

Human Rights Now

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This statement is on behalf of Korea Center for UN Human Rights Policy (KOCUN),

Human Right Now, IMADR, MINBYUN, Advocates for Public Interest Law (APIL), E-LOOM - Action for Anti-prostitution and Human Rights, Globe International Center, Joint Movement for NHRI and OP, Justice and Peace Commission of the Hong Kong Catholic Diocese, Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions, LGBT Centre of Mongolia, Mongolian Human Rights NGOs Forum, Open Society Forum, Society for Community Organization, and Space Allies.

Mr. President,

On 31 July - 2 August, the *Korea Center for UN Human Rights Policy* organized the 2nd Civil Society Forum on Follow-up to the UPR Recommendations in Northeast Asia, with financial support from the Voluntary Fund and with participating organizations from China/Hong Kong, Japan, Mongolia, and the Republic of Korea.

Jointly pointed out, as one of the main reasons for non-implementation of UPR recommendations, was the lack of initiative of governments. In this light, we recall the objectives of the UPR as being the improvement of the human rights situation on the ground and the fulfillment of the State's obligations and commitments and assessment of positive developments and challenges faced by the State, as set forth in paragraph 4 (a,b) of the Human Rights Council Resolution 5/1 (A/HRC/RES/5/1).

In order to ensure that all United Nations member states are fully accountable for the implementation of UPR recommendations, we propose to the Human Rights Council to adopt a resolution for the effective implementation of UPR recommendations that includes the following recommendations:

1. Translate, publicize, and support dissemination of received UPR recommendations both at national and local levels.
2. Engage in substantive consultation with civil society for follow-up and ensure their participation in the process of implementation, including monitoring.
3. Establish National Plans of Action that incorporate UPR recommendations, with substantive consultation with civil society.
4. Submit mid-term evaluation reports on implementation to the Human Rights Council.
5. Secure financial and human resources to be allocated to concerned ministries for implementation.
6. Take steps to ensure that the legislative and judicial branches are fully involved in the process of follow-up.
7. National human rights institutions (NHRIs) should substantively perform their role in publicizing and disseminating UPR recommendations, urging implementation and recommending strategies to the government in collaboration with civil society, and in carrying out independent monitoring.

8. Facilitate sharing and exchanges of experiences and best practices at regional and international levels.

Thank you.