



Annex (1)

Summary of Recommendations by Oman Human Rights Commission Fourth Cycle of the Universal Periodic Review for the Sultanate of Oman

❖ International Obligations:

1. The Commission recommends intensifying awareness and education efforts on international conventions among all segments of society and law enforcement authorities, in addition to working on strengthening cooperation with United Nations human rights mechanisms and submitting national reports within the specified deadlines, in accordance with Recommendation No. (48).
2. The Oman Human Rights Commission calls for the expedited accession to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, in line with the recommendations supported by the government (Nos. 1–6, 7–25, 27).
3. The Commission recommends accelerating the issuance of the new law on the care and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities to ensure alignment with the provisions of the relevant international convention, in accordance with Voluntary Pledge No. (7).
4. OHRC recommends expediting the issuance of an updated Anti Human Trafficking Law that aligns with international standards, as well as issuing the executive regulations of the new Media Law.

❖ International Cooperation and Strengthening the National Human Rights Institution:

1. The Oman Human Rights Commission recommends expediting the submission of the initial report on the Convention against Torture, in addition to enhancing engagement with the treaty bodies of other conventions to which the Sultanate of Oman is already a party.
2. The Oman Human Rights Commission recommends accelerating the adoption of legal amendments to the Law establishing the Commission, in accordance with the Paris Principles and the observations of the Accreditation Committee, in order to fulfill the State's international commitment to strengthening the national human rights institution and ensuring its compliance with the Paris Principles.

❖ Civil and Political Rights:

1. To strengthen the judicial system and ensure its reliance on a human rights-based approach when addressing various legal matters, the Commission recommends intensifying awareness and educational programs and training judicial personnel, including judges and their assistants, on applying international human rights conventions in legal rulings.
2. The Commission recommends incorporating into the legislative framework a law on alternative sanctions that achieves both deterrence and rehabilitation. This may include measures such as electronic monitoring, open prison systems under defined conditions and safeguards, and granting legal authority to substitute financial penalties for remaining custodial sentences.



3. Strengthening post-release care programs to ensure follow-up and support for released offenders, thereby facilitating their reintegration into society.
4. Conducting studies to assess the effectiveness of rehabilitation and recovery programs for imprisoned drug addicts, analyzing statistics related to their relapse or reintegration, and developing appropriate solutions.
5. The Oman Human Rights Commission recommends that relevant authorities review and update the Civil Associations Law issued by Royal Decree No. (14/2000), to restructure the establishment and independent operation of associations in a manner that aligns with human rights standards.
6. The Commission recommends implementing empowerment and professional training programs for civil society organizations to enable them to play a stronger role in institutional management, enhance dialogue and communication skills, and raise awareness of the value and impact of volunteer work in the development process.
7. The Oman Human Rights Commission underscores the importance of the Ministry of Information expediting the issuance of the Executive Regulations of the Media Law, in alignment with the freedoms and rights granted to media professionals under the law. The regulations should clearly and transparently outline the procedures for engaging in media activities in the Sultanate of Oman.

❖ **Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights:**

1. Establish an effective inspection mechanism for labor recruitment offices, ensuring verification of contractual documents between the worker and the recruitment office on one hand, and between the worker and the employer on the other. It is also essential to ensure that domestic workers are informed of and understand the contract and its terms, in order to reduce violations by some recruitment offices of national laws and applicable international frameworks and standards.
2. Consider the proposal for an insurance system for recruited domestic workers, whereby the insurance would cover financial claims due to the recruitment office and employer in cases where the worker does not complete the duration of the employment contract.
3. Enhance public awareness programs targeting society about the duties and responsibilities outlined in employment contracts for domestic workers.
4. The Commission recommends that the government strengthen awareness and education programs regarding actions and forms of exploitation to which migrant workers may be subjected, which could amount to human trafficking. These efforts should also promote knowledge of the various national reporting mechanisms for violations, activate the national referral system, and ensure the training of relevant personnel to guarantee timely response, referral, and protection.
5. The Oman Human Rights Commission recommends that the government intensify training programs for law enforcement authorities on the mechanisms for identifying victims, providing protection, conducting investigations, and prosecuting cases, in addition to raising awareness among judges about the crime of human trafficking.

❖ **Sustainable Development Goals:**



1. The Oman Human Rights Commission recommends that the government continue its efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly those for which Oman has reached a moderate level of progress, including gender equality and climate change.

❖ Rights of Vulnerable Groups:

1. The Commission recommends conducting studies and surveys to understand the reasons behind women's reluctance to run for elections compared to men.
2. Intensify awareness, training, and empowerment programs to support women's candidacy for parliament and their full engagement in political life on an equal footing with men.
3. The Oman Human Rights Commission recommends adopting temporary special measures, such as allocating a quota of seats for women, to accelerate gender parity in the Shura Council, in line with Article (4) of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, to which Oman is a party, and to ensure women's full participation in political and public life.
4. The Commission recommends establishing a mechanism for granting permanent residency to the non-Omani husband of an Omani woman and to her children who have reached the age of 18, in order to ensure continued family stability in accordance with the Basic Statute of the State.
5. The Commission recommends revising the mentioned article of the Personal Status Law to fully prohibit and criminalize child marriage in a manner consistent with human rights principles and the protection of girls' rights.
6. The Oman Human Rights Commission recommends conducting a study on the prevalence of verbal, physical, and cyberbullying in Omani society, especially in schools, and proposing national anti-bullying policies. These should include community awareness programs on the dangers of bullying and propose intervention methodologies targeting both bullies and victims, as well as national strategies aimed at promoting positive parenting and creating safe environments for children.
7. Train teachers and social workers in schools on the risks of bullying, how to identify and address cases, using approved scientific methods, and support schools with psychological specialists to provide treatment when necessary.
8. The Commission recommends that the government continue supporting the expansion of early childhood education.
9. The Oman Human Rights Commission recommends expediting the issuance of the new Law on the Care and Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities to ensure greater alignment with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and relevant national legislation.
10. Conduct comprehensive surveys and evaluations of the adequacy and quality of educational services provided to persons with disabilities through inclusive education programs and special education schools, and assess the effectiveness of rehabilitation programs, especially those preparing children with disabilities for school enrollment and integration into society.
11. Increase awareness about the importance of community support for persons with autism in order to ensure greater inclusion and equal opportunities for full participation in society.



12. Encourage innovation in the design of new programs and services that promote the independence and effective participation of persons with autism in society.