

Non-paper on the Guidelines for the Universal Periodic Review

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Guiding Principles: (drawn from Resolution GA 60/251, Council Resolution 5/1 and the Institutional building package)

- Promote universality, indivisibility and interrelatedness of all Human Rights;
- Universal coverage and equal treatment of all states;
- To be based on credible and reliable information
- Take into account the level of development and specificities of countries;
- States are encouraged to prepare information through a broad national consultation process with all relevant stakeholders;
- Fully integrate a gender perspective;
- Compliment, not duplicate other human rights mechanisms (emphasis on recommendations and actions taken);
- Interactive dialogue with the concerned State;
- Not be overly burdensome to the concerned State or the Council;
- 20 pages is a limit for the information to be provided by the State and for the OHCHR document;
- OHCHR compilation will consist of information contained in the reports of treaty bodies, special procedures, including observations and comments by the State concerned, and other relevant official United Nations documents.

Guidelines:

- I. Methodology of the preparation of information by the State concerned;
- II. Background and framework, particularly normative and institutional framework, for the promotion and protection of Human Rights: constitution, legislation, policy measures, HR infrastructure, scope of international obligations...;
- III. Promotion and protection of Human Rights on the ground: implementation of legislation, voluntary commitments, national jurisprudence, cooperation with HR mechanisms...;
- IV. Identification by the State concerned of best practices challenges and constraints;
- V. Key national priorities, initiatives and plans that the State concerned intends to undertake in order to overcome these challenges, and improve the Human Rights situation on the ground;
- VI. Expectations of the State concerned in terms of capacity building and requests, if any, for technical assistance through bilateral, regional and international cooperation.