



Human Rights Council

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Follow-up to President's statement 8/1

At the 22nd meeting, on 24 September 2008, the President of the Council read out the following statement:

"To ensure the smooth adoption of future reports relating to the universal periodic review, and in the light of the consultations held with all concerned parties, the following arrangements shall be followed:

- (a) The report of the respective session of the Council shall comprise, as an integral section, the following parts:
 - (i) Summary of the views expressed by the State under review in the plenary session of the Council before the adoption of the outcome, its replies to questions and issues not sufficiently addressed during the interactive dialogue, its views on conclusions and recommendations, its voluntary commitments and its concluding remarks;
 - (ii) Summary of the views expressed on the outcome by Member and observer States of the Council;
 - (iii) Summary of general comments made by other relevant stakeholders;

- (b) In order to reflect the views of all speakers accurately and to ensure balanced reporting on both the Working Group and plenary sessions, and bearing in mind the financial implications, including costs for translation of documents, a word limit shall apply to documentation related to the

universal periodic review, as specified in the chart annexed to the present text;

- (c) Statements or part of the statements, including those ruled out of order under the universal periodic review, will be dealt with in accordance with the rules and practices of the Human Rights Council."

Annex

Universal periodic review documentation

Working Group (in session)	A/HRC/8/xx	Report of the Working Group on each country reviewed	Up to 9,630 words/country (includes recommendations) ¹
Working Group (post-session)	A/HRC/8/xx/Add.1 (optional)	Written views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments and replies presented by the State under review after the session of the Working Group.	Up to 2,675 words
Council plenary	Integral section of A/HRC/xx/L.10	(i) Summary of the views expressed by the State under review in the plenary session of the Council before the adoption of the outcome, its replies to questions and issues not sufficiently addressed during the interactive dialogue, its views on conclusions and recommendations, its voluntary commitments and its concluding remarks; (ii) Summary of the views expressed on the outcome by Member and observer States of the Council; (iii) Summary of general comments made by other relevant stakeholders.	Up to 3,210 words/country ^a

^aNumber of words prorated to speaking time used by each category of speaker within agreed time limits.