



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
HRCtte
129th session (29 June to 24 July 2020)

NGO INFORMATION NOTE

Human Rights Committee Members

The Human Rights Committee (hereinafter ‘the HRCtte’) consists of 18 members, serving in their personal capacity. For the details about all HRCtte members, see:
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CCPR/Pages/Membership.aspx>

States parties to be examined

Due to COVID-19, the examination of the States parties’ reports (constructive dialogues) have been postponed to the 130th and future sessions.

Adoption of List of Issues

The HRCtte will adopt list of issues on the following States parties: Armenia (3rd), Cambodia (3rd), China- Hong Kong (4th), China -Macao (2nd), Iraq (6th), Panama (4th), Qatar (initial) and Russian Federation (8th).

List of issues prior to reporting will be adopted on Burkina Faso (2nd), The Congo (3rd), Gabon (3rd), Guyana (3rd), and Indonesia (2nd).

Documentation

The reports of the States parties, the provisional agenda (CCPR/C/129/1) and other documents pertaining to the session are posted on the OHCHR website at
https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=1374&Lang=en

Adoption of List of Issues and List of Issues Prior to Reporting

The HRCtte will adopt Lists of Issues to be transmitted to States parties. States parties are in turn expected to submit replies to the List of Issues. Both the List of Issues and Replies will be posted on the HRCtte webpage.

For States that have opted for the Simplified Reporting Procedure (SRP), List of Issues prior to reporting will be adopted by the Committee before the submission of a report. The States replies are considered its report for the purposes of article 40 of the ICCPR (<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CCPR/Pages/SimplifiedReportingProcedure.aspx>).

Follow-up report to concluding observations

The HRCtte considers a report on information received and activities undertaken in the context of follow-up to concluding observations at each session.

For this session, the HRCtte will consider **Bosnia and Herzegovina, Italy, Mongolia and Thailand.**

NGOs may provide information on follow-up, in particular relating to follow-up reports received by States parties, to the Secretariat, which may be posted on the web.

NGO reports for the HRCtte at its sessions

The HRCtte welcomes written information, which should be as specific, reliable and objective as possible, from international, regional, national and local organizations. NGO “alternative reports” which follow the same form of presentation as the reports submitted by the Government concerned, are especially welcome. The information/report must identify the submitting NGO, as anonymous information is not accepted, and be drafted in non-abusive language. The information must be relevant to the Committee’s mandate and the examination of the State party’s report. The information should not contain names of victims except if related to public cases or if the consent of the victims or their families is obtained.

All submissions to the HRCtte should be:

1. Submitted to the HRCtte Secretariat in Geneva, in English, French or Spanish. As most HRCtte members use English as their working language, documents submitted in French and Spanish should, to the extent possible, be translated into English. Please note that **the UN Secretariat does not translate documents submitted by NGOs.**

2. The deadline for information with respect to States upon which **List of Issues/list of issues prior to reporting will be adopted is 4 May 2020.**

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 1 June 2020.

3. The deadline for information on States that are going to be considered under the **Follow-up procedure is 27 April 2020.**

4. **Submissions should be** limited to a maximum of 10,000 words (approx. 15 pages) and **provided** in electronic form ONLY. **Please DO NOT SEND HARDCOPIES.**

These deadlines allow the Country Taskforces and other members of the HRCtte time to read the reports before the session. For this

reason the reports must be provided on time.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT ACCEPT REPORTS THAT ARRIVE OUTSIDE THE DEADLINE.

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Further information

For more information on how NGOs can participate in the reporting process, please consult the NGO Guidelines available on the ICCPR Centre website: www.ccprcentre.org.