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MLDH has participated in UPR processes since the Lao People's Democratic Republic UPR first cycle in 2010



## 1 - Enforced disappearance

Recommendations:

- We urge the Lao PDR government to communicate on all the cases of enforced disappearance by providing updates on the investigations and by detailing the actions they put in place so far to address the several recommendations made regarding this issue during the previous UPR cycle
- We also ask the Lao government to put all the efforts to move forward to ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.



## **2 - Freedom of opinion and expression / Threat to Human Rights defenders**

Recommendations:

- We urge the government to release all individuals who remain detained for the exercise of their right to freedom of opinion and expression and end the arbitrary arrest of individuals who peacefully criticize the government
- We also urge the government to guarantee the safety of all the Human Rights defenders and their freedom of opinion and expression