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Iceland’s responses to recommendations (as of 1 June 2017):

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| Accepted: 112  
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Total: 167 | Out of the 41 recs left pending, 21 were accepted¹, and 20 noted | The HRC President stated that out of 167 recs received, 133 were accepted and 34 noted | Accepted: 133  
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*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/34/7:**

115. The recommendations formulated during the interactive dialogue/listed below have been examined by Iceland and enjoy the support of Iceland:

- A - 115.1 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (Turkey); Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (Estonia); Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (Georgia); Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (Lebanon); Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (Portugal);

- A - 115.2 Expedite action on the ratification process of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (Ghana);

¹ of which 8 had already been implemented or are being implemented.
A- 115.3 Accelerate the process towards the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (Greece);

A- 115.4 Promptly ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (Guatemala);

A- 115.5 Ratify as soon as possible the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (Germany); Ratify as soon as possible the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (Slovenia);

A - 115.6 Conclude its own procedures to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (Italy);

A - 115.7 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and establish the national torture preventive mechanism (Ukraine);

A - 115.8 Establish without delay an effective, well-resourced and staffed national preventive mechanism according to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (Czechia);

A - 115.9 Ratify and implement the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture at the earliest possible time (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);

A - 115.10 Widen the scope of international obligations through ratification of international treaties such as the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and the International Convention on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Albania);

A - 115.11 Make progress towards the ratification of pending human rights international instruments, including the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Chile);

A - 115.12 Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (Brazil);

A - 115.13 Ratify without delay the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, signed in October 2008, and the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture signed in September 2003 (France);

A - 115.14 Take appropriate measures for the ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Togo);

A - 115.15 Finalize the ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Iraq);

A - 115.16 Accelerate efforts to ratify the International Convention on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Sierra Leone);

A - 115.17 Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Ukraine); Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Argentina);

A - 115.18 Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance as early as possible, which Iceland signed in 2008 (Japan);
A - 115.19 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture, the International Convention on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, the Convention relating to the status of Stateless Persons and the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (Mozambique);

A - 115.20 Ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Italy); Ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention) (Turkey); Ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention) (Finland); Ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Montenegro); Ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention) (Netherlands); Ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Slovenia);

A - 115.21 Submit its overdue reports to the relevant treaty body mechanisms (Sierra Leone); Submit overdue reports to the human rights treaty bodies (Ghana);

A - 115.22 Implement an action plan on domestic violence and sexual violence against women, including immigrants and those from minority groups (Sierra Leone);

A - 115.23 Continue to amend its national legislation in line with the international human rights instruments (Libya);

A - 115.24 Implement into national law the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Sierra Leone);

A - 115.25 Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and align national legislation and practice with it (Egypt);

A - 115.26 Take measures aimed at establishing a national human rights institution in compliance with the Paris Principles (Georgia);

A - 115.27 Continue with its efforts to establish a national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles (Namibia);

A - 115.28 Step up efforts to establish a national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles (Philippines);

A - 115.29 Develop an inclusive process with the objective of establishing a national human rights Institution in accordance with the Paris Principles (Uruguay);

A - 115.30 Revise the status of the Icelandic Human Rights Centre with the goal of ensuring full compliance with the Paris Principles (Hungary);

A - 115.31 Establish a national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles, drawing on the experience of the Icelandic Human Rights Centre (Australia);

A - 115.32 Strengthen the national human rights institution, in full compliance with the Paris Principles (Ukraine);
A - 115.33 Establish a national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles (Turkey); Establish a national human rights institution in conformity with the Paris Principles (Algeria); Establish a national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles (Egypt);

A - 115.34 Establish an independent national human rights institution aligned with the Paris Principles (France); Establish an independent national human rights institution in compliance with the Paris Principles (Mongolia);

A - 115.35 Adopt the necessary measures to establish a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles (Panama);

A - 115.36 Establish a national human rights institution with a broad mandate and adequate resources, in line with the Paris Principles (Afghanistan);

A - 115.37 Establish as soon as possible a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles, with a broad mandate and sufficient resources (Paraguay);

A - 115.38 Swiftly conclude the process of establishing a national human rights institution based on the Paris Principles in order for that institution to be rapidly created (Portugal);

A - 15.39 Establish a national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles and develop a comprehensive national human rights action plan (Indonesia);

A - 115.40 Continue its efforts to adopt the national action plan on human rights and establish an independent national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles (Sudan);

A - 115.41 Pursue the development and adoption of a comprehensive national human rights action plan to strengthen consistency and cooperation in the implementation of related policies and programmes (Canada);

A - 115.42 Continue efforts to formulate a national human rights action plan (Philippines);

A - 115.43 Advance its activities aimed at ensuring full realization of the rights of women, children, elderly people and persons with disabilities (Mongolia);

A - 115.44 Enact legislation that includes protection from discrimination on the basis of intersex status (Australia);

A - 115.45 Enact legislation that prohibits age-based discrimination (Australia);

A - 115.46 Adopt comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation (Timor-Leste);

A - 115.47 Adopt specific laws to eliminate other forms of discrimination to supplement existing legislation on gender discrimination in the country (Spain);

A - 115.48 Adopt a comprehensive national legislation to combat all forms of discrimination and to pass national legislation that lives up to the spirit of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Sweden);

A - 115.49 Consider enacting a comprehensive law against all forms of discrimination and adopt an action plan for its implementation (Serbia);
A - 115.50 Complete the drafting of a law against discrimination and provide for its enactment as soon as possible (Russian Federation);

A - 115.51 Continue efforts to fight against discrimination, racism and hate speech (Lebanon);

A - 115.52 Continue to combat discrimination, hate speech and racism (Pakistan);

A - 115.53 Continue to take measures to combat ethnic discrimination and racism as well as hate speech on grounds of ethnicity, colour, race and religion (Tajikistan);

A - 115.54 Develop national policies to fight hate crimes and hate speech (Lebanon);

A - 115.55 Combat effectively racial discrimination, xenophobic words and deeds, and strike down on hate crimes through legislation, law enforcement and administrative measures (China);

A - 115.56 Consider introducing a criminal law provision that expressly considers the racist motivation of an offence as a specific aggravating circumstance (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);

A - 115.57 Take the necessary measures to combat all forms of intolerance and offences motivated by hatred or racial considerations (Algeria);

A - 115.58 While continuing to protect freedom of opinion and expression consistent with article 73 of the Constitution, maintain article 233 (a) of the General Penal Code and article 27 of the Media Act, which explicitly prohibit hate speech and direct incitement to hatred (Canada);

A - 115.59 Increase efforts to prosecute and convict human traffickers through the training of investigators, prosecutors and judges on detecting and prosecuting such crimes (United States of America);

A - 115.60 Exert further efforts to implement the national plan to combat human trafficking (Sudan);

A - 115.61 Increase focus on supervisory and control mechanisms in the labour market. Develop a wider scope of protection against discrimination and more tools to address the rights of persons who are subject to human trafficking (Norway);

A - 115.62 Carry out the adoption of the action plan for the prevention of all forms of violence, with a view to strengthening the framework for the protection of all victims, in particular those belonging to vulnerable groups (Mexico);

A - 115.63 Promote the political participation of women in public positions of power (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);

A - 115.64 Continue its policies and efforts to further promote and protect women’s rights (Armenia);

A - 115.65 Intensify the efforts to raise awareness among women and girls about their rights under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and on the individual communication procedures contemplated in its Optional Protocol (Panama);

A - 115.66 Take general measures to eliminate gender stereotypes on the role and obligations of women and men, in particular through awareness-raising campaigns and education (Ecuador);
A - 115.67 Accelerate tackling gender inequality, effectively protect women’s rights and strike down at violence against women (China);

A - 115.68 Continue active measures and initiatives to minimize the gender gap (Japan);

A - 115.69 Increase its efforts to close the economic gender gap in order to bring about greater gender equality (Thailand);

A - 115.70 Continue its proactive efforts in order to ensure full gender equality in education and the labour market (Netherlands);

A - 115.71 Address gender pay disparity effectively through the full implementation of the equal pay system standard (Maldives);

A - 115.72 Adopt and implement measures that ensure equal remuneration for work of equal value in an effort towards fulfilling the Government’s commitment to eliminate the gender pay gap before 2022 (Namibia);

A - 115.73 Continue strengthening the role of women in the professional and labour market spheres (Argentina);

A - 115.74 Adopt a new action plan to fully implement the equal pay standard to eradicate the gender pay gap for work (Egypt);

A - 115.75 Step up measures aimed at elimination of violence against women (Ukraine);

A - 115.76 Deepen the measures taken to combat gender-based violence, sexual abuses and violations suffered by women with a special focus on migrant women and women with disabilities (Chile);

A - 115.77 Strengthen awareness-raising plans and programmes on violence against women, including training programmes aimed at increasing sensitivity towards victims and their vulnerabilities (Chile);

A - 115.78 Intensify measures to raise awareness of domestic violence (Timor-Leste);

A - 115.79 Put into practice a new action plan to combat sexual violence (Uruguay);

A - 115.80 Adopt a national plan against sexual and domestic violence that takes into account the specific needs and vulnerabilities of migrant women and women with disabilities (Bangladesh);

A - 115.81 Adopt a national plan of action on the prevention and protection from all forms of violence, including domestic violence (Estonia);

A - 115.82 Update the Plan against Domestic and Sexual Violence, that despite expiring in 2011, has not been renewed (Spain);

A - 115.83 Pay special attention to combating domestic and sexual violence, by implementing a new national action plan and ensure that it reinforces the provision of services to women and girl victims of sexual violence (France);

A - 115.84 Conduct follow-up activities related to the implementation of national legislation and awareness campaigns aimed at reducing the number of cases of domestic violence (Sweden);
A - 115.85 Address the causes of the high number of acquittals in sexual violence cases against women (Islamic Republic of Iran);

A - 115.86 Intensify measures to raise awareness of domestic violence, including through training for judges, prosecutors, police and health officers (Turkey);

A - 115.87 Closely monitor the investigation and prosecution of cases of domestic and sexual violence and their effectiveness, improve access to justice for victims of such violence and provide training in the field of domestic and sexual violence for judges, police, prosecutors and other relevant professionals (Czechia);

A - 115.88 Ensure that sentencing laws are appropriate and adequate to address domestic and sexual violence (United States of America);

A - 115.89 Improve access to justice for women victims of domestic violence and gender-based violence (Maldives);

A - 115.90 Support comprehensively increased efficiency in fighting violence against children (Tajikistan);

A - 115.91 Establish government-coordinated measures aimed at prevention of sexual abuse of children (Islamic Republic of Iran);

A - 115.92 Adopt a new national plan of action on children with adequate follow-up mechanisms for full implementation (Islamic Republic of Iran);

A - 115.93 Ensure that the new national plan of action is equipped with an evaluation mechanism (Islamic Republic of Iran);

A - 115.94 Take further steps to protect the rights of the child, prevent child abuse, exploitation and violence (Ukraine);

A - 115.95 Increase professional and effective working procedures in addressing child sexual abuse cases (Maldives);

A- 115.96 Intensify steps to combat and prevent discrimination, especially against persons with disabilities, particularly with respect to the rights to education, housing and social assistance (Ghana);

A - 115.97 Continue its efforts in combating and preventing discrimination, especially against persons with disabilities, particularly with respect to the rights to education and social assistance (State of Palestine);

A - 115.98 Improve the integration of children of migrants into the national health system (Brazil);

A - 115.99 Strengthen migration policies based on respect for the human rights of all migrants (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);

A - 115.100 Take measures for the promotion and protection of the rights of migrants and their families (Togo);
A - 115.101 Develop targeted programmes and strategies to increase the awareness of migrant women of their rights and provide free legal aid and effective remedies if and when their rights are violated (Bangladesh);

A - 115.102 Adopt a comprehensive national integration strategy that ensures the proper integration of migrants and increases the awareness of migrant women of their rights and protection thereof (Thailand);

A - 115.103 Continue efforts to host refugees and migrants (Algeria);

A - 115.104 Strengthen the measures for the effective implementation of the regulatory framework in the field of immigration, asylum and refugees, in particular by training public officials involved, as well as by accelerating efforts towards the adoption of the action plan 2016-2019, in order to ensure that migrants can be fully involved in society on an equal basis with citizens (Mexico).

116. The following recommendations that enjoy the support of Iceland, which considers that they are already implemented or in the process of implementation.

A - 116.1 Finalize the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Greece); Finalize the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Iraq);

A - 116.2 Accelerate the process of ratification as the concerned groups require the imminent protection of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Hungary);

A - 116.3 Make progress towards the ratification of pending human rights international instruments, including the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Chile);

A - 116.4 Widen the scope of international obligations through ratification of international treaties such as the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Albania);

A - 116.5 Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Senegal);

A - 116.6 Adopt a new action plan on gender equality to ensure continuity, as the previous plan expired in 2014 (Spain);

A - 116.7 Adopt the new plan of action on gender equality (Timor-Leste);

A - 116.8 Speed up efforts towards the adoption of a new national action plan in the area of disability, in line with the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Mexico).

117. The following recommendations will be examined by Iceland, which will provide responses in due time, but no later than the thirty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council.

N - 117.1 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Finland); Ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Portugal);

N - 117.2 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (Montenegro); Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (Portugal);
N - 117.3 Widen the scope of international obligations through ratification of international treaties such as the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (Albania);

N - 117.4 Ratify as soon as possible the third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (Germany);

N - 117.5 Ratify and effectively implement the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (Czechia);

N - 117.6 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Spain);

N - 117.7 Conclude its own procedures to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Italy);

N - 117.8 Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and recognize the competence of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances to receive and consider communications from or on behalf of victims and other States parties (Germany);

N - 117.9 Accelerate the process towards the ratification of the Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No, 189) (Philippines);

A - 117.10 Ratify the Convention against Discrimination in Education (Iraq);

N - 117.11 Proceed with the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its optional protocol, the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Ecuador);

A - 117.12 Reassess the reasons behind the reservations made to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, with the aim of withdrawing them (Panama);

N - 117.13 Withdraw its reservations to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Sierra Leone);

N - 117.14 Following the parliamentary elections held on 29 October 2016, implement the constitutional reforms approved by the people of Iceland at the 2012 referendum (Haiti);

A - 117.15 Undertake measures to ensure that domestic courts are put in a position to apply the principles stemming from the European Convention on Human Rights (Denmark);

N - 117.16 Establish a national human rights institution with a broad mandate and adequate resources, in line with the Paris Principles, including specific mandates to ensure social, economic and cultural rights, and especially the rights of women (Albania);

N - 117.17 Establish a national human rights institution with a broad mandate and sufficient resources, in accordance with the Paris Principles, which includes concrete mandates regarding the rights of women and social, economic and cultural rights (Guatemala);
A - 117.18 Accelerate the adoption of the national action plan on human rights which was presented to the Icelandic Parliament (Iraq);

A - 117.19 Adopt the proposed national action plan for human rights (Pakistan);

A - 117.20 Meet its official development assistance target of 0.7 per cent of its gross national product (Bangladesh);

A - 117.21 Launch the process to design and implement the National Action Plan on business and human rights in accordance with the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (Colombia);

A - 117.22 Ensure that policies, legislation, regulations and enforcement measures effectively serve to prevent and address the heightened risk of business involvement in abuses in conflict situations, which includes situations of foreign occupation (State of Palestine);

A - 117.23 Improve financial supervisory mechanisms to ensure better control and transparency in order to combat corruption and tax evasion (Norway);

A - 117.24 Consider introducing anti-discriminatory legislation and establish a specialized body to combat racism and discrimination which could form part of a body with wider objectives in the field of human rights generally (Namibia);

N - 117.25 Establish a special body to combat racism and discrimination based on race, ethnicity, nationality, language and religion (Russian Federation);

A - 117.26 Eradicate racism, xenophobia and all forms of discrimination against foreigners (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);

N - 117.27 Complete the work on an anti-discrimination bill, and establish a specialized body to combat racism and discrimination and allowing victims to institute criminal proceedings on hate speech in fair trials and due process (Egypt);

A - 117.28 Revise or make amendments to existing legislation and adopt all other necessary measures in order to fight all forms of incitement and agitation to hatred and violence (Sweden);

N - 117.29 Issue a bill that criminalizes defamation of religious prophets and symbols as well as criminalizes hate speech in the media which creates incitement to hatred and xenophobia (Libya);

A - 117.30 Revise its social benefit programmes for assisting vulnerable families (Bangladesh);

A - 117.31 Take further steps to increase the budget for public education and continue to improve school facilities for children (State of Palestine);

A - 117.32 Provide protection for the family as the natural and fundamental unit of society (Egypt);

A - 117.33 Eradicate discriminatory practices in the labour market that detrimentally affect women (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);

A - 117.34 Ensure that victims of domestic, gender-based and sexual violence are able to report incidents and press charges without fear of adverse consequences in case of losing in court (United States of America);
A - 117.35 Ensure that minors are separated from adults in places of detention (Russian Federation);

A - 117.36 Guarantee adequate legal protection and rehabilitation of victims of sexual violence (Russian Federation);

A - 117.37 Eradicate the crimes of sexual abuse and trafficking in children (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);

N - 117.38 Annul the provision of medical treatment without consent as laid down in Icelandic law (Spain);

N - 117.39 Take additional measures to fully protect the human rights of all persons with disabilities, including to preclude involuntary hospitalization and coercive health-care approaches, to prioritize free and fully informed consent for medical treatment, and to promote the involvement of persons with disabilities in decision-making related to their well-being (Canada);

A - 117.40 Review its legislation to ensure that it fully complies with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and international standards on refugees and asylum seekers (Islamic Republic of Iran);

N - 117.41 Decriminalize defamation within its civil code in accordance with international standards (Ghana).

118. The recommendations below did not enjoy the support of Iceland and would thus be noted:

N - 118.1 Ratify all international human rights instruments that have already been signed (Uruguay);

N - 118.2 Consider ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Indonesia);

N - 118.3 Sign and ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Turkey);

N - 118.4 Ratify the International Convention on the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Egypt); Ratify the International Convention on the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Ghana); Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Senegal);

N - 118.5 Accede to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Brazil);

N - 118.6 Accelerate the process towards the ratification of the International Convention on the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Philippines);

N - 118.7 Widen the scope of international obligations through ratification of international treaties such as the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Albania);

N - 118.8 Promptly ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Guatemala);
N - 118.9 Ratify the Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity (Armenia);

N - 118.10 Incorporate without delay the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in its national legislation and make it applicable in its judicial proceedings, as recommended by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (Paraguay);

N - 118.11 Follow up on the request of the Human Rights Committee, suggesting the complete incorporation of the provisions of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in its national legislation (Senegal);

N - 118.12 Incorporate the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and its Optional Protocol into its national legislation (Mongolia);

N - 118.13 Allow for complaints on grounds of discrimination to be taken up by existing mechanisms for the protection of human rights, consistent with procedures available for gender-based discrimination cases, until a national human rights institution compliant with the Paris Principles is established (Canada);

N - 118.14 Investigate, in full consultation with stakeholders, the possibility of a universal basic income as a replacement of the existing social protection system (Haiti).

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1 The recommendation, as read out during the interactive dialogue, was: “Accelerate efforts to ratify the International Convention on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, and implement into national law the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and withdraw its reservations to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.” (Sierra Leone).

1 The recommendation, as read out during the interactive dialogue, was: “Decriminalize defamation within its civil code in accordance with international standards and submit overdue reports to the human rights treaty bodies.” (Ghana).

2 See footnote 1.

2 See footnote 1.

3 See footnote 2.