

Universal Periodical Review

Fourth Cycle

51st Working Group

Saint Christopher and Nevis



Rights to Life and Peace Life and Peace Constitutions Improvements

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From the politics of taking life to the politics of affirming it

*Looking at life as the marvels of marvels
Living every instant making life better*

**We understand the right to life as being
the joyful and universal fulfillment of life,
as being everyone's responsibility to sustain life,
as being the right not to be killed.**

We are all center to our lives,
We are all global to our planet,
May we all be nonkilling,
We are all a Center for Global Nonkilling².

The Center for Global Nonkilling (CGNK) has a unique mission,
inspirational for Individuals and Creative for Societies:
**"Promote change toward the measurable goal of a killing-free world
by means of infinite human creativity, in reverence for life".**

Nonkilling is a paradigm, a principle, a plan and a road map³.
The paradigm is giving worth to universal life, sustaining it for all individuals, for humanity and for Earth.
The principle is for every individual to receive and share life's fulfillment.
The plan is happiness. It is a sustained sign of quality for life and of universal solidarity.
The roadmap is **universal fundamental methods**, serving all human rights and freedoms.

Nonkilling is one of these fundamental methods.
Such methods are always peaceful and always empowering for persons, societies and institutions⁴.
Nonkilling is knowing, preventing and measuring occurrences
where life can and shall be valued, improved and saved.

The Center for Global Nonkilling was founded in 2008 by Glenn Paige (1929-2017).
He was Professor of Political Science and author of the widely translated book:
"Nonkilling Political Science"⁵.
The center has United Nations' ECOSOC consultative status since 2014⁶.

We do Universal Periodic Reviews and participate to the Human Rights Council at all sessions.
To universally sustain and improve life in peace:
We make a systematic call to all States for the **urgent and universal ratification** of the **Convention on
the Prevention and the Punishment of the Crime of Genocide**.
We make UPR submissions to all States still in need to do this ratification.
We make a systematic call to all States for the **urgent and universal decriminalization of suicides**.
We make UPR submissions to all States still in need to do this decriminalization.
We make a universal call to all People, States and Institutions for the enhancement and implementation of
the **life and peace constitutions**, for the universal fulfillment and respect of **all human rights**.
We also deliver other UPR submissions, oral statements and recommendations as we deem necessary⁷.

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Happy people breed a happy world

Universal Periodic Review of Saint Christopher and Nevis

We wish a happy, constructive and peaceful UPR to the people and the authorities of St-Kitts and Nevis.

This is our second submission for the Universal Periodic Review of the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis, hereafter written Saint Kitts and Nevis.

Right to life

Suicide decriminalization

The St Kitts and Nevis criminal code contains an article punishing suicide (n° 136).

Though suicide are extremely rare in the country, we **urgently** recommend repelling this article to enhance and facilitate prevention and healing, to saves lives.

Public participation and death penalty

We compliment Saint Kitts and Nevis for a detailed Constitution and for the requirement therein to hold a referendum shall the Constitution be changed. Such constitutional change shall insert in the future a clause allowing citizens to call for constitutional changes.

As stated in our previous submission, the Constitution still contains death penalty, including an outdated broad clause permitting, in some circumstances, the taking of lives while using force.

We recommend a public debate to change the Constitution, to value life and participation therein, and to abolish the death penalty.

We recommend to the Government of Saint Christopher and Nevis to vote in favor of (or to abstain to) the Biennial Resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations on the abolition of the death penalty.

More implications of the people in public affairs may also be reflected through more civic participation in the UPR process.

Ratifications

We compliment Saint Kitts and Nevis for ratifying the Convention against Torture in 2020 and the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in 2024.

We recommend the **urgent** ratification of the Convention on the Prevention and the Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, the ratifications of the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Convention on enforced disappearances and the Convention on Migrant workers, as well as their protocols.

Human rights implementation and cooperation

We compliment Saint Kitts and Nevis for the establishment of a National Mechanism for Implementation, Reporting and Follow-up (NMIRF) as soon as 2018. We encourage sustained efforts for treaty bodies reporting processes, and to issue a standing invitation for Special Procedure visits.

Right to peace

Among many other possible peace policies⁸, we congratulate the Authorities of Saint Kitts and Nevis for integrating mediation in society and in the criminal justice system, and for establishing

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a peace program for youth.

For a long time, the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis did not have a defense force. To return to this situation, may we suggest with due honor, integrating the needed and existing force, which has mostly civilian, coast guard and rescue missions, into the police force?

**Calling on each and all to attain a nonkilling world,
where life can be peacefully sustained on Earth,
we welcome the delegation of
the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis
to Geneva, City of Peace
and we wish to you, as to all the people of Saint Kitts and Nevis,
a constructive, successful, enhancing and fulfilling
Universal Periodic Review.**

¹ Date of submissions to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). Slightly revised versions may appear thereafter.

² <http://nonkilling.org/center/how-to-help>

³ It is S.M.A.R.T: Simple, Measurable, Achievable, Realist and Timely.

Simple: Happiness. The simple sign of the worth of life. The simple way to fulfillment, to be open and stay open to happiness, to do our part for it and it will simply guide in the proper direction. What else?

Measurable: A) life's existence is a 1 or 0 factor, most simple: alive or not.

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Admittedly, some thresholds at birth and death, but for the rest life and living are an easy to grasp, unique and wholesome, factor or measure ... Living it well is a nice adding.

I do use a happiness scale to gauge my life and to look at other humans and creatures.

Fulfillment is a bit further on the scale, basic needs need to be met for that. Happiness helps.

B) Reducing unwanted death occurrences, injury and violence, is measurable. And we, humanity, we are largely on our way in this direction.

Statistics and life's conditions improvements show we progress in many fields; suicides, homicides (including in conflict) and traffic, work and leisure casualties are successfully preventable without reducing fundamental freedoms. Figures are improving in these cited fields as in many others. They are no direct priorities in these fields; all lifesaving and life improving means, as well as accurate methods to do so are equally needed.

Greater longevity, less security needs and moreover more time, method and ethics to care for each other are some of the signs and surely the rewards of this wholesome life enhancing process.

Please do your part!

Achievable: saving life, giving universal meaning and worth, quality and quality standards to life is the best and most fulfilling intent, said simply "a purpose for life". Once the intent is in place and the means to achieve it are made available, what we all need is a final a push to make life safe for everyone on Earth, and so to pass from too frequent survival (or conflictive) stages for our civilization (in all its diversity) into a living and sustained quality of life for all.

Realist:

As this is what humanity, everyone needs and deserves, with our well understood instincts and some human genius – we have plenty of both – most likely, it will be done. The sooner the better, every life counts!

Please enjoy doing your part!

Timely: This needs to be peacefully understood: the time is now.

Because said again, every life counts. And because the loss of each life that could have been prolonged with more precaution, prevention and gentle care is a shame to our hearts, but may be also a definitive loss for our humanity as a whole, or for its genetic pool, the human conscience science, the human value and potentials.

Because humanity is also facing a few life threatening challenges as a species, we need a peaceful climate to survive, peace within ourselves as a species and peace with our natural environment as a species deemed to survive as far as possible into the future – may it be said differently, its own possible eternity.

Please enjoy doing your part! And please joyfully bring others to do theirs!

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⁴ Listing some of these fundamental and universal human methods in a somewhat free order of importance would be education, participation, inner and outer celebration of life, peacemaking, minimum standards of living, prevention, and if need be peaceful settlements of disputes. As one may see, both human rights and peace encompass these methods. Keywords could well be "do no harm", "nonviolence" and "comprehensive peace policies". The United Nations Pact for the future, action 18d, recommends the establishment of National Strategies to sustain peace and the prevention of violence.

⁵ Available in Portuguese: <http://nonkilling.org/center/publications-media/books-translations>

⁶ We are present at all sessions of the Human Rights Council and we systematically do Universal Periodic Reviews submissions since 2015.

⁷ We are apt and equipped, using statistic, indicators and local information for doing complete country portraits, or partial scans of the status of the rights to life and to peace in any given country. See examples here, the most recent one being San Marino in July 2024, a killing-free country. Shall you wish to see it done for your own country or anyone, please contact our office, the author of this submission or our UN team. <https://nonkilling.org/center/nonkilling-monitoring-programs/nonkilling-activity-at-the-un/>

⁸ See foot note 4.