

Responses to Recommendations

THE PHILIPPINES

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The Philippines' responses to recommendations:

In the Report of the Working Group:	In the Addendum:	During the plenary:	Recommendations pending responses:	Summary:
No response, all pending	12 REC accepted ¹ ; 4 rejected; 4 "have been noted by the Government of the Philippines and will be the subject of further study"	No additional information provided	None	Accepted: 12 Rejected: 4 No clear position: 0 Pending: 4

List of recommendations contained in Section II of the Report of the Working Group A/HRC/8/28:

"58. In the course of the discussion, the following recommendations were made to the Philippines:

- 1. To continue to develop a gender-responsive approach to issues of violence against women and continue to build supportive environment for women and children within the judicial system; this environment should take into account the special needs for rehabilitation and post-conflict care of women and children in vulnerable situations and conflict areas (New Zealand);
- 2. To ensure that members of the security forces are trained on human rights and on their responsibility to protect human rights and human rights defenders (Canada);
- 3. To enable the visit by the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism as soon as possible (Slovenia);
- 4. To sign and ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (Slovenia, Mexico, United Kingdom and the Netherlands)
 - and the International Convention on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Slovenia, Mexico);

¹ Recommendation n°8 converted into voluntary commitments is deemed as accepted

- 5. To report regularly to the Committee against Torture (Slovenia);
- 6. To completely eliminate torture and extrajudicial killings (Holy See),
 - to intensify its efforts to carry out investigations and prosecutions on extrajudicial killings and punish those responsible (Switzerland)
 - as well as to provide a follow-up report on efforts and measures to address extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances, taking into account the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (The Netherlands);
- 7. To protect children in the womb, notwithstanding undue pressure from certain groups (Holy See);
- 8. To establish an organic legal framework for eliminating gender-based discrimination and promoting gender equality (Italy);
- 9. To address legislative gaps in the field of children rights in order to fully comply with the 2005 recommendations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (Italy);
- 10. To share with other countries, especially developing countries, its experience in the area of justiciability of economic and social rights (Sudan);
- 11. To strengthen the witness protection programme and address the root causes of this issue in the context of the reform of the judiciary and the armed forces (Switzerland);
- 12. While noting the involvement of civil society in the preparatory process of the national report, to fully involve civil society in the follow-up to the review (United Kingdom);
- 13. To continue its successful policy in combating trafficking in human beings at the national level and to play a leading role at the international level on this matter (Belarus);
- 14. To step up efforts to continue to meet the basic needs of the poor and other vulnerable groups (Nigeria);
- 15. To consider extending a standing invitation to special procedures (Brazil);
- 16. That the second National Human Rights Action Plan should take into account the recommendations formulated by treaty bodies and special procedures (Mexico);
- 17. That national legislation and customs and traditional practices should be harmonized with the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Mexico)."

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