



## 2RP: Responses to Recommendations & Voluntary Pledges

# SEYCHELLES

### Second Review Session 24

Review in the Working Group: 25 January 2016  
Adoption in the Plenary: 24 June 2016

#### Seychelles' responses to recommendations (01.09.16):

In the Report of the Working Group:	In the Addendum:	During the plenary:	Summary:
No response, all pending	Of the 150 pending recs, 142 were accepted, 7 were noted, 1 was 'accepted in part' <sup>1</sup>	The HRC President stated that... "Additional clarification has been provided on 1 recommendation, indicating which part of that recommendation was supported and which part was noted."	Accepted: 143 Noted: 8 Total: 151

*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/32/13:**

**120. The following recommendations will be examined by Seychelles, which will provide responses in due time, but no later than the thirty-second session of the Human Rights Council, in June 2016:**

<sup>1</sup> Recommendation 120.36 was 'accepted in part' and as the parts accepted and noted were clearly identified, the recommendations were split into two recommendations, one accepted and one noted. The total number of recommendations is now 151.



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N - 120.1 Ratify all the international instruments on human rights (Iraq);

N - 120.2 Accede, as soon as possible, to the human rights international instruments to which it is not yet a party (Uruguay);

N - 120.3 Speed up Seychelles' domestic processes with a view to ratifying international human rights treaties (Philippines);

A - 120.4 Continue efforts with regard to the ratification and implementation of the core human rights treaties and develop further the institutional framework for the implementation of human rights standards contained therein (Slovenia);

A - 120.5 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Portugal);

A - 120.6 Ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Benin);

A - 120.7 Ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and its Optional Protocol (Senegal);

A - 120.8 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Chile) (Montenegro) (Morocco) (Panama) (Portugal) (Turkey);

A - 120.9 Sign and ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Cabo Verde) (Spain);

A - 120.10 Intensify its efforts to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Denmark);

A - 120.11 Accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (France)

A - 120.12 Ratify the Convention on the Rights of the Child (Benin);

A - 120.13 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (Burundi) (Chile) (Portugal);

A - 120.14 Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, signed in 2007 (Senegal);

A - 120.15 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Chile);

A - 120.16 Consider ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Ghana);

A - 120.17 Consider ratifying the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Ghana) (Niger);

A - 120.18 Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Argentina) (Chile) (Montenegro);



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A - 120.19 Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance as soon as possible (Germany);

A - 120.20 Sign and ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Cabo Verde);

A - 120.21 Speed up the ratification procedure of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Togo);

A - 120.22 Accede to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (France);

A - 120.23 Ratify the Arms Trade Treaty (Burundi);

N - 120.24 Ratify the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons (Chile);

A - 120.25 Harmonize national legislation, including in particular human rights legislation, with international human rights standards (Philippines);

A - 120.26 Enact legislation to combat domestic violence (Maldives);

A - 120.27 Fully criminalize domestic violence against women and children, including marital rape, and ensure that such acts are tried by criminal courts as opposed to a family tribunal (Zambia);

A - 120.28 Pass the Domestic Violence Act and ensure adequate resources and training for officials dealing with gender-based violence (Australia);

A - 120.29 Ensure the participation of civil society in the drafting of a new law on domestic violence (Italy);

A - 120.30 Adopt specific legislation and measures under the Human Rights National Plan to help prevent, prosecute and punish domestic violence against women and also to end discrimination against women within the society (Spain);

A - 120.31 Continue taking measures to combat gender-based violence and to take further measures to ensure the effective implementation of laws offering protection against this violence (Namibia);

A - 120.32 Take measures to ensure that existing laws criminalizing rape and domestic violence are fully enforced, and cases are fully investigated and prosecuted consistent with these laws (United States of America);

A - 120.33 Adopt a comprehensive strategy to combat violence against women and a comprehensive law on violence against women that specifically criminalize domestic violence (Turkey);

A - 120.34 Implement measures to improve enforcement of laws criminalizing rape and domestic violence, including by thoroughly investigating and prosecuting all acts of violence against women, and by providing training to law enforcement officials (Canada);

N - 120.35 Amend the Criminal Code to raise the age of criminal responsibility in accordance with international standards (Chile);



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120.36

A - Reform the juvenile justice system, and safeguard the integrity of minors who are held in detention centres

N - raise the age of criminal responsibility (Mexico);

N - 120.37 Review the Penal Code so that the age of criminal responsibility is in accordance with relevant international standards (France);

N - 120.38 Raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility according to the general comment No. 10 of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (Uruguay);

A - 120.39 Continue to enact specific legislation to implement the Convention on the Rights of the Child (Pakistan);

A - 120.40 Amend laws that could contradict the Convention on the Rights of the Child (Panama);

A - 120.41 Introduce a legal ban on various forms of violence against children in all settings (Ukraine);

A - 120.42 Expressly prohibit the corporal punishment of children in all settings, including the home, penal institutions, schools and day-care centres and also take steps to explicitly repeal the right "to administer proper punishment" in the Children's Act (Ghana);

A - 120.43 Ensure the explicit inclusion in the national legislation of the prohibition of all forms of corporal punishment of minors, whether in the home, childcare facilities, schools and education centres in general (Uruguay);

A - 120.44 Criminalize the act of exploiting both boys and girls and the incidence of child tourism, as well as prosecute the perpetrators in the travel and tourism industry by imposing stiffer punishments on them (Zambia);

A - 120.45 Adopt comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation, including on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity (Netherlands);

A - 120.46 Reinforce the relevant legal framework in order to contrast discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation (Italy);

A - 120.47 Implement its commitment to repeal Section 151 of the Penal Code to decriminalize same-sex relationships (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);

A - 120.48 Repeal laws criminalizing consensual, same-sex relationships between adults (Australia);

A - 120.49 Repeal the provisions criminalizing same-sex sexual relations between consenting adults, to respect the principles of equality and non-discrimination among all persons (France);

A - 120.50 Decriminalize consensual sex relations between adults of the same sex and strengthen legislation punishing all forms of discrimination, including on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity (Chile);

A - 120.51 Expressly prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, and decriminalize same-sex sexual conduct between consenting adults (Canada);



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A - 120.52 Guarantee that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons fully enjoy their human rights, on equal terms, by repealing norms that criminalize and stigmatize them (Argentina);

A - 120.53 Repeal national provisions that discriminate against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons, and decriminalize consensual sexual relations between adults of the same gender (Germany);

A - 120.54 Strengthen legislative, policy and institutional measures to prevent, combat and punish human trafficking; and ensure that victims are identified, aware of their rights, and referred to appropriate services (Canada);

A - 120.55 Amend the Public Order Act to allow for freedom of assembly and remove restrictions on freedom of the press by relaxing libel laws that could impede journalists (Australia);

A - 120.56 Amend the Civil Code regarding defamation to be in line with international standards on the right to freedoms of expression and opinion (Botswana);

A - 120.57 Review its legislation in order to protect and promote the right to freedom of opinion and expression, including on the Internet, also providing protection to journalists against harassment by police and other authorities (Brazil);

A - 120.58 Issue a law on freedom of the press (Iraq);

A - 120.59 Allocate more resources to its human rights bodies in order to ensure their effective functioning in line with international standards (Turkey);

A - 120.60 Ensure that the National Human Rights Commission is in line with the Paris Principles and that the Ombudsman is fully independent (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);

A - 120.61 Provide the National Human Rights Commission with all the necessary resources to make it fully compliant with the Paris Principles (A Status) (Portugal);

A - 120.62 Accelerate the ongoing exercise to strengthen the National Human Rights Commission and to make it fully compliant with the Paris Principles (Zimbabwe);

A - 120.63 Devote sufficient resources to the National Human Rights Commission (Algeria);

A - 120.64 Complete the process of bringing the national human rights institution into compliance with the Paris Principles and allocating it the adequate resources (Cabo Verde);

A - 120.65 Continue the necessary legal and institutional steps to reform the National Human Rights Commission so that it meets the Paris Principles (Germany);

A - 120.66 Continue its efforts aimed at strengthening the work of the National Human Rights Commission and establish a central mechanism for human rights education (Libya);

A - 120.67 Provide all necessary resources, including financial and human resources, to the National Human Rights Commission to enhance its activities (Mauritius);

A - 120.68 Ensure the independence and effectiveness of the National Commission on Human Rights, in particular through the allocation of adequate resources in order to bring it into conformity with the Paris Principles (France);



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A - 120.69 Expedite the review of the effectiveness of the current framework of the office of the National Human Rights Commission and Ombudsman (Ethiopia);

A - 120.70 Proceed to the separation of the Ombudsman's Office and the National Human Rights Commission (Democratic Republic of the Congo);

A - 120.71 Maintain and strengthen the institutional independence of the Ombudsman and the National Human Rights Commission (Mexico);

A - 120.72 Speed up the process to formulate a five-year National Action Plan on Human Rights and implement it at an earlier time (China);

A - 120.73 Finalize the ongoing five-year National Action Plan on Human Rights and put in place the necessary mechanisms for its implementation (Ethiopia);

A - 120.74 Do whatever is necessary to continue to promote and protect the fundamental freedoms and human rights of all its citizens (Nigeria);

A - 120.75 Further strengthen measures to provide protection and support to the family as the natural and fundamental unit of the society (Egypt);

A - 120.76 Ensure that human rights education and training addresses also the rights of the child and women's rights in a comprehensive and systematic way (Slovenia);

A - 120.77 Finalize the draft national gender policy and its action plan (Turkey);

A - 120.78 Finalize the National Gender Policy and its Plan of Action, so as to further promote women's rights and create an enabling environment for women (Italy);

A - 120.79 Develop a comprehensive national strategy to prevent and address all forms of violence against and ill-treatment of children (Turkey);

A - 120.80 Consider establishing a coordination mechanism between stakeholders in charge of children's rights to optimize child protection (United Arab Emirates);

A - 120.81 Encourage the participation of children in all the programmes and initiatives concerning them, whenever feasible (United Arab Emirates);

A - 120.82 Take effective measures to fully implement its national framework plan against drugs for the period 2014 to 2018, in order to reduce the demand for drugs among the most vulnerable category of the population, namely children and young people (Democratic Republic of the Congo);

A - 120.83 Ensure implementation of the country's National Drug and Control Master Plan in order to address the high prevalence of drug consumption (South Africa);

A - 120.84 Step up national efforts in combating all forms of human trafficking (Egypt);

A - 120.85 Ensure the successful implementation of their National Action Plan and Strategic Framework on Trafficking in Persons (Nigeria);



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A - 120.86 Ensure efficient implementation of the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons Act to combat trafficking in human beings, by collecting data, improving the training of police officers and other law enforcement officials, strengthening mechanisms for investigating the criminal cases of trafficking and prosecuting and punishing traffickers (Slovenia);

A - 120.87 Continue and enhance its efforts towards the full implementation of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and the Members of their Families (Indonesia);

A - 120.88 Continue efforts aiming at enhancing human rights education, including training and capacity-building for the public sector (Egypt);

A - 120.89 Further involve civil society as a partner of the Government in promoting and protecting human rights (Indonesia);

A - 120.90 Continue its collaboration with the United Nations to improve the submission of human rights reports (Jamaica);

A - 120.91 Expedite the submission of reports to treaty bodies (Chad);

A - 120.92 Take the necessary measures to submit overdue reports to treaty bodies (Togo);

A - 120.93 Hand in its initial report to the Committee against Torture as soon as possible (Denmark);

A - 120.94 Engage actively to implement treaty body recommendations (Slovenia);

A - 120.95 Undertake necessary steps aimed at adopting a comprehensive strategy that addresses all forms of discrimination (Ukraine);

A - 120.96 Prohibit discrimination on gender, disability, ethnicity and socioeconomic grounds, and adopt a comprehensive strategy to eliminate all forms of discrimination (Panama);

A - 120.97 Continue taking measures to increase the participation of women in all social and economic spheres of Seychelles and continue implementing regulations to end all forms of discrimination against them (Pakistan);

A - 120.98 Take measures to protect the rights of non-citizens and migrant workers, and eliminate discrimination against them in all areas (Mexico);

A - 120.99 Adopt better measures on discrimination against migrants and non-citizens (Nigeria);

A - 120.100 Ensure the protection of children of migrant workers from statelessness (Ukraine);

A - 120.101 Take appropriate measures to facilitate family reunification of migrant workers and members of their families (Ukraine);

A - 120.102 Continue to fight against all forms of discrimination affecting religious minorities (Angola);

A - 120.103 The need for police officers to undergo compulsory training in the field of human rights (Zambia);



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A - 120.104 Provide adequate resources and training, including to law enforcement officials, to ensure effective institutions that comply with human rights norms and standards (Australia);

A - 120.105 Review its prison conditions in line with the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners and implement the results of such review before the third cycle of its universal periodic review (Fiji);

A - 120.106 Continue efforts to reduce pretrial detention by expanding, at the national level, the rehabilitation programme Coetivy (Haiti);

A - 120.107 Improve the “Phoenix Programme” in order to facilitate the social integration of women upon their release from prison (Haiti);

A - 120.108 Step up efforts to rehabilitate and reintegrate offenders, including through the introduction of formal education programmes in prisons (Singapore);

A - 120.109 Take concrete measures to fight domestic violence, to prosecute perpetrators and to protect the victims of such practices, as well as to enhance the effectiveness and the financing of the police’s specialized unit, the “Family Squad” (Brazil);

A - 120.110 Increase its efforts to safeguard women and children from domestic violence and to protect persons with disabilities (Holy See);

A - 120.111 Continue efforts in the fight against impunity for domestic violence and develop accommodation facilities and support mechanisms for victims of such violence (France);

A - 120.112 Continue pursuing child protection measures (Djibouti);

A - 120.113 Take all necessary measures to protect children from all forms of exploitation (Portugal);

A - 120.114 Spare no effort in fighting violence against children and the drug trafficking of which they are victims (Angola);

A - 120.115 Intensify the Government’s efforts with a view to the most effective protection possible against the risk of child sexual abuse (Cabo Verde);

A - 120.116 Fully investigate alleged elections irregularities and ensure proper due process is followed in all court challenges (United States of America);

A - 120.117 Ensure prompt access to justice for women victims of all forms of violence, as well as prosecute all acts of violence and punish the perpetrators (Mexico);

A - 120.118 Adopt measures to combat corruption, especially in the judiciary, and ensure independence of the judiciary (Botswana);

A - 120.119 Increase efforts to fight against money-laundering (Haiti);

A - 120.120 Continue efforts to fully ensure respect for fundamental freedoms, especially the freedom of assembly and the freedom of association, as well as the freedom of the press (France);



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A - 120.121 Enforce Seychelles' international human rights obligations and constitutional guarantees regarding the rights to freedom of religion, association and expression (United States of America);

A - 120.122 Establish clear processes and procedures for the selection of independent and impartial members of the National Media Commission (Germany);

A - 120.123 Increase the financial resources and the staff of the National Media Commission so that it can carry out its mandate, promoting and protecting in this way the freedom of the press (Spain);

A - 120.124 Continue to strengthen its social policies in order to provide the greatest possible well-being to its people, especially to the most vulnerable sectors (Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of));

A - 120.125 Continue to implement policies for development of its people under the Sustainable Development Goals (Pakistan);

A - 120.126 Initiate a national dialogue on a universal basic income (Haiti);

A - 120.127 Organize awareness campaigns for foreign migrant workers about their social and economic rights and ensure that migrant workers enjoy treatment that is not less favourable than that which applies for nationals, including through labour inspections in sectors where migrant workers are employed (Slovenia);

A - 120.128 Strengthen gender equality, particularly for wage remuneration (Algeria)

A - 120.129 Implement the "National Health Policy" as a way of promoting the right to health (Cuba);

A - 120.130 Continue to strengthen policies and programmes to ensure that all in Seychelles have access to safe water and sanitation (Singapore);

A - 120.131 Strengthen efforts aimed at improving the national response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic (South Africa);

A - 120.132 Establish protective measures that would allow young students to re- enter the mainstream education system after childbirth (Djibouti);

A - 120.133 Put in place protection measures that would allow girls to return to school after giving birth and raise awareness with a view to eliminating the existing prejudices that impede and discourage teenage mothers from returning to school (Netherlands);

A - 120.134 Prioritize the implementation of a formal education programme for incarcerated men, women and youth, with appropriate support from the private sector and civil society (Jamaica);

A - 120.135 Continue its efforts in order to place a premium on education, particularly by assuring that there be a sufficient number of properly trained local teachers (Holy See);

A - 120.136 Increase the inputs in education and give special attention to vocational training, improving quality of its labour force, and guarantee the right to work (China);

A - 120.137 Renew its focus on technical and vocational training through its proposed Skill Development Programme for the youth (India);



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A - 120.138 Take measures to integrate technical vocational education and training into formal education (Maldives);

A - 120.139 Continue pursuing initiatives aimed at improving the educational system with a view to further developing technical and vocational education and training (Trinidad and Tobago);

A - 120.140 Integrate human rights education and training in the various levels of schooling (Morocco);

A - 120.141 Maintain as a Government priority awareness and education on human rights (Cuba);

A - 120.142 Enhance measures to ensure education for all (Namibia);

A - 120.143 Continue to implement laws and regulations for protection and promotion of rights of people with disabilities (Pakistan);

A - 120.144 Strengthen efforts to protect the rights of persons with disabilities, including through the provision of adequate infrastructure (South Africa);

A - 120.145 Adopt tangible actions to assist persons with disabilities, particularly in terms of access to the labour market and the fight against poverty and social exclusion (Spain);

A - 120.146 Improve the accessibility for persons with disabilities, particularly children, of education and key services (Trinidad and Tobago);

A - 120.147 Facilitate the access and integration of children with disabilities in public schools (Djibouti);

A - 120.148 Provide children with disabilities greater access to facilities, as well as to public transportation and public buildings, as recommended by the Committee on the Rights of the Child, and in keeping with the Government's existing thrust (Jamaica);

A - 120.149 Explicitly task the department of Climate Change and Energy to examine the human rights implications of climate change, particularly as it relates to the State's ability to realize socioeconomic rights (Fiji);

A - 120.150 Continue to raise awareness among the population on the impact of climate change (Haiti).



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