



NGO INFORMATION NOTE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

139th session

9 October – 3 November 2023

Palais Wilson, Geneva

Human Rights Committee Members

The Human Rights Committee (hereinafter ‘the Committee’) consists of **18 members**, serving in their personal capacity.

States parties to be examined

The Committee will examine the report and country situation of the following:

Haiti (2nd)
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (4th)
Kuwait (4th)
Republic of Korea (5th)
Trinidad and Tobago (5th)
United States of America (5th)
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (5th)

List of Issues and list of issues prior to reporting

List of issues will be adopted on:

Pakistan (2nd)

List of issues prior to reporting will be adopted on:

San Marino (4th)
Slovakia (5th)

Documentation

The reports of the States parties, the provisional agenda (CCPR/C/139/1) and other documents pertaining to the session are posted on the **139th session webpage** of the Committee.

Adoption of Concluding observations, List of Issues and List of issues prior to reporting

Following the consideration of the States parties’ reports during the session, the Committee will, in a closed meeting, adopt concluding observations that will assist the States parties concerned in the implementation of the Covenant. These concluding observations outline positive aspects, principal subjects of concern and the Committee’s recommendations on how to address challenges faced by the States parties. Once the concluding observations have been adopted, the documents will be posted on the Committee’s web page under the relevant session.

The Committee will also adopt **list 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 Committee’s webpage.

For States parties that report under **Simplified Reporting Procedure (SRP)**, **list of Issues prior to reporting (LOIPR)** will be adopted by the Committee before the submission of a report. The State party’s replies will constitute its periodic report.

Follow-up report to concluding observations

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

For this session, the Committee will consider:

Belgium (CCPR/C/BEL/FCO/6)
Czechia (CCPR/C/CZE/FCO/4)
Mauritania (CCPR/C/MRT/FCO/2)
Nigeria (CCPR/C/NGA/FCO/2)

NGOs may provide information on follow-up reports submitted by States parties to the Secretariat, which may be posted on the web. You may refer to the Committee’s **note on the procedure** for follow-up to concluding observations for more details.

CSO written contributions

The Committee 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 Committee should be:

1. Submitted to the Secretariat in English, French or Spanish. As most Committee 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. Submitted within the deadline to give time to the country taskforces and other members of the Committee to read the reports before the session.

- The deadline for information on States that are going to be considered under the **follow-up procedure is 17 JULY 2023.** Submission should be limited to maximum of 3,500 words.
- The deadline for information with respect to States upon which **list of issues and list of issues prior to reporting will be adopted is 14 AUGUST 2023.** Submission should be limited to maximum of 10,000 words.
- The deadline for information on State parties **to be examined by the Committee is 12 SEPTEMBER 2023.** Submission should be limited to maximum of 10,000 words.

3. Provided in electronic form in Word or PDF format only.

PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER OR NOT THE **SUBMISSION COULD BE PUBLISHED** ON THE COMMITTEE'S WEBSITE.

Formal and Informal briefings

NGO representatives are welcome to attend public meetings of the Committee as observers and will not be given the opportunity to address the Committee during the constructive dialogues with the State party's delegation. Nevertheless, **NGOs who have provided written contribution** to the Committee could have the possibility of addressing the Committee in private during the session through one or both of these briefings:

- **Formal briefings** - closed meeting in plenary with interpretation in English, French and Spanish. These meetings are set out in the [programme of work](#).

- **Informal briefings** - without interpretation, usually organized outside the official meeting time of the session, with participation of some members of the Committee. These meetings are organized by **CCPR Centre**, an NGO coordinating CSO participation and collaboration with the Committee during the session.

To register for the **formal briefing**, kindly inform the Secretariat by email (cherry.balmaceda@un.org) with copy to the Secretariat's generic email (ohchr-ccpr@un.org). You will be requested to provide copy of your statement ahead of the formal briefing to facilitate the work of the interpreters.

The registration deadline for both briefings is **22 SEPTEMBER 2023.**

Further information

For more information on how NGOs can participate in the reporting process, please consult the [Centre for Civil and Political Rights \(CCPR Centre\) website](#).

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