UPR Info's Database

Methodology Responses to recommendations

This document presents the methodology followed to process our documents "Responses to recommendations and pledges" and how we classify a recommendation as "Accepted" or "Noted".

Please kindly note that **UPR Info's methodology changed**:

➢ **In 2014** as of UPR Working Group session 17 in order to be consistent with the new wording of the Reports of the Working Group and Resolution 5/1 §32:

Recommendations that enjoy the support of the State concerned will be identified as such. Other recommendations [...] will be noted.

According to the practice and the rule, State cannot reject recommendations at the UPR and all recommendations that are not accepted or not responded to are now considered as "Noted".

➢ **In 2020** when the new platform for UPR Info's database was launched, as described in the following paragraph.

1.1. Categories of response

Accepted:

A recommendation is considered as "Accepted" when the SuR clearly uses the word "accept". On the other hand, remarks made by the SuR that appear, but are not clearly expressed as an acceptance to a recommendation are considered as "Noted".

When a recommendation is accepted *in part*, we consider it as noted.

Important: Until March 2020, when the responses to recommendations included a clear explanation on a part accepted and the part not accepted, the recommendation would be split into two recommendations, one accepted and one noted. In case the official response is not clear, UPR Info relied on the classification of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Starting from March 2020, all the recommendations that are "partly accepted" and "partly noted", even if an explanation is provided by the State under Review, are all considered "Noted".

When a recommendation is "Already implemented" or "in the process of implementation", we consider it "Accepted".

Noted:

All recommendations that are not clearly identified as "Accepted" are considered "Noted".

A recommendation is accepted *in principle*, we also consider it as noted.

A recommendation is considered as "Noted" when the SuR clearly uses the word "reject" or similar expressions such as "does not enjoy its support", "does not accept", "is not in a position to accept".

A pending recommendation which remains unaddressed is considered as "Noted".

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