as in society (Malaysia);

A - 114.48. Criminalize public incitement of acts against persons on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);

A - 114.49. Enact legislation to recognize civil partnership and amend the Criminal Code to explicitly prohibit incitement to hatred, violence or discrimination against persons on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (Ireland);

A - 114.50. Include a prohibition of discrimination of any kind, including discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, in areas outside employment, in line with international standards (Netherlands);

A - 114.51. Continue its efforts to improve conditions of detention (Djibouti);

A - 114.52. Develop and employ measures to respect the rights of prisoners, including reviewing the potential for alternative measures for offenders, and detention conditions (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);

A - 114.53. Address concerns over migrant detention centre conditions, including by guaranteeing the right to obtain speedy judicial review of the lawfulness of any detention and to be released if detention is determined unlawful (United States of America);

A - 114.54. Conduct an impact assessment on the implementation of its National Action Plan on the Prevention and Combating of Domestic Violence (Portugal);

A - 114.55. Provide further assistance to women victims of violence, in line with the relevant recommendations of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (Portugal);

A - 114.56. Undertake actions to prevent and combat domestic violence and define a date for ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (France);

A - 114.57. Take measures to guarantee the legal protection of women in cohabitating relationships, as well as those who were previously in such relationships, and provide assistance to women victims of domestic violence through the creation of an adequate number of reception and rehabilitation facilities (Paraguay);

A - 114.58. Intensify efforts in the field of the protection of children, ratify soon the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse, and implement the provisions contained therein (Italy);

A - 114.59. Extend its interdepartmental approach on domestic violence also towards forms of violence outside the family, for example gender-related violence and violence against LGBT people (Netherlands);

A - 114.60. Take all necessary steps to eliminate human trafficking (Australia);

A - 114.61. Persist with its noteworthy efforts to combat trafficking through national and international collaboration (Greece);

- A - 114.62. Apply the existing legal dispositions on the combating of discrimination and continue the fight on the trafficking on human beings (Romania);
- A - 114.63. Step up efforts aimed at providing adequate assistance and protection to all victims of human trafficking (State of Palestine);
- A - 114.64. Provide adequate resources to fully implement its national plan against human trafficking, taking particular attention to curbing trafficking of women and girls (Philippines);
- A - 114.65. Continue implementing training programmes of public officers within the framework of the revised National Action Plan against Trafficking of Human Beings (State of Palestine);
- A - 114.66. Step up its efforts in bringing to justice perpetrators of trafficking of women and sexual exploitation, as well as ensuring appropriate and timely compensation for victims (Thailand);
- N - 114.67. As a source and destination country for men and women who are subjected to forced labour and sex trafficking, improve efforts to prosecute, convict and sentence trafficking offenders (Sweden);
- A - 114.68. Adopt more effective anti-trafficking measures and further evaluate measures already in use to limit human exploitation, including efforts to protect victims and to prosecute offenders of human trafficking (Denmark);
- A - 114.69. Strengthen trafficking victim protection services by creating and publicizing a victim hotline and training immigration officials so trafficking victims are adequately informed of their rights (United States of America);
- A - 114.70. Continue advancing the protection of workers from third countries in Cyprus, including all victims of trafficking and exploitation in the legal aid programme and ensuring the provision of adequate funding for this (Spain);
- A - 114.71. Establish an effective mechanism for coordinating the implementation of child rights policy among relevant institutions at all levels and bring the juvenile justice system in line with the Convention on the Rights of the Child and other relevant standards (Ireland);
- A - 114.72. Further promote and protect the rights of religious minorities (Armenia);
- A - 114.73. Further develop projects concerning relations between different religious and ethnic communities, in line with relevant recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief (Portugal);
- A - 114.74. Give full and prompt implementation to those initiatives aimed at promoting an increased involvement of women in politics (Italy);
- A - 114.75. Continue to make full efforts to promote its economic recovery and guarantee its citizens their economic, social and cultural rights (China);
- A - 114.76. Take all practical measures to prevent the financial crisis that is currently sweeping the nation from affecting citizens' economic, social and cultural rights, and to provide vulnerable groups in the country, especially the unemployed, with all the support and protection (United Arab Emirates);
- A - 114.77. Ensure universal access to health care and services for all women, in particular migrant and elderly women (Republic of Moldova);

A - 114.78. Ensure universal access to health-care services for all, particularly, women, including migrant, disabled and elderly women (Thailand);

A - 114.79. Guarantee protection from discrimination for persons with disabilities, particularly in the fields of employment, housing, transport and cultural and leisure activities (Spain);

A - 114.80. Continue the measures aimed at the improvement of the protection, integration and, in particular, access to education of children with disabilities (Argentina);

A - 114.81. Ensure that children with disabilities are able to exercise their right to education and provide their inclusion in the mainstream education system (Malaysia);

A - 114.82. Ensure that children with disabilities are able to exercise their right to education and provide for their inclusion in the mainstream education system (Bulgaria);

A - 114.83. Improve access to education and health for minorities and ensure non-discrimination in access to employment and accommodation for migrants (Paraguay);

A - 114.84. Step up efforts to protect the rights of migrants (Philippines);

A - 114.85. Enhance the implementation of the laws and regulations of Cyprus in the protection of migrant workers (Ethiopia);

A - 114.86. Further consolidate measures to promote and protect the rights of migrants, including through monitoring mechanisms and awareness-raising of the public (Sri Lanka);

A - 114.87. Initiate an integrated policy for the promotion and protection of the human rights of migrants which takes into account the vulnerable situation of foreign domestic workers (Colombia);

A - 114.88. Continuing strengthening its migration policies in the most effective manner in order to address prejudice, racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance (Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of));

A - 114.89. Ensure respect for European and international conventions for the protection of human rights within the framework of treatment of migrants who are affected by the deportation decisions (France);

A - 114.90. Consider applying alternative measures to the detention of unaccompanied migrant children (Egypt);

A - 114.91. Continue to work to address the challenges posed by the increasing flows of irregular migration (Australia);

N - 114.92. Make more accessible and transparent the procedures for granting of residence permits by clarifying the criteria for awarding status, giving reasons for refusal, and improving the information given to foreigners on the remedies available to them (France);

A - 114.93. Adopt the measures necessary to ensure that the issuance of work and residence permits does not depend entirely on employers, so that victims of exploitation are not prevented from obtaining justice (Spain);



N - 114.94. Increase the measures aimed at eliminating corruption in the mechanisms for the processing of residence and work permits for citizens of non-European Union member States (Spain);

A - 114.95. Ensure effective protection against abuse of domestic workers and guarantee their right to just and favourable conditions of work (Republic of Moldova);

A - 114.96. Ensure the rights of migrant workers who are domestic workers, including through measures of labour inspection and protection of these workers against their employer (France);

N - 114.97. Improve oversight of working conditions to prevent labour exploitation, especially in the domestic and agricultural sectors where foreign workers are particularly vulnerable (United States of America);

N - 114.98. Conceive measures to address the phenomenon of the reported increase in labour exploitation, such as by alerting migrant workers, informing migrant workers about their legal rights, and give training to professionals in contact with potential victims (Sweden);

N - 114.99. Take concrete measures to improve the access of irregular migrants to acceptable housing (Denmark);

N - 114.100. Adopt measures that will enable migrants and their children, including irregular migrants, to access social services other than public health care and school education (Philippines);

N - 114.101. Strengthen, in close cooperation with the relevant actors, the capacity to process, care for and house asylum seekers and irregular migrants in conformity with regional and international standards (Mexico);

A - 114.102. Ensure that asylum seekers, while awaiting the reviewing of their status, are protected from refoulement and afforded equal and effective access to essential services (Brazil);

A - 114.103. Ensure that asylum seekers have free legal aid throughout the asylum procedure (Djibouti);

A - 114.104. Improve the mechanisms for the reception of refugees and asylum seekers, ensuring that they are offered psychological and legal assistance, help with languages as well as the opportunity to access employment which corresponds to their professional skills (Spain);

A - 114.105. Adopt the measures necessary to guarantee that the children of internally displaced persons enjoy the same legal status as their parents, regardless of the sex of their parents (Mexico);

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