

Annex: Assessment of implementation of civic space recommendations under the 2nd cycle

| Theme: D45 Freedom of association | | | |
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| 121.146. Guarantee the effective exercise of freedom of expression, assembly and association by reforming its legislation particularly in order not to undermine the legitimate work of NGOs and human rights defenders (Luxembourg); Source of position: A/HRC/29/7/Add.1 | Noted | D45 Freedom of association Affected persons: - CSOs | Status: Not implemented Source: Paragraph 2.1-2.5 |
| 121.147. Reverse the approval of the Prime Minister's Decree on International Non-Governmental Organizations and implement the mechanisms necessary to accelerate the process of legalizing NGOs (Spain); Source of position: A/HRC/29/7/Add.1 | Noted | D45 Freedom of association Affected persons: - CSOs - trade unions | Status: Not implemented Source: Paragraph 2.1-2.5 |
| 121.148. Refrain from undue restrictions, such as the prohibition to engage in the promotion and protection of human rights, in the elaboration of legislation on civil society organizations, and facilitate the registration of international NGOs (Germany); Source of position: A/HRC/29/7/Add.1 | Noted | D45 Freedom of association Affected persons: - CSOs - trade unions | Status: Partially implemented Source: Paragraph 2.1-2.5 |
| 121.149. Enable independent local and international NGOs, including international human rights organizations, to freely register and to operate in accordance with international law and standards (Norway); Source of position: A/HRC/29/7/Add.1 | Noted | D45 Freedom of association Affected persons: - CSOs | Status: Not implemented Source: Paragraph 2.1-2.5 |

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| <p>121.150. Remove all restrictions in law and practice which infringe upon the work of civil societies and to ensure that all legal provisions on the rights to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly are in line with international human rights standards (Poland);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/29/7/Add.1</p> | Noted | <p>D45 Freedom of association</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <p>- CSOs</p> | <p>Status: Not implemented</p> <p>Source: Paragraph 2.1-2.5</p> |
| <p>121.151. Fully implement its international obligations to ensure the protection of human rights defenders and other civil society actors while exercising their human rights, including the freedom of expression, association and assembly, and remove all restrictions in law and practice which infringe on their work. The Government of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic should establish without delay a new independent commission to undertake an impartial and thorough investigation into the enforced disappearance of Sombath Somphone (Finland);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/29/7/Add.1</p> | Noted | <p>D45 Freedom of association</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <p>- CSOs</p> | <p>Status: Not implemented</p> <p>Source: Paragraph 2.1-2.5</p> |
| <p>121.152. Reconsider decrees and guidelines that are overly burdensome on domestic and international civil society organizations through lengthy and opaque registration requirements, taxation and other means (United States of America);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/29/7/Add.1</p> | Accepted | <p>D45 Freedom of association</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <p>- CSOs</p> | <p>Status: Not implemented</p> <p>Source: Paragraph 2.1-2.5</p> |
| <p>121.153. Facilitate an environment for local and international civil society organizations to fulfil their role (Australia);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/29/7/Add.1</p> | Accepted | <p>D45 Freedom of association</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <p>- CSOs</p> | <p>Status: Partially implemented</p> <p>Source: Paragraph 2.1-2.5</p> |

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| 121.154. Fully enable civil society and NGO groups to conduct their activities (New Zealand); Source of position: A/HRC/29/7/Add.1 | Accepted | D45 Freedom of association Affected persons: - CSOs | Status: Partially implemented Source: Paragraph 2.1-2.5 |
| 121.155. Create a framework where civil society, including active human rights NGOs, can be included in the follow-up to the UPR without any fear of retaliation (Belgium); Source of position: A/HRC/29/7/Add.1 | Noted | D45 Freedom of association Affected persons: - CSOs | Status: XX Source: Paragraph 2.1-2.5 |
| Theme: H1 Human rights defenders | | | |
| 121.94. Carry out without further delay an independent, credible investigation into the unexplained disappearance of a human rights defender, Sombath Somphone, which occurred on 15 December 2012 in Vientiane (Luxembourg); Source of position: A/HRC/29/7/Add.1 | Noted | H1 Human rights defenders Affected persons: - HRDs | Status: Not implemented Source: Paragraph 3.3 |
| 121.95. Carry out a prompt, independent and impartial investigation aimed at determining the fate or whereabouts of Sombath Somphone (Poland); Source of position: A/HRC/29/7/Add.1 | Noted | H1 Human rights defenders Affected persons: - HRDs | Status: Not implemented Source: Paragraph 3.3 |
| 121.96. Undertake a thorough investigation, consistent with international practices and standards, into the disappearance of Sombath Somphone (Portugal); Source of position: A/HRC/29/7/Add.1 | Accepted | H1 Human rights defenders Affected persons: - HRDs | Status: Not implemented Source: Paragraph 3.3 |
| 121.97. Intensify the investigation into the disappearance of Sombath Somphone and accept external assistance in the investigation and make the results publicly known, and investigate in a transparent and credible manner all cases of enforced disappearances (Sweden); Source of position: A/HRC/29/7/Add.1 | Noted | H1 Human rights defenders Affected persons: - HRDs | Status: Not implemented Source: Paragraph 3.3 |

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| <p>121.98. Launch an impartial, efficient and in-depth investigation on the case of Sombath Somphone in accordance with the international obligations of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and submit the results of the investigation in a transparent manner (Switzerland);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/29/7/Add.1</p> | Accepted | <p>H1 Human rights defenders</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <p>- HRDs</p> | <p>Status: Not implemented</p> <p>Source: Paragraph 3.3</p> |
| <p>121.99. Establish a thorough, transparent and impartial investigation into Sombath Somphone's disappearance, as recommended by the United Nations Special Rapporteurs (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/29/7/Add.1</p> | Accepted | <p>H1 Human rights defenders</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <p>- HRDs</p> | <p>Status: Not implemented</p> <p>Source: Paragraph 3.3</p> |
| <p>121.100. Conduct an urgent and credible police investigation into the disappearance of Sombath Somphone, and communicate the findings, including to address any suspicions of government involvement in his abduction (Australia);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/29/7/Add.1</p> | Accepted | <p>H1 Human rights defenders</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <p>- HRDs</p> | <p>Status: Not implemented</p> <p>Source: Paragraph 3.3</p> |
| <p>121.101. Undertake a thorough and credible investigation into the disappearance of Sombath Somphone and other cases of purported enforced disappearances (Canada);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/29/7/Add.1</p> | Noted | <p>H1 Human rights defenders</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <p>- HRDs</p> | <p>Status: Not implemented</p> <p>Source: Paragraph 3.3</p> |
| <p>121.102. Conduct a thorough and credible investigation into all and any unresolved cases of disappearances of civil society workers in the Lao People's Democratic Republic (New Zealand);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/29/7/Add.1</p> | Noted | <p>H1 Human rights defenders</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <p>- HRDs</p> | <p>Status: Not implemented</p> <p>Source: Paragraph 3.3</p> |
| <p>Theme: D43 Freedom of opinion and expression</p> | | | |

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| <p>121.37. Revise the Penal Code to make all new laws conform with international human rights standards, and repeal provisions of the law on media and the new decree on the Internet that criminalize basic human rights and subordinate individual rights to the interests of the state (Sweden); Source of position: A/HRC/29/7/Add.1</p> | Noted | <p>D43 Freedom of opinion and expression</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HRDs | <p>Status: Not implemented</p> <p>Source: Paragraph 4.1-4.10</p> |
| <p>121.129. Ensure de jure and de facto protection of fundamental freedoms in order to be in conformity with ICCPR that has been ratified by the Lao People’s Democratic Republic. Regarding freedom of expression; lift the restrictions to freedom of press, ensure the independence and pluralism of media, and a safe environment for the work of journalists. Regarding freedom of association, facilitate unhindered action for human rights defenders and NGOs, notably through a reform of their registration system (France); Source of position: A/HRC/29/7/Add.1</p> | Noted | <p>D43 Freedom of opinion and expression</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HRDs | <p>Status: Not implemented</p> <p>Source: Paragraph 4.1-4.10</p> |
| <p>121.135. Decriminalize defamation and misinformation and remove all undue restrictions on freedom of expression from the Penal Code, the Law on Publications and the newly adopted Internet law in conformity with the country’s international human rights obligations (Latvia); Source of position: A/HRC/29/7/Add.1</p> | Noted | <p>D43 Freedom of opinion and expression</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HRDs - media | <p>Status: Not implemented</p> <p>Source: Paragraph 4.1-4.10</p> |
| <p>121.136. Fully implement its obligations under ICCPR to respect and ensure the right to freedom of expression (Canada); Source of position: A/HRC/29/7/Add.1</p> | Accepted | <p>D43 Freedom of opinion and expression</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HRDs - media | <p>Status: Not implemented</p> <p>Source: Paragraph 4.1-4.10</p> |

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| <p>121.137. Amend provisions of the Penal Code, the law on media, the law on Internet and all other legislation that criminalizes the exercise of fundamental rights in order to align Lao's legislation with international standards in this sphere (Belgium);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/29/7/Add.1</p> | Noted | <p>D43 Freedom of opinion and expression</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HRDs - media | <p>Status: Not implemented</p> <p>Source: Paragraph 4.1-4.10</p> |
| <p>121.138. Guarantee freedom of expression, the press, assembly and association, as well as freedom of religion and belief in accordance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Uruguay);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/29/7/Add.1</p> | Accepted | <p>D43 Freedom of opinion and expression</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HRDs - media | <p>Status: Not implemented</p> <p>Source: Paragraph 4.1-4.10</p> |
| <p>121.139. Ensure that the right to freedom of expression and its other international human rights commitments are upheld in any move to adopt a cyber law (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/29/7/Add.1</p> | Accepted | <p>D43 Freedom of opinion and expression</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HRDs - media | <p>Status: Not implemented</p> <p>Source: Paragraph 4.1-4.10</p> |
| <p>121.140. Review its decree on Internet-based information control and management to ensure citizens' rights to information and expression are respected (Australia);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/29/7/Add.1</p> | Noted | <p>D43 Freedom of opinion and expression</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HRDs - media | <p>Status: Not implemented</p> <p>Source: Paragraph 4.7-4.8</p> |
| <p>121.141. Ensure freedom of expression and media freedom, including Internet freedom by bringing its national legislation fully in line with international standards, including by decriminalizing defamation, misinformation and related offences in relevant national laws (Estonia);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/28/8/Add.1</p> | Noted | <p>D43 Freedom of opinion and expression</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CSOs | <p>Status: Not implemented</p> <p>Source: Paragraph 4.1-4.10</p> |

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| <p>121.142. Re-examine recent legislation that limits dissemination of certain information via the Internet, including through social media (New Zealand);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/28/8/Add.1</p> | Accepted | <p>D43 Freedom of opinion and expression</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <p>- CSOs</p> | <p>Status: Not implemented</p> <p>Source: Paragraph 4.7-4.8</p> |
| <p>121.143. Promote the development of a free and open Internet by amending the Prime Minister's Decree, which appears to unduly limit the right to freedom of expression online (United States of America);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/28/8/Add.1</p> | Noted | <p>D43 Freedom of opinion and expression</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <p>- CSOs</p> | <p>Status: Not implemented</p> <p>Source: Paragraph 4.7-4.8</p> |
| <p>121.144. Take measures to ensure that all the legislation, especially on press and media, including digital media, is fully aligned with its international human rights obligations (Costa Rica);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/28/8/Add.1</p> | Accepted | <p>D43 Freedom of opinion and expression</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <p>- CSOs</p> | <p>Status: Not implemented</p> <p>Source: Paragraph 4.1-4.10</p> |
| <p>121.145. Continue efforts to improve and facilitate access to the Internet and refrain from any restrictions on content other than permitted under international human rights law, in particular ICCPR (Germany);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/28/8/Add.1</p> | Accepted | <p>D43 Freedom of opinion and expression</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <p>- CSOs</p> | <p>Status: Not implemented</p> <p>Source: Paragraph 4.7-4.8</p> |
| <p>Theme: D44 Right to peaceful assembly</p> | | | |

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| <p>121.138. Guarantee freedom of expression, the press, assembly and association, as well as freedom of religion and belief in accordance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Uruguay);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/28/8/Add.1</p> | Accepted | <p>D44 Right to peaceful assembly</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <p>- HRDs</p> | <p>Status: Not implemented</p> <p>Source: Paragraph 5.1-5.5</p> |
| <p>121.146. Guarantee the effective exercise of freedom of expression, assembly and association by reforming its legislation particularly in order not to undermine the legitimate work of NGOs and human rights defenders (Luxembourg);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/28/8/Add.1</p> | Noted | <p>D44 Right to peaceful assembly</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <p>- HRDs</p> | <p>Status: Not implemented</p> <p>Source: Paragraph 5.1-5.5</p> |
| <p>121.150. Remove all restrictions in law and practice which infringe upon the work of civil societies and to ensure that all legal provisions on the rights to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly are in line with international human rights standards (Poland);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/28/8/Add.1</p> | Noted | <p>D44 Right to peaceful assembly</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <p>- HRDs</p> | <p>Status: Not implemented</p> <p>Source: Paragraph 5.1-5.5</p> |