

Recommendations & Pledges

INDIA

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India's responses to recommendations (as of 24.09.2012):

In the Report of the Working Group:	In the Addendum:	During the plenary:	Summary:
No response, all pending	The delegation listed the 67 recs. they accepted. In 11 of these recs. the original wording of the report of the working group had been altered, and as a result we cannot consider the 11 recs. as written in the working group report as accepted. Therefore we must consider the response to these recs. as unclear. Of these 11 altered recs., 1 has been used by the delegation to represent 17 different original recs. Therefore 28 original recs. in total indicated no clear response.	The delegation stated that it was taking note of the pending 85 recs.	Accepted: 56 Rejected: 0 No clear position: 28 Pending: 85 Total: 169

Paragraph headers are as in the Report of the Working Group, but the nature of responses to recommendations may have subsequently been changed.

List of recommendations contained in Section II of the Report of the Working Group A/HRC/21/10:

138. The recommendations formulated during the interactive dialogue and listed below will be examined by India who will provide its responses in due time, but no later than the 21st session of the Human Rights Council in September 2012. These responses will be included in the outcome report adopted by the Human Rights Council at its 21st session:

NC - 138.1. Ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and its Optional Protocol; the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and the Statute of the International Criminal Court (Spain);

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: "Finalise the ratification of the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment."

NC - 138.2. Intensify the efforts working towards the MDG5, including by withdrawing its reservation to Article 16 in Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, and by ensuring access to information and counselling on SRHR as set out in its National Population Policy (Sweden);

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: "Intensify efforts towards the MDG 5 by ensuring access to information and counselling on SRHR as set out in the National Population Policy."

NC - 138.3. Expedite the ratification of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and its Optional Protocol, and adopt robust domestic legislation to this effect (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: "Finalise the ratification of the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment."

NC - 138.4. Ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and end impunity for security forces accused of committing human rights violations (United States of America);

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: "Finalise the ratification of the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment."

NC - 138.5. Continue efforts to accede to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, as well as its optional protocol, and the International for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances; and ratify ILO Conventions No. 169 and no. 189 (Iraq);

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: "Finalise the ratification of the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment."

NC - 138.6. Accelerate its domestic procedure for ratification including the adoption of the Prevention against Torture Bill by its Parliament (Republic of Korea);

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: "Finalise the ratification of the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment."

NC - 138.7. Ratify promptly the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Italy); 1

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: "Finalise the ratification of the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment."

NC - 138.8. Ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment as soon as possible (Maldives);

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: "Finalise the ratification of the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment."

P - 138.9. Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and recognize the competence of its Committee, in accordance with articles 31 and 32 (Uruguay);

P - 138.10. Accede to the ILO Convention No. 182 concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour; ratify the Statute of the International Criminal Court and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and its Optional Protocol, the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, and the ILO Convention No. 189 concerning Decent Work for Domestic Workers (Uruguay);

P - 138.11. Consider the possibility of ratifying the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Argentina);

NC - 138.12. Ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and ensure that the instrument of ratification is fully consistent with the Convention (Australia);

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: "Finalise the ratification of the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment."

NC - 138.13. Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances, the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, and the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (Austria);

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: "Finalise the ratification of the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment."

P - 138.14. Ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, including its Agreement on Privileges and Immunities (Slovakia);

NC - 138.15. Finalise the ratification of the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Botswana);

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: "Finalise the ratification of the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment."

NC - 138.16. Ratify the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, as well as its Optional Protocol (Brazil);

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: "Finalise the ratification of the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment."

NC - 138.17. Expedite ratification of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and its Optional Protocol (Czech Republic);

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: "Finalise the ratification of the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment."

NC - 138.18. Sign the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and its Optional Protocol and ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Portugal);

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: "Finalise the ratification of the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment."

P - 138.19. Ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (Brazil);

P - 138.20. Evaluate the possibility of ratifying the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Chile);

P - 138.21. Consider signature and ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Czech Republic);

P - 138.22. Remove reservations to the Article 16(1) of the Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Finland);

P - 138.23. Withdraw its reservations to Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and consider signing and ratifying its Optional Protocol (Republic of Korea);

P - 138.24. Ratify, in the shortest time, the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance as well as the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and adopt related internal legislation (France);

P - 138.25. Consider the recommendation made by UNHCR to ratifying the Conventions relating to refugees and stateless persons (Ghana);

P - 138.26. Ratification of ILO Conventions Nos. 138 concerning Minimum Age for Admission to Employment; 182 concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour; 169 concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in Independent Countries; 155 concerning Occupational Safety and Health and the Working Environment and 170 concerning Safety in the use of Chemicals at Work (Ghana);

P - 138.27. Continue to take legislative as well as policy measures to combat child labour and to ratify ILO Conventions 138 concerning Minimum Age for Admission to Employment and 182 concerning the prohibition and immediate action for the elimination of the worst forms of child labour and elaborate a timeline for the ratification of these instruments (Portugal);

NC - 138.28. Ratify Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the ILO Conventions no. 138 and 182 concerning child labour (Sweden);

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: "Finalise the ratification of the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment."

NC - 138.29. Accelerate the ratification process of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Indonesia);

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: "Finalise the ratification of the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment."

P - 138.30. Consider an early ratification of the third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, on a communication procedure (Slovakia);

P - 138.31. Amend the Special Marriage Act before its next review (Slovenia);

NC - 138.32. Conform its national legislation to international norms on the prevention of torture, to speed up the ratification of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and receive the Special Rapporteur on Torture (Switzerland);

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: "Finalise the ratification of the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment."

P - 138.33. Take the necessary measures to ensure that the existing national legislation against torture and cruel and inhumane and degrading treatment incorporates the highest international standards in this area (Costa Rica);

P - 138.34. Prioritise the review and implementation of the Prevention Against Torture Bill, ensuring that it complies with the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Maldives);

P - 138.35. Review the law on the special powers of the armed forces to align it with its obligations under the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights (Switzerland);

NC - 138.36. Consider introducing a new bill to the Parliament, taking into full consideration of the suggestions of the Select Committee, and take further actions towards the ratification of Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Timor-Leste);

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: “Finalise the ratification of the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.”

P - 138.37. Consider expediting the process to pass the 108th Constitutional Amendment Bill which seeks to reserve a significant portion of seats for women at the Lower House and state legislative assemblies and consider the ratification of the Optional Protocol to Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Timor-Leste);

P - 138.38. Consider signing and ratifying the Optional Protocol to Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Costa Rica);

A - 138.39. Strengthen legislations to combat sexual offences against minors (Algeria);

P - 138.40. Strengthen protection of children’s rights, including the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, by improving mechanisms and resources for the implementation of existing legislation, and by demonstrating higher conviction rates for crimes against children such as sexual exploitation, child labour, child forced-labour and child trafficking (Canada);

P - 138.41. Enact comprehensive reforms to address sexual violence and all acts of violence against women, including “honour” crimes, child marriage, female feticide and female infanticide, and to remedy limitations in the definition of rape and the medico forensic procedures adopted for rape cases (Canada);

P - 138.42. Enact those pending bills that are aimed at empowering women, including the women’s Reservation Bill and the amendments to Panchayati Raj Act (Netherlands);

P - 138.43. Enact a law on the protection of human rights defenders, with emphasis on those defenders facing greater risks, including those working on minority rights and the rights of scheduled castes and tribes (Czech Republic);

P - 138.44. Repeal the Armed Forces Special Powers Act or adopt the negotiated amendments to it that would address the accountability of security personnel, the regulation concerning detentions as well as victims’ right to appeal in accordance to international standards (Slovakia);

P - 138.45. Carry out an annual review of the 1958 Armed Forces Special Powers Act aiming to gradually reduce its geographic scope (France);

P - 138.46. Effectively implement existing legislation on child labour in line with India’s international obligations and strengthen the judicial powers of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (Germany);

P - 138.47. Take adequate measures to guarantee and monitor the effective implementation of the Prevention of Atrocities Act, providing legal means for an increased protection of vulnerable groups like the Dalit, including the access to legal remedies for affected persons (Germany);

P - 138.48. Adopt the Prevention of Communal and Targeted Violence Bill addressing issues such as accountability of civil servants, standards of compensation for victims and elements of command responsibilities (Germany);

P - 138.49. Reconsider laws and bills on religious conversion in several Indian states in the light of freedom of religion or belief in order to avoid the use of vague or broad terminology and discriminatory provisions (Germany);

P - 138.50. Reconsider current local legislation on freedom of religion, that uses vague or broad terminology and discriminatory provisions, and impedes the possibility for conversion of faith for those who wish to do so (Netherlands);

A - 138.51. Continue its efforts to further spread in the country the model of rural growth in the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (Greece);

A - 138.52. Enhance the coordination of both the central and state governments in an effective manner in order to guarantee the smooth implementation of the 2010 Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act (Indonesia);

P - 138.53. Enact comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation and ensure that there are adequate means of redress (Ireland);

P - 138.54. Establishment and implementation of a National Human Rights Plan which cover access to education and health, including aspects of sexual and reproductive and health, as well as, concrete measures to eliminate violence against women (Spain);

A - 138.55. Continue with action to include human rights education in the school curricula (Sri Lanka);

P - 138.56. Implement the 2011 recommendations of the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights to ensure the high standards and independence of India's National Human Rights Institutions (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);

P - 138.57. Intensify its efforts and measures to consolidate the state of law and its national mechanisms on human rights (Viet Nam);

A - 138.58. Further coordination among relevant national authorities and human rights institutions (Egypt);

A - 138.59. Intensify efforts in providing capacity building and training programmes on human rights for its law enforcement officials as well as judicial and legal officials in the rural areas (Malaysia);

NC - 138.60. Improve training on human rights by addressing law enforcement, especially police officers (Iraq);

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: "Improve training on human rights on addressing law enforcement especially by police officers."

P - 138.61. Set up State and District Commissioners for the Protection of Child Rights in all States and Districts (Ireland);

P - 138.62. Strengthen the process for ensuring independent and timely investigation mechanisms to address and eliminate corruption; and provide for and facilitate increased accountability and transparency in this process (United States of America);

A - 138.63. Continue including civil society participation in the UPR process (Nicaragua);

A - 138.64. A fully integrated gender perspective in the follow up of this UPR (Norway);

P - 138.65. Implement Treaty Body recommendations and develop a National Action Plan to eliminate all forms of discrimination (Slovenia);

A - 138.66. Continue cooperating with Special Procedures and accept in particular requests for visits from Special Rapporteurs (Belgium);

P - 138.67. Adopt the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders and the necessary measures to its recognition and protection, guaranteeing that the human rights violations are timely, effectively and independently investigated (Spain);

P - 138.68. Implement the recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur on the rights of human right defenders following her visit in 2011, with particular emphasis on recommendations that concern defenders of women's and children's rights, defenders of minorities rights, including Dalits and Adavasi, and right to information activists (Norway);

P - 138.69. Allow the visit of the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, whose request had been pending for 18 years, in line with India's standing invitation issued in 2011 to all Special Procedures of the HRC (Hungary);

A - 138.70. Continue cooperating with the United Nations and other international organisations and share good experience and practices with other countries in order to overcome the remaining challenges (Lao People's Democratic Republic);

P - 138.71. Continue its efforts to eliminate discrimination against and empower marginalized and vulnerable groups particularly by ensuring effective implementation of relevant laws and measures through proper and active coordination among line ministries, national and state governments; by extending disaggregated data to caste, gender, religion, status and region; and by increasing sensitization and reducing discriminatory attitudes among law enforcement officers through human rights education and training (Thailand);

P - 138.72. Ensure that laws are fully and consistently enforced to provide adequate protections for members of religious minorities, scheduled castes, and adivasi groups, as well as, women, trafficking victims, and LGBT citizens (United States of America);

P - 138.73. Monitor and verify the effectiveness of, and steadily implement, measures such as quota programmes in the areas of education and employment, special police and special courts for effective implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights Act and the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes Act, and the work of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (Japan);

A - 138.74. Address the inequities based on rural-urban divide and gender imbalance (Botswana);

A - 138.75. Put in place appropriate monitoring mechanisms to ensure that the intended objectives of the progressive policy initiatives and measures for the promotion and protection of the welfare and the rights of the vulnerable, including women, girls and children, as well as the scheduled castes and schedules tribes and minorities are well achieved (Ghana);

A - 138.76. Continue working on the welfare of children and women (Nepal);

NC - 138.77. Continue the procedures and measures taken to enable women to be equal partners and participants in development (Qatar);

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: "Continue its efforts with regard to education for children and take the necessary measures to allow women to participate on an equal footing with men in all developmental efforts."

A - 138.78. Continue to promote the right to equal opportunity for, and at, work (Holy See);

NC - 138.79. Continue its legal efforts in the protection of women and children's rights as well as improve measures to prevent violence against women and girls, and members of religious minorities (Iran);

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: "Continue legal efforts in the protection of women as well as children's rights as well as improve measures to prevent violence against women and girls, and members of religious minorities."

A - 138.80. Improve women empowerment and emancipation, and provide them with a bigger role to play in the society (Kuwait);

A - 138.81. Redouble efforts on ensuring gender equality and take measures to prevent gender discrimination (Bahrain);

NC - 138.82. Review the budgets and social laws taking into account gender issues (Morocco);

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: "Re-examine the budgets and social laws taking into account gender issues."

A - 138.83. Continue incorporating the gender perspective in programmes and development plans with positive measures to the effective promotion and protection of women's' rights (Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of));

A - 138.84. Continue to promote its many initiatives for the eradication of all forms of discrimination against women (Trinidad and Tobago);

P - 138.85. Further strengthen measures to eliminate traditional harmful practices which are discriminatory against women and girls in particular child marriages, dowry related murders and honour killings (Chile);

AG - 138.86. Continue following-up on steps taken to eliminate discrimination against women, including through awareness raising and continuous strengthening of the relevant legal and institutional frameworks (Egypt);

A - 138.87. Continue to promote the rights of women in their choice of marriage and their equality of treatment independently of caste and tribe or other considerations (Holy See);

P - 138.88. Strictly enforce the legal provisions prohibiting harmful and discriminatory practices that violate the rights of women and girls, and that it undertake effective public education measures, including awareness-raising programmes designed to eliminate gender-based prejudices, traditional practices and provisions of personal status laws that are harmful and discriminatory to women and girls (Liechtenstein);

A - 138.89. Study the possibility of eliminating any criminalisation of same sex relations (Argentina);

P - 138.90. Take measures to address violence and discrimination directed towards persons based on their sexual orientation, especially related to employment (Canada);

P - 138.91. Establish a moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty (Ireland);

P - 138.92. Abolish capital punishment and commute existing death sentences to life imprisonments terms (Slovakia);

P - 138.93. Respect the de facto moratorium on the death penalty which had been in place since 2004 (Spain);

P - 138.94. Consider abolishing the death penalty or establishing a moratorium (Chile);

P - 138.95. Maintain de facto moratorium on executions and ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights with a view to definitive abolishment of the death penalty (France);

P - 138.96. Introduce as quickly as possible a de jure moratorium on executions (Belgium);

P - 138.97. Adopt a de jure moratorium on capital punishment with a view to abolishing the death penalty (Italy);

P - 138.98. Establish an official moratorium against the death penalty and take the necessary measures in view of its abolition (Switzerland);

P - 138.99. Study the possibility of repealing the death penalty from its legal regime (Argentina);

P - 138.100. Make the de facto moratorium into a permanent one with a view to abolishing the death penalty (Norway);

P - 138.101. Consider adhering to the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (Portugal);

A - 138.102. Take effective measures to dissuade child marriage and to protect the fundamental rights of the children (Switzerland);

A - 138.103. Take more efforts to prevent children from sexual exploitation and separation from families, and give them the opportunity and assistance to grow up in an environment of freedom and dignity (Bahrain);

NC - 138.104. Introduce legislation to prohibit corporal punishment of children in all settings (Liechtenstein);

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: "Introduce legislation to prohibit corporal punishment of children."

P - 138.105. Adopt comprehensive legislation on fighting all forms of sexual harassment in relation to women and children (Kyrgyzstan);

A - 138.106. Take the necessary legislative, civil and criminal measures to provide the appropriate protection to women, and children that are victims of sexual abuse (Mexico);

A - 138.107. Accelerate its efforts on combatting human trafficking (Iran);

A - 138.108. Reinforce efforts to protect and rehabilitate the victims of trafficking (Ukraine);

P - 138.109. Continue stepping up efforts in the area of fighting trafficking as well as consider the possibility of inviting the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially in women and children, to visit the country (Belarus);

P - 138.110. Continue to strengthen its efforts to combat trafficking in persons by providing the necessary budget to establish a larger number of local bodies to combat this scourge (Paraguay);

A - 138.111. Implement monitoring mechanisms to stop people trafficking (Holy See);

P - 138.112. Ban all forms of child labour for children from ages 6 to 14 (Ireland) and ratify ILO Conventions No. 138 and no. 182 (Ireland);

P - 138.113. Amend the Child Labour Act to ban child labour, and to sign and ratify ILO Conventions 138 concerning Minimum Age for Admission to Employment and 182 concerning the prohibition and immediate action for the elimination of the worst forms of child labour and elaborate a timeline for the ratification of these instruments (Norway);

A - 138.114. Continue the implementation of the national child labour project aiming at the rehabilitation of child labourers (Angola);

P - 138.115. Extend the minimum age to 18 years for any form of labour that prevents children from accessing a full education (Ireland);

P - 138.116. Implement the recommendations included in the OHCHR report on street children (A/HRC/19/35) (Hungary);

P - 138.117. Continue to carry out policies aimed at improving its judicial system, reforming the law enforcement bodies and reducing the level of crime and corruption (Russian Federation);

P - 138.118. Prevent and pursue through the judicial process, all violent acts against religious and tribal minorities, Dalits and other casts (Holy See);

P - 138.119. Guarantee effective access to justice in cases of human rights violations committed by security forces personnel with regard to the use of torture (Spain);

P - 138.120. Implement effective judiciary proceedings making possible the bringing to justice security forces personnel who have committed human rights violations (France);

P - 138.121. Solve remaining cases of human rights violations and create an independent committee to receive claims against the police that were referred to by the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders (Iraq);

NC - 138.122. Further promote equal access to justice for all , including by reducing backlog and delays in the administration of cases in court, providing more legal aids to the poor and marginalized, as well as increasing the use of alternative measures to pre-trial detention (Thailand);

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: "Further promote equal access to justice for all, including by reducing backlog and delays in the administration of cases in court, providing more legal aids to the poor and marginalized."

P - 138.123. Take legislative action to ensure every person's right to freely choose one's religion in line with the Indian Constitution and effectively and swiftly prosecute acts of violence against religious minorities (Austria);

P - 138.124. Abolish anti-conversion laws in relation to religion and grant access to justice to victims of religious violence and discrimination (Italy);

A - 138.125. Strengthen the Federal Government's effort to guarantee freedom of religion to everyone in this world largest democracy (Holy See);

P - 138.126. Ensure that measures limiting freedom of expression on the internet is based on clearly defined criteria in accordance with international human rights standard (Sweden);

NC - 138.127. Ensure a safe working environment for journalists and take proactive measures to address the issue of impunity, such as swift and independent investigations (Austria);

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: "Ensure a safe working environment for journalists."

P - 138.128. Align its national regulations with the ILO Conventions 138 concerning Minimum Age for Admission to Employment and 182 concerning the prohibition and immediate action for the elimination of the worst forms of child labour and elaborate a timeline for the ratification of these instruments (Hungary);

A - 138.129. Continue its efforts and actions in promoting social security and labour policy (Iran);

A - 138.130. Provide more resources for the enjoyment of economic and social rights, especially in favour of vulnerable groups like women, children, poor people and minorities (Viet Nam);

P - 138.131. Take the necessary measures to ensure birth registration on a universal basis, particularly for persons living in extreme poverty, belonging to religious minorities or in remote areas (Mexico);

P - 138.132. Ensure timely registration of all births (Holy See);

A - 138.133. Continue its measures in order to increase opportunities for consultations on child rights issues with relevant stakeholders (Iran);

A - 138.134. Make efforts to eliminate the large gap that exists between the rich and the poor (Chad);

A - 138.135. Allocate more resources in sectors that provide basic services such as health, education and employment opportunities (Malaysia);

A - 138.136. Introduce a strategy to promote food security (Saudi Arabia);

P - 138.137. Continue to implement plans adopted in the area of housing and rehabilitation, particularly the plan launched in 2011 aimed at preventing the construction of new slums (Algeria);

P - 138.138. Ensure that every household enjoys the right to safe drinking water and sanitation (Slovenia);

A - 138.139. Further accelerate the sanitation coverage and the access to safe and sustainable drinking water in rural areas (Myanmar);

A - 138.140. Continue to strengthen its poverty alleviation strategies, as well as its child protection strategies, particularly against the exploitation of children (South Africa);

A - 138.141. Continue consolidating its programmes and socio-economic measures essential to achieve poverty reduction and social exclusion to the utmost wellbeing of its people (Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of));

A - 138.142. Continue efforts to eradicate poverty and to better living conditions as well as increase job opportunities (Kuwait);

A - 138.143. Further strengthen the efforts in poverty eradication, paying special attention to the rural population (Myanmar);

A - 138.144. Continue to advance the progress already underway on poverty eradication and improve the enjoyment of the most basic human rights of its people, especially women and children (Singapore);

A - 138.145. Continue encouraging socio economic development and poverty eradication (Cuba);

A - 138.146. Continue its efforts aimed at improving the level of public health in the country to attain better results in the area of health and access to health (Saudi Arabia);

P - 138.147. Establish measures at the national and state level to remove obstacles in terms of access by the population to pain palliative medicines (Uruguay);

A - 138.148. Provide every possible support and assistance to the national project for rural health to increase the standard of nutrition and improve public health and to strengthen the relationship between health and indicators such as sanitation and personal hygiene; (United Arab Emirates);

P - 138.149. Meet the stated commitment from the Common Minimum Program of 2004 to dedicate 3 percent of India's GDP to health and 6 percent to education (Slovenia);

A - 138.150. Take further practical steps to reduce the high level of maternal and child mortality, inter alia, through better access to maternal health services (Austria);

A - 138.151. Further efforts towards addressing the challenge of maternal and child mortality (Egypt);

A - 138.152. Strengthen its efforts to improve maternal health and acts to effectively balance the skewed sex-ratio among children, including by combating female foeticide (Norway);

A - 138.153. Take further measures to ensure all women without any discrimination access to adequate obstetric delivery services and sexual and reproductive health services, including safe abortion and gender-sensitive comprehensive contraceptive services (Finland);

P - 138.154. Contribute to further reduction of maternal mortality through the establishment of an independent organ to accelerate programmes and projects in this area (Honduras);

A - 138.155. Intensify its efforts to sensitize and train medical professionals on the criminal nature of prenatal sex selection with a view to ensuring stringent enforcement of the legal prohibition of such practice (Liechtenstein);

A - 138.156. Take effective measures to fully implement National Rural Health Missions (Honduras);

NC - 138.157. Continue to strengthen its programmes and initiatives geared towards guaranteeing the rights to health and education (Cuba);

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: "Continue legal efforts in the protection of women as well as children's rights as well as improve measures to prevent violence against women and girls, and members of religious minorities."

A - 138.158. Redouble its efforts in the field of education and health (Senegal);

P - 138.159. Increase the budget allocated to health from 1 percent of the GDP to 2 percent (Luxembourg);

A - 138.160. Further promote children's right to education (Greece);

A - 138.161. Reinforce its efforts in provision of free and compulsory primary education (Slovakia);

A - 138.162. Continue implementing a non-discriminatory and inclusive policy and guarantee quality education to all the girls and boys in its country (Ecuador);

P - 138.163. Strengthen human rights training aimed at teachers in order to eliminate discriminatory treatment of children of specific castes, as well as appropriately follow-up on the results of the training that has occurred thus far (Japan);

P - 138.164. Ensure universal, compulsory and free education, carrying out on a priority basis measures aimed at eradicating discrimination, particularly discrimination that affects girls, marginal groups and persons with disabilities (Mexico);

NC - 138.165. Continue its efforts to promote the right to children's education and ensure the importance of the principles of children's education in the country (Qatar);

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: "Continue its efforts with regard to education for children and take the necessary measures to allow women to participate on an equal footing with men in all developmental efforts."

A - 138.166. Prioritise efforts to ensure that children with disabilities are afforded the same right to education as all children (Australia);

A - 138.167. Ensure better protection for persons with disabilities and the elderly (Senegal);

NC - 138.168. Carry on its efforts in environmental and health policies, and continue to enforce its legislative measures on food security (Iran);

Recommendation as read in the Addendum: "Carry on efforts with respect to environmental and health policies, and continue efforts and undertake measures to adopt the bill on food security and strengthen the Public Distribution System (PDS)."

P - 138.169. Continue its efforts to achieve balance between its counterterrorism strategies and the need to forestall the spread of xenophobia (Trinidad and Tobago).

Endnotes

1 The recommendation made during the interactive dialogue was stated as follows: "Italy recommends prompt ratification of the Convention against Torture and relevant protocols."

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