

Joint submission to the UN Human Rights Committee



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[Read the joint submission](#)



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Human Rights Committee’s recommendations on key priority issues**

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¹ The follow-up assessment criteria of the Human Rights Committee are as follows:

A - Reply/action largely satisfactory

The State party has provided evidence of significant action taken towards the implementation of the recommendation made by the Committee.

B – Reply/action partially satisfactory

The State party has taken steps towards the implementation of the recommendation, but additional information or action remains necessary.

C – Reply/action not satisfactory

A response has been received, but action taken or information provided by the State party is not relevant or does not implement the recommendation.

D – No cooperation with the Committee

No follow-up report has been received after the reminder(s).

E – Information or measures taken are contrary to or reflect rejection of the recommendation

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