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Key Findings and Recommendations

1. The primary innovation of the UN Human Rights Council is its Universal Periodic Review (UPR) mechanism, which is meant to review the human rights records of all 192 UN member states, once every four years. According to the Council's Institution-Building Package of 2007, UPR's objectives are to achieve "the improvement of the human rights situation on the ground" in the country under review, and "the fulfilment of the State's human rights obligations and commitments." Reviews are to be conducted in an "objective," "non-selective" and "non-politicized" manner.
2. The substantial data compiled in this study reveals, however, that the reviews conducted by the vast majority of countries participating in the UPR process are failing to achieve its stated purpose. More than 300 UPR interventions were analyzed and evaluated, as detailed in 12 country charts. **Out of 55 countries examined—including all 47 members of the UN Human Rights Council—only 19 had average scores indicating that they contributed positively. Tragically, a majority of 32 out of 55 countries acted as a mutual praise society, misusing the process in order to legitimize human rights abusers, instead of holding them to account.** (Four were neither positive nor negative: two with average scores of 0, and another two having made no interventions in any of the country reviews examined.)
3. As shown in Table 1, of the 19 countries with overall positive scores—who properly used the UPR process to promote human rights and fundamental freedoms—**Canada** was the only country that ranked as **VERY CONSTRUCTIVE**. It was the most consistent in vigorously challenging countries on specific human rights issues, with strong interventions that support the UPR's purpose of reminding countries of their responsibilities in order to help victims and address human rights violations wherever they occur. We recommend that Canada continue to hold all countries to account, particularly the world's worst abusers, and that other countries follow.
4. Close behind were **France, Germany, Mexico, Netherlands, Slovenia, Switzerland, the United Kingdom** and the **United States**, all of whom were rated as **CONSTRUCTIVE**.¹ We recommend that these nations—which include some the world's leading democracies—undertake to do better. While it is in the nature of governments to balk at confronting other countries for fear of affecting friendly diplomatic relations, human rights cannot be neglected, and countries must live up to their obligations as participants in the UPR process. The UN member states that conduct UPR will only engender accountability from the country under review, and thereby protect human rights victims, to the extent that they pose tough and specific questions for each country under review.
5. Another 10 countries were found to have made contributions to the review process that were positive, yet **WEAK: Argentina, Australia, Bosnia, Brazil, Chile, Italy, Japan, Slovakia, South Korea and Zambia**. That so many respected democracies choose to

¹ The ranking of "constructive" does not refer to the conduct of a country in other spheres of the UN Human Rights Council. For example, while the merits of continuing non-engagement by the United States in any part of the Council's work is worthy of discussion, it does not fall under the purview of this report.

ask soft questions, shying away from pointedly addressing violations and ensuring scrutiny, is unacceptable. We urge a dramatic shift in approach by countries that should be leading by example. (Included also in this same category were two countries whose contributions were neither positive nor negative: **Cameroon** and **Ukraine**.)

6. The rankings in Table 1 reflect only the average quality of interventions made. They do not measure the quantity of statements, the statistics for which are available in Tables 2 and 3. **Switzerland**, for example, spoke only in 6 out of the 12 country reviews examined in this report. Similarly, the **United States** spoke in only 7 of the 12 reviews, and of late has been silent at UPR sessions. **Argentina, Bosnia, Chile** and **Slovakia** spoke only a handful of times. We recommend that all countries—in particular, those who are members of the Human Rights Council—fulfill their duties by participating meaningfully in the UPR process.
7. Regrettably, a majority of the countries examined in this report not only failed to fulfill the stated objective of UPR, but acted to undermine it. Their interventions praised and covered up for the country reviewed, effectively blocking, undermining and spoiling genuine scrutiny of violations. When violators are granted impunity, victims are let down. This group includes five countries whose interventions were rated as **DETRIMENTAL: Bolivia, Ghana, Russia, South Africa** and **Uruguay**. Even worse, 11 countries were rated in their performance as **VERY DETRIMENTAL: Angola, Egypt, Jordan, India, Iran, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mauritius, Nicaragua, Saudi Arabia** and **Senegal**.
8. The 16 worst UPR performers of all, however—countries that specifically praised, legitimized and encouraged country policies and practices that violate human rights—were rated as **DESTRUCTIVE: Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, China, Cuba, Djibouti, Indonesia, Libya, Nigeria, North Korea, Pakistan, the Philippines, Qatar, Syria, Sudan** and **Zimbabwe**.
9. The report demonstrates that bloc affiliations played an important role in determining how countries reviewed each other. For example, as a rule, members of the 57-strong Organization of the Islamic Conference strongly praised each other's records. As a result, some of the poorest overall reviews were those performed on Algeria, Bahrain, Morocco and Tunisia, closely followed by Pakistan and Uzbekistan. We urge all UN members states not to allow bloc politics to override their obligation to conduct UPR reviews in an objective, non-selective and non-politicized manner.
10. While almost all of the countries that acted positively in UPR rank as free democracies under the annual survey by Freedom House, not all free democracies acted positively. On average, the UPR interventions of **Ghana, India, Indonesia, Mauritius, Senegal, South Africa** and **Uruguay** undermined human rights, while those of **Ukraine** were neither negative nor positive. It is time for democratic countries at the UN to act like democracies.
11. Each of the 12 country charts in this report begins with a list of human rights violations committed by the country under review, as documented by respected human rights NGOs, along with a link to the official UN compilation of NGO submissions on that

country's record. Regrettably, as the charts show, most country interventions failed to consider this NGO information, and failed to address the most prevalent human rights violations.

12. We urge the Human Rights Council to allow reliable NGO information to play a far greater role. We recommend an end to the exclusion of NGOs from the oral debate of review sessions. Moreover, in the modest time currently allotted to NGOs during the Human Rights Council's plenary sessions that treat each UPR report, the freedom of speech of NGOs must be protected. States that frivolously interrupt NGOs on one or another pretext should be disciplined by the council President. At the same time, the UN secretariat should beware of submissions by "GONGOs"—phony, government-controlled NGOs—that seek to subvert the system.

Table 1: How Countries Performed in the UN Human Rights Council's UPR

This chart ranks the performance of each country in the 12 UPR sessions examined in this report, based on an average score. The score and analysis for each intervention can be found in the 12 country charts.

Country	Performance	Country	Performance
Canada	Very Constructive	India	Very Detrimental
France	Constructive	Iran	Very Detrimental
Germany	Constructive	Jordan	Very Detrimental
Mexico	Constructive	Madagascar	Very Detrimental
Netherlands	Constructive	Malaysia	Very Detrimental
Slovenia	Constructive	Mauritius	Very Detrimental
Switzerland	Constructive	Nicaragua	Very Detrimental
U.K.	Constructive	Saudi Arabia	Very Detrimental
U.S.A.	Constructive	Senegal	Very Detrimental
Argentina	Weak	Azerbaijan	Destructive
Australia	Weak	Bahrain	Destructive
Bosnia	Weak	Bangladesh	Destructive
Brazil	Weak	China	Destructive
Cameroon	Weak	Cuba	Destructive
Chile	Weak	Djibouti	Destructive
Italy	Weak	Indonesia	Destructive
Japan	Weak	Libya	Destructive
South Korea	Weak	North Korea	Destructive
Slovakia	Weak	Nigeria	Destructive
Ukraine	Weak	Pakistan	Destructive
Zambia	Weak	Philippines	Destructive
Bolivia	Detrimental	Qatar	Destructive
Ghana	Detrimental	Sudan	Destructive
Russia	Detrimental	Syria	Destructive
South Africa	Detrimental	Zimbabwe	Destructive
Uruguay	Detrimental	Burkina Faso	N/A
Angola	Very Detrimental	Gabon	N/A
Egypt	Very Detrimental		

Legend

Very Constructive: Average score of 7 to 10

Constructive: 4 to 6

Weak: 0 to 3

Detrimental: -1 to -3

Very Detrimental: -4 to -6

Destructive: -7 to -10

Table 2: How Countries Performed in the UN Human Rights Council's UPR

The chart below lists the amount of times countries spoke in the 12 UPR sessions examined in this report, along with the average score measuring the value of each country's intervention, with 10 being the highest possible score and -10 the lowest.

Country	Statements Made	Average Score	Country	Statements Made	Average Score
Canada	12	7	Senegal	4	-4
Germany	9	6	Egypt	8	-5
Switzerland	6	6	Jordan	5	-5
U.K.	12	6	Madagascar	2	-5
France	12	5	Nicaragua	3	-5
Mexico	11	5	Angola	2	-6
Slovenia	12	5	Malaysia	10	-6
USA	7	5	Mauritius	2	-6
Netherlands	12	4	S. Arabia	7	-6
Brazil	11	3	Bahrain	5	-7
Chile	5	3	Bangladesh	7	-7
Italy	10	3	China	11	-7
Japan	7	3	Cuba	10	-7
S. Korea	10	3	Djibouti	4	-7
Argentina	3	2	Indonesia	9	-7
Australia	5	2	Nigeria	8	-7
Zambia	2	2	Philippines	6	-7
Bosnia	3	1	Syria	8	-7
Slovakia	2	1	Zimbabwe	2	-7
Cameroon	3	0	Azerbaijan	10	-8
Ukraine	3	0	Libya	4	-8
Russia	12	-1	Pakistan	10	-8
S. Africa	6	-1	Qatar	5	-8
Bolivia	2	-2	Sudan	7	-8
Ghana	4	-3	N. Korea	2	-9
Uruguay	2	-3	Burkina Faso	0	N/A
India	7	-4	Gabon	0	N/A
Iran	7	-4			

Methodology

Countries and Statements Reviewed

This report evaluates the UPR process by examining and scoring the interventions by 55 countries, made during the reviews of 12 countries during the first three UPR sessions held in 2008. These countries, reflecting equitable geographic representation, include all current 47 Human Rights Council members—who bear particular responsibility to fulfill the objectives of UPR—along with 8 additional countries of interest: Australia, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Sudan, Syria, U.S.A. and Zimbabwe. The data provides a meaningful sample for assessing the efficacy of the UPR system as a whole.

The selected 12 country reviews, out of the 32 completed by the UN thus far, were those with the worst records on human rights, rated as either Not Free or only Partly Free according to Freedom House's 2008 annual survey of Freedom in the World. These countries are: Algeria, Bahrain, Colombia, Ecuador, Gabon, Morocco, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Uzbekistan and Zambia. All country reviews should be performed properly. At a bare minimum, however, the UPR mechanism ought to hold accountable the world's worst violators. We assessed interventions made during the reviews of these countries to see if UPR is advancing this objective.

Scoring Interventions

Positive, Negative, Neutral and Mixed

In the world of UN diplomacy, human rights accountability is achieved only by pointing to a specific area of concern in a given country. Interventions scored positive points to the extent that they challenged the country reviewed on specific human rights issues, using a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the most vigorous challenge, and therefore the strongest statement possible to protect human rights victims in that country. Such statements were designated *Positive*.

Negative points were given to interventions that praised and therefore covered up for the country reviewed, on a scale of -1 to -10, with -10 being the most counter-productive statement. When, for example, China and Cuba praised the record of their ally Algeria, they effectively block or undermine scrutiny of Algerian violations. These statements were designated *Negative*. Statements comprised of neither a challenge nor praise were given a 0, and designated as *Neutral*. Statements that included both a positive challenge as well as praise in excess of standard diplomatic practice were scored between -1 and +1, and designated as *Mixed*.

In the charts, each score is explained by a brief analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the examined statement. The excerpts highlight the most relevant elements of each intervention, whether positive or negative.

Assessing Challenges by Attribution of Responsibility

Our scoring also considered the particular topics addressed by each country intervention, whether critical or congratulatory.

An intervention offering a critical challenge to the country reviewed was scored higher if it directly criticized a specific government policy and action, instead of only addressing a generic problem. Thus, challenges on violations of civil and political rights—where the perpetrator and victim are clear—were considered stronger than amorphous references to social and economic rights where the country under review was not the object of the challenge. For example, a reference to the prevalence of unemployment was considered to be an extremely weak challenge, if at all, because it is difficult to determine (a) whether a right has been violated, (b) the precise identity of the perpetrator and victim, or (c) what specific government action would be required to remedy the alleged violation.

A recommendation for action was considered to be as strong as a challenge, or stronger, depending on its specificity. The type of recommendation was also considered. For example, a recommendation to sign a human rights treaty was deemed less meaningful than a recommendation to remove a law that discriminates between men and women in the judicial system.

No positive points were awarded where the challenge was directed at factors unrelated to the policies or practices of the government under review. This would include, for example, an intervention that referenced the prevalence of child trafficking in the country under review, but which effectively excused the country under review by attributing the phenomenon to external factors. In such a scenario, the country under review is not being held to account, but quite the contrary.

Negative points were given to interventions claiming that external actors—e.g., the international trade regime, the West, terrorists—were the sole cause of human rights problems in the country under review. No points were awarded for interventions that, under the guise of a challenge to the country under review, asked the international community to provide development assistance to that country, in the name of redressing the mentioned human rights problem. Numerous other U.N. bodies address aid issues all year long. The mere three hours dedicated for reviewing the human rights record of a U.N. member state—and this only once every four years—should be used exclusively for holding that government to account.

Assessing Damage of Congratulatory Interventions

Unduly congratulatory interventions were considered most damaging for human rights where the government under review was praised specifically in areas where it is known to be a pernicious violator. For example, where a country known for systematic censorship was praised for promoting free speech, the intervention was considered extremely counter-productive, and far more damaging than generic praise. The strength of the praise, in tone and wording, were also measured. Praise was not considered especially damaging where it was merely the diplomatic prelude to a substantive challenge. This would include, for example, an intervention that began by praising a country's progress in passing a specific law to redress a human rights problem, but which then moved on to criticize the country on implementation of the law.

Scoring Country Reviews

Following are detailed charts evaluating interventions made during the UPR sessions of:

1. Algeria;
2. Bahrain;
3. Colombia;
4. Ecuador;
5. Gabon;
6. Morocco;
7. Pakistan;
8. Philippines;
9. Sri Lanka;
10. Tunisia;
11. Uzbekistan; and
12. Zambia.

The charts list the regional and political affiliations of each country, which often influence the nature of country interventions. These groupings are:

AG: African Group
AL: Arab League
ArG: Arab Group
AU: African Union
EE: Eastern European Group
EU: European Union
G77: Group of 77 (developing nations)
GRULAC: Group of Latin American and Caribbean States
JUSCANZ: Japan-United States-Canada-Australia-New Zealand (and South Korea and Switzerland)
NAM: Non-Aligned Movement
OIC: Organization of the Islamic Conference
WEOG: Western European and Others Group

How the U.N. Reviewed Algeria

Reviewed at 1st UPR session, 14 April 2008

Background: Algeria fails to meet the minimal standards of a free democracy, and ranks as Not Free. According to the [NGO compilation report](#), Algeria violates women’s rights, the right to a free and fair trial, the right to equal protection under the law, and commits torture. At the UN, Algeria belongs to the African Group, the Non-Aligned Movement, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the Arab League, and the African Union.

COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
AZERBAIJAN	Not Free	EE, OIC	“We appreciate the efforts undertaken by Algeria to reduce and eradicate poverty and unemployment... [It] is also satisfying to note that Algeria attaches so much importance to the education sector and has already made considerable progress. We also note with satisfaction the work done on the rights of women and families... Algeria is facing certain difficulties in terms of employment and health that we believe that economic growth will make it possible for this country to resolve all existing problems.”	Negative Praises Algeria’s progress instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Pits blame for human rights challenges on lack of development rather than government policies.	- 7
BRAZIL	Free	GRULAC, NAM	“How do the Algerian authorities assess the implementation of civil and political rights such as freedom of expression and freedom of religions? ... What has the government achieved so far and what concrete measures have been implemented in order to ensure the advancement of social and political status, as well as the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women?... Brazil would like to propose to Algeria to consider the possibility of facilitating visits of Special Procedures of the UN Human Rights system.”	Positive Challenges Algeria on civil and political rights in general, and specifically on women’s rights. Makes recommendation for Algeria to cooperate with UN human rights procedures.	5

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
CAMEROON	Not Free	African Group, AU, G77, NAM, OIC	“Algeria has indisputably recorded significant headway in the area of promoting and protecting human rights... My delegation is firmly convinced of the efforts of Algeria, which will be even more clearly visible if their commitment in terms of human rights were more fluid. With a view to this, we would like to know what measures Algeria plans to take to go in that direction.”	Mixed Praises Algeria, but also generically challenges it on need for more human rights progress.	1
CANADA	Free	JUSCANZ, WEOG	“Canada recommends that Algeria review its family code to remedy those provisions which still represent discrimination against women and in particular, on divorce, and witnesses. And Canada recommends that Algeria lift its reservations on the Convention for the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women... Canada would recommend that Algeria...make sure that those who violated human rights be charged, be prosecuted, according to international standards and to make sure that those who criticize the government and past events are not subject to criminal prosecution.”	Positive Challenges Algeria and makes specific recommendations regarding women’s rights and impunity for human rights violators.	7
CHINA	Not Free	Asian Group, G77	“Algeria has been committed to building a country of national unity, social development, fairness, and justice... It vigorously promotes the protection of civil and political rights... Algeria has engaged in economic and social development, and has achieved notable progress in terms of economic, social, and cultural rights... Algeria is faced with many difficulties and challenges in terms of threat of terrorism, as well as...underdevelopment.”	Negative Strongly praises all aspects of human rights in Algeria. Assigns blame for human rights challenges on external factors, rather than government policies.	- 10

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
CUBA	Not Free	GRULAC, NAM	“The government of Algeria has implemented a very impressive plan of measures, action programs, and laws geared to promoting and protecting human rights for its people, both civil and political rights, economic social and cultural rights, as well as the right to development.”	Negative Strongly praises Algeria instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 10
DJIBOUTI	Partly Free	African Group, NAM, OIC	“We would like to express the solidarity of the Republic of Djibouti to the people and government of Algeria with a view to resolving the serious threat of terrorism and do everything to ensure that the circumstances which make this possible so brutally in Algeria are eradicated forever... We welcome the determination of the Algerian government to continue legislative reform.”	Negative Praises Algeria. Expresses “solidarity” with Algeria instead of holding it accountable for human rights violations.	- 7
EGYPT	Not Free	African Group, Arab League, AU, G77, NAM, OIC	“In the context of the Convention of Migrant Workers...since Algeria is among those countries that have ratified the convention, we should like to know the views of the Algerian delegation on this situation and its impact on enjoyment of the rights of migrant workers.”	Neutral Fails to raise any human rights challenges.	0
FRANCE	Free	EU, WEOG	“The first question is how Algeria plans to continue the work undertaken to promote the rights of women and equality, especially with regards to employment in the private sector and in terms of family law. Second, Mr. Minister, you mentioned the vitality and protection of freedom of expression in your country. I’d like to know if Algeria plans to reform the Code of the Press to strengthen that guarantee. And the last question is also a recommendation – is Algeria planning to ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons Against Enforced Disappearances that you signed?”	Positive Challenges Algeria on women’s rights and freedom of expression, but fails to elaborate on nature or specifics of violations. Specific recommendation to ratify International Convention on Enforced Disappearances.	5

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
GERMANY	Free	EU, WEOG	“Several Special Procedures mandate holders...have requested to visit Algeria, so far without success... [Suspects] are detained by the police sometimes for months or even years without notification to the judiciary and without any possibility to communicate with their family or their lawyers. There are also reports of torture or other cruel, ill-treatment... We would recommend to the government to take action to ensure that reported cases are addressed without delay.”	Positive Challenges Algeria and makes recommendations on treatment of suspects and detainees, and addresses its failure to cooperate with UN special procedures.	5
INDONESIA	Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“My delegation notes that Algeria is party to ten international human rights conventions... My delegation is very impressed by the provisions on the Right to Education as stipulated in the Algerian constitution... What are the measures which have been adopted by Algeria in order to promote employment and implement at the same time, a social safety net?”	Negative Praises Algeria. Fails to distinguish between the signing of human rights conventions and their implementation. Challenges Algeria on unemployment, which is not a human rights violation.	- 4
IRAN	Not Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“We have noted that Algeria, like many other developing countries, is conducting a continuous fight against poverty and to promote the right to education and the right to health for everyone. We appreciate if the Algerian delegation could elaborate on the achievements in this regard... We would like to recognize the constructive role played by Algeria in the institutional-building of the Human Rights Council...”	Negative Praises Algeria. Poses question that is not a human rights challenge.	- 6

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
ITALY	Free	EU, WEOG	“We would like to recommend the consideration of further measures in order to address the problem of violence against children, including corporal punishment... Italy welcomes the steps taken towards the abolition of the death penalty... Given this positive background we would therefore suggest to include among the recommendations the continuation of the moratorium on the death penalty.”	Mixed Makes constructive recommendation on corporal punishment. Makes recommendation on the death penalty that is congratulatory, rather than a challenge.	1
JORDAN	Partly Free	Asian group, Arab League, G77, NAM, OIC	“This country has always endeavored to promote freedom, the respect of human rights, and the principles of international human rights law is at the very heart of the Algerian renaissance... Algeria is a country which always endeavors to promote rights whether they be political, civil, economic, social, or cultural rights. Algeria has put human rights at the heart of state politics.”	Negative Strongly praises Algeria instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 10
MADAGASCAR	Partly Free	African Group, AU, G77, NAM	“We congratulate Algeria on the remarkable progress achieved in the sphere of promoting and protecting human rights. In particular, in guaranteeing the right to education and the right to health...”	Negative Praises Algeria’s social progress instead of holding it accountable for human rights violations.	- 5
MALAYSIA	Partly Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“Algeria has certainly made impressive gains in the economic, social, and political spheres in its path towards national reconciliation after more than a decade of internal crisis arising from terrorism... We wish to learn more about the measures being taken by the government of Algeria to promote employment and simultaneously ensure a social safety net is in place to protect the...most vulnerable groups in its population.”	Negative Praises Algeria’s social progress instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Challenges Algeria on unemployment, which is not a violation of human rights.	- 5

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
MEXICO	Free	GRULAC	<p>“We encourage [Algeria] to revise implications of the state of emergency, in place since 1992... My delegation would like to know if the process of legislative reform to which [the Minister] referred will lay the legal foundation in order to attend the phenomenon of forced disappearances... My delegation...carefully recommends that they take into account observations...on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms in fighting terrorism... My delegation would like to know what other legislative measures are being contemplated with regards to making progress in the area of gender equality, and particularly, we would most respectfully recommend to Algeria that they adopt measures that make it possible for them to withdraw the reservations they have taken to...the Convention of the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women.”</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Cautiously challenges Algeria on several issues.</p> <p>Makes recommendation for Algeria to consider observations of UN observers and to withdraw its reservations on a treaty against discrimination of women.</p>	5
NETHERLANDS	Free	EU, WEOG	<p>“We would like to recommend that the Family Code grant the same rights to men and women in cases of divorce, testimony and inheritance... We would like to know if a follow up report will be given with regard to further strengthening of domestic law concerning the protection of the freedom of expression in practice... We would like to recommend further cooperation with regard to the Special Procedures.”</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Makes recommendations on women’s rights, freedom of expression, and cooperation with Special Procedures.</p>	5

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
NIGERIA	Partly Free	African Group, G77, NAM, OIC	<p>“We welcome the various mechanisms put in place by Algeria to guarantee the protection of the fundamental freedoms and rights of its citizens such as the right to fair trial, freedom of the press, humanization of conditions of detention, right to education and other economic and social rights... By way of recommendation, we wish to encourage Algeria to continue to take necessary initiatives to promote women’s rights and gender mainstreaming as well as desirable policies towards poverty reduction in Algeria.”</p>	<p>Negative</p> <p>Praises Algeria on freedom of the press, where Algeria is known to be a violator.</p> <p>Makes generic recommendation that does not address human rights challenges.</p>	- 8
NORTH KOREA	Not Free	Asian Group, G77	<p>“We know very well about the aspirations for human rights, including the right to self-determination strongly felt by the people of Algeria in the colonial era... Consistent and serious efforts taken by the government of Algeria has brought about considerable achievements in civil, political, and economic, social, and cultural rights... It should be noted that Algeria has been contributing to the elimination of politicization and observance of objectivity and impartiality in the international human rights mechanisms...”</p>	<p>Negative</p> <p>Strongly praises Algeria instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.</p>	- 10
PAKISTAN	Not Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	<p>“We congratulate Algeria for its unwavering commitment to the respect of human rights... The report has three outstanding merits. It highlights how the government has, on the one side, dealt firmly with terrorist groups...and simultaneously pursued a policy of national reconciliation to assist victims and destitute families of terrorists. This is enlightenment in action. The Algerian HR policies are focused on the bread-and-butter issues: poverty, health, education, jobs, which are the essence of economic and social rights...”</p>	<p>Negative</p> <p>Strongly praises Algeria instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.</p>	- 10

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
RUSSIA	Not Free	EE, OIC (observer)	“As a country whose citizens have, on many occasions, been subjected to terrorist threats, we express solidarity with Algeria’s efforts in dealing with this scourge.”	Negative Expresses “solidarity” with Algeria instead of holding it accountable for human rights violations.	- 3
SAUDI ARABIA	Not Free	Asian Group, Arab League, G77, NAM, OIC	“Algeria has been never-ceasing in deploying its efforts to establish a state based on principles of equality, social justice, and the protection of the rights of its citizens... My country is grateful for Algeria’s efforts to protect the state institutions and the mechanisms which have been established to promote and protect human rights. We welcome Algeria’s efforts to promote the rights of women and the efforts to integrate women fully into society...”	Negative Strongly praises Algeria instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 9
SLOVENIA	Free	EE, EU	“My delegation would be interested in learning, also by way of recommendation, what steps your government is taking in order to provide a specific legal framework to prevent and protect children from trafficking for sexual and other exploitative purposes and define ‘trafficking’ as a special criminal offense under domestic law... Slovenia would like to recommend to fully integrating gender perspective in the follow up process to the UPR review... Algeria ratified the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women... We are nevertheless concerned about the extensive reservation Algeria made... We consider these reservations as contrary to the object and purpose of CEDAW and therefore impermissible.”	Positive Challenges Algeria and makes recommendations regarding child trafficking and women’s rights.	5

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
SOUTH AFRICA	Free	African Group, AU, G77, NAM	“It is indeed encouraging for my delegation that a country that has suffered so much from both natural calamities and terrorist attacks has made such great strides to overcome its challenges... Algeria’s Charter on Peace and National Reconciliation...is aimed at national reconciliation, healing, and peace within Algerian society, as well as providing compensation to the victims of past suffering – all measures that we congratulate the Algerian government on.”	Negative Praises Algeria instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 6
SOUTH KOREA	Free	Asian Group, JUSCANZ	“We commend that, despite a number of challenges, the government of Algeria has reformed the family laws... It is also notable the government of Algeria has committed its efforts to elevate the status of children within the juvenile justice system... On the other hand, we were expecting the government of Algeria to pay closer attention to the recommendations made by many delegations here for the better and wider protection of human rights in the country.”	Neutral Praises Algeria’s progress. Generic challenge on Algeria’s failure to consider the human rights recommendations issued by other country delegations.	1
SUDAN	Not free	African Group, Arab League, AU, G77, NAM, OIC	“[The Algerian Ambassador] has also assisted in dealing with the situation in Darfur in the Human Rights Council. Algeria has also had pioneering experience in establishing the necessary balance between combating terrorism and maintaining human rights, including civil rights in particular. We recommend that the country of Algeria provide its experience to the Council so that we may learn from that... We also, therefore, urge that Algeria extend its experience in combating poverty...”	Negative Strongly praises Algeria, citing its respect for human rights while fighting terrorism, when the opposite is true. Wrongly praises Algeria for “dealing with the situation in Darfur.”	- 9

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
SYRIA	Not free	Asian Group, Arab League, OIC	“The Algerian peoples’ awareness of human rights came early, with the right to freedom. Algeria lost a million martyrs defending that right... Algeria became a great workshop in promoting the right to education, health, food, labor, and the rights of women and children, in addition to all other rights... We have a recommendation: this is to encourage Algeria to continue its efforts to step up measures concerning the right to education.”	Negative Strongly praises Algeria instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Makes generic recommendation on right to education, but fails to pose a human rights challenge.	- 10
UNITED KINGDOM	Free	EU, WEOG	“Does the government of Algeria intend to further amend the Family Code to make domestic violence, including marital rape, an offense? ... We recommend that the government provide full cooperation with the special rapporteurs. The UK further recommends that the government of Algeria continues its efforts to improve judicial cooperation, particularly to ensure that families are informed of detentions, access to lawyers is prompt, and that the public prosecutor’s office is fully aware of all detentions.”	Positive Challenges Algeria and makes specific recommendations on several issues.	6

How the U.N. Reviewed Bahrain

Reviewed at 1st UPR Session, 7 April 2008

Background: Bahrain fails to meet the minimal standards of a free democracy, and ranks only as Partly Free. According to the [NGO compilation report](#), Bahrain violates women’s rights, freedom of speech, freedom of peaceful assembly, freedom of thought, conscience, and religion, and commits torture. At the UN, Bahrain belongs to the G-77, the Non-Aligned Movement, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, and the Arab League.

COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
AZERBAIJAN	Not Free	EE, OIC	“We note with satisfaction that Bahrain has acceded to relevant international instruments, adopted many important national laws such as the exercise of political rights, freedom of expression, political societies and social security... Bahrain’s human development indicators looked at in continuum are really encouraging... One should also mention the current Bahraini policy with regard to the assistance to unemployed people as well as the impressive record of educational and health services... [The] establishment of the Supreme Council for Women, in particular, creates favorable conditions for women.”	Negative Strongly praises Bahrain instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Praises the Supreme Council for Women without noting that this organization is chaired by the King’s wife and has been vigorously criticized by renowned Bahraini women’s rights activist Ghada Jamsheer, who called for the council’s dissolution.	-10
BANGLADESH	Partly Free	NAM, OIC	“The statistics on various socio-economic developments, in particular in the area of education, deserve our applause... We have learned that the migrant workers were granted greater human rights coverage these days... We would urge the government to continue its efforts to further improve its situation of migrant workers. We are also happy to know that the government is considering creating a national human rights institution.”	Negative Strongly praises Bahrain. Poses only weak and implicit challenge on migrant workers.	-4

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
CANADA	Free	JUSCANZ, WEOG	“My question focuses on the matter of freedom of expression and opinion. Is the delegation able to provide extra information with regards to what the government of Bahrain is doing by way of promoting and protecting freedom of expression as well as freedom of association?”	Positive Poses implicit and generic challenge on freedom of expression and association in Bahrain.	3
CHINA	Not Free	Asian Group, NAM (observer)	“We appreciate Bahrain’s long commitment to the protection and promotion of human rights... Bahrain is pushing judicial reforms and improving legislation so as to provide a legal framework to the protection of all human rights... In realizing economic, social and cultural rights, Bahrain has made tremendous progress but is also facing problems like unemployment and high costs of living.”	Negative Praises Bahrain instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Challenge not related to human rights; more complimentary than critical	-6
DJIBOUTI	Partly Free	African Group, NAM, OIC	“We take good notes of the government’s effort to expand the political space through enhancement of freedom of expression...and most notably, the tremendous achievement made towards further empowering women... We are particularly encouraged by the increasing number of sound economic decisions that have produced notable improvements in a vast range of social and economic areas, health, education, housing, to name only a few... [What are the] specific measures undertaken by the government of Bahrain to address the problem of unemployment?”	Negative Praises Bahrain for press freedom and women’s rights when country is known violator in these areas. Fails to distinguish between Bahrain’s laws and its failures in implementation. Poses question on unemployment, unrelated to human rights.	-8

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
FRANCE	Free	EU, WEOG	“I would like to know what measures Bahrain intends to take to strengthen the independence of the judiciary... I would like more information on reforms being undertaken, particularly to provide assistance to the victims of this practice of forced marriage. Finally I would like to know whether Bahrain intends to sign the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons against Enforced Disappearance.”	Positive Implicitly raises specific issues of concern, but in generic and cautious manner, and without elaboration.	4
INDIA	Free	Asian Group, NAM	“Its socio-economic indicators are impressive especially in the fields of health and education... My delegation would be keen to have details from the delegation of Bahrain on steps already taken as well as those planned which could favorably impact on the condition of foreign contractual workers.”	Mixed Praises Bahrain. Poses weak, implicit challenge on migrant workers.	1
INDONESIA	Free	Asian group, NAM, OIC	“It’s [made] ongoing efforts to advance the rights of women in different spheres of Bahraini society ... It is also encouraging to observe that the Kingdom of Bahrain has provisions in its national legislation for the protection of peoples with disabilities, and has expressed an unambiguous commitment to combating trafficking in persons.... Does Bahrain consider national human rights institutions to be inseparable from its future endeavors to apply human rights norms?”	Negative Praises Bahrain instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. In guise of a question, congratulates Bahrain’s stated intent to create a human rights institution.	-8

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
JORDAN	Partly Free	Asian group, Arab League, NAM, OIC	“Bahrain has attached great interest to protection of rights ... Bahrain is known for its support to pluralism and freedom of belief and expression. Could we perhaps learn more about the ways in which Bahrain has proceeded in order to guarantee...freedom of expression?... We do think that there are areas that do require further efforts and, in this context, we would call on Bahrain to follow the examples of other countries and try to learn through cooperation in matters such as impunity.”	Positive Praises Bahrain on several issues, but follows up with implicit challenge on need for progress in freedom of expression. Implicitly challenges Bahrain on issue of impunity.	2
LIBYA	Not Free	African Group, Arab League, AU, G77, NAM, OIC	“Bahrain has committed to compliance with human rights, knowing that there have been significant cultural, political and social achievements in this area. For instance, the right of freedom of expression for anyone... Bahrain has adopted some important teaching concepts, including democratic principles and values when it comes to campaigning against violence and promoting dialogue... We can only praise this protection of people...and, in particular, the emphasis on women.”	Negative Strongly praises Bahrain instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Praise extends to freedom of expression and women’s rights—areas where significant challenges remain.	-9
MALAYSIA	Free	Asian Group, NAM, OIC	“there is a continuous commitment on the part of the Bahraini government to enhance human rights enjoyed by the people of Bahrain... Malaysia congratulates Bahrain for putting in place the necessary institutional framework that will help advance democracy and human development. We are impressed with the expeditious actions taken by Bahrain in meeting some of the voluntary pledges it has made.”	Negative Strongly praises Bahrain instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	-9

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
NETHERLANDS	Free	EU, WEOG	“the Minister touched upon questions of human rights defenders and the position of migrant workers, including the vulnerable position of women domestic workers. He mentioned that new legislation is under way. It would be a pity to wait for another four years to hear about the country’s experience with this new legislation and I would like to invite Bahrain to keep us informed in the meantime.”	Positive Poses weak and implicit challenges on issues of human rights defenders and migrant workers. Weak recommendation for Bahrain to keep the UN informed, rather than a demand for reform.	2
PAKISTAN	Not free	Asian group, NAM, OIC	“We appreciate Bahrain’s emphasis on human development... Freedom of expression has been encouraged... Significant steps have been taken to ensure gender balance and to empower the Bahraini women... We would like to enquire whether there are plans to synthesize and consolidate the good work and practices in Bahrain.”	Negative Praises Bahrain for press freedom and women’s rights when it is known to be a violator in these areas, notwithstanding limited improvements in recent years.	- 8
QATAR	Not Free	Arab League, NAM, OIC	“We see how keen the leadership of the kingdom is to the promotion and protection of human rights... Free municipal and parliamentary elections have empowered Bahraini women by giving them the right to vote. . . My question is what are the special institutions on human rights that Bahrain is planning to establish?”	Negative Praises Bahrain instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Poses question that is congratulatory rather than an actual challenge.	-8

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
RUSSIA	Not Free	EE, OIC (observer)	“We see that Bahrain requested that the OHCHR undertake a program for training the staff of penitentiary wardens and we would be grateful to the delegation if they would provide extra information with regards to this project... With regards to a draft law on the provision of citizenship for children when the father of the child is not a citizen of Bahrain. We consider that this draft law should be a priority when it is examined.”	Neutral Requests information from the government and makes a recommendation, but does not pose any human rights challenge.	0
SAUDI ARABIA	Not Free	Asian Group, Arab League, G77, NAM, OIC	“Bahrain, via the report, has demonstrated it is at the forefront of the international community model which deserves respect... The attention paid by Bahrain to its issues of health and education, and the condition of women inter alia in the country demonstrates that the Kingdom of Bahrain is seeking to provide its citizens with a life of dignity... When it comes to the media and areas of journalism, we see a further demonstration on the part of Bahrain to show responsibility and guarantees in this area to ensure openness and tolerance, constructive criticism.”	Negative Strongly praises Bahrain instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Praise extends to press freedom when the government is a known violator in this field.	-9
SLOVENIA	Free	EU, WEOG	“Resolution 5/1 of the Human Rights Council states that a gender perspective should be fully integrated in the UPR. What has the state done so far to achieve this?... Slovenia would like to further recommend to Bahrain to remove all reservations to CEDAW.”	Positive Refers to Bahrain’s failure to ratify a treaty on discrimination against women, but fails to elaborate on nature or specifics of violations. Makes specific and constructive recommendation.	4

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
SUDAN	Not Free	African Group, Arab League, AU, NAM, OIC	“We would like to refer to the fact that the report of Bahrain has many clear documented references to the achievements of Bahrain in the field of human rights...First, the medical care that has increased life expectancy to 83. Second, providing clean water to all at a rate of 100 percent. Thirdly, guaranteeing first aid and medical services to all inhabitants at a rate of 100 percent.”	<p>Negative</p> <p>Strongly praises Bahrain instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.</p> <p>Raises question that serves as congratulations rather than an actual challenge.</p>	-9
SWITZERLAND	Free	JUSCANZ, WEOG	“Our recommendation is that a non-discriminatory—in relation to women—family code enters into force as soon as possible... Could [Bahrain] give an account of the measures taken to guarantee the rights of female foreign workers in the domestic sphere... For example, has any measure been taken to remedy the fact that foreign female workers are explicitly excluded from work in the private sector by the law?”	<p>Positive</p> <p>Challenges Bahrain on specific issue of women’s rights.</p> <p>Distinguishes between Bahrain’s law and its shortcomings in implementation.</p> <p>Makes specific recommendation.</p>	6
UNITED KINGDOM	Free	EU, WEOG	“The move towards democracy has been accompanied by a great improvement in the human rights situation ... We hope to continue our bilateral discussions with Bahrain on the need to ensure press freedom, eliminate discrimination... We would like to ask...whether Bahrain would be willing to set a deadline for introducing a press law. We note that the current parliamentary constituencies are uneven in size and we would like to ask whether Bahrain would review the boundaries .”	<p>Positive</p> <p>Cautiously challenges Bahrain on issues of press freedom, discrimination, and civil and political rights in general.</p> <p>Requests follow-up by Bahrain on its intent to introduce further progressive reforms.</p>	4

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
UNITED STATES	Free	JUSCANZ	“We proposed several questions previously focused on the integration of Shi’a society, the impact of Bahrain 2002 constitutional reforms on human rights and the protection of expatriate workers. We welcome Bahrain addressing these issues...and we hope to hear more about their continued efforts on that behalf.”	<p>Positive</p> <p>Generic challenge on several issues, but no elaboration on nature or specifics of violations.</p>	3

How the U.N. Reviewed Colombia

Reviewed at 2nd UPR Session, 10 December 2008

Background on Colombia: Colombia fails to meet the minimal standards of a free democracy, and ranks only as Partly Free. According to the [NGO compilation report](#), Colombia violates the right to life, children’s rights, and freedom of the press. At the UN, Colombia belongs to the Latin American group (GRULAC), the Non-aligned Movement, and the G-77.

COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
ARGENTINA	Free	G77, GRULAC	“We’d like to highlight national policies implemented to fight the paramilitary groups, and we especially welcome the programs for special attention to provide protection to children and adolescents recruited by armed groups... Argentina would like to make two recommendations to Colombia: First, that it consider the possibility of implementing free basic education. Secondly, that Colombia promotes an international campaign for the rapid ratification and entry into force of the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearances...”	Positive Praises Colombia’s progress, but follows with specific recommendations on education, as well as ratification and implementation of the treaty on Enforced Disappearances.	3
AUSTRALIA	Free	JUSCANZ, WEOG	“We therefore recommend that the Colombian government implement effective means of dismantling all forms of illegal, armed groups. . . and continue its investigations of public servants and political leaders who have links with paramilitary groups... We therefore recommend to the Colombian government that they acknowledge publicly the work of human rights defenders and trade unionists as legitimate and refrain from making public statements which could be seen as delegitimizing these groups or linking them with illegal guerilla groups...[and] insure that human rights abuses committed against...legitimate advocacy groups are investigated thoroughly and that those responsible are prosecuted...”	Positive Challenges Colombia and makes specific and concrete recommendations on several core human rights issues.	7

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
AZERBAIJAN	Partly Free	EE, OIC	“We welcome the efforts by the government to demobilize the illegal armed groups as well as to protect the public... Here we encourage Colombia to ratify the International Convention for the Protection of all persons from Enforced Disappearances... We also note with satisfaction adoption of different programs and strategies aimed to improve the situation of human rights of women and children. This delegation supports the efforts of the government of Colombia to ensure the protection of all human rights defenders.”	Negative Strongly praises Colombia’s progress and overall human rights record, including in areas where challenges remain. Makes one recommendation for treaty ratification.	-8
BOLIVIA	Partly Free	G77, GRULAC, NAM	“We would recommend that Colombia take into account the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.”	Mixed Makes generic recommendations on the issue of indigenous peoples, but does not elaborate on the specifics of the challenge.	1
BRAZIL	Free	G77, GRULAC	“Brazil supports the efforts of the government and civil society to strengthen democracy and the rule of law... Brazil firmly supports actions taken by the Colombian government to fight poverty... Brazil would like to propose three recommendations to Colombia: First, increase social and economic initiatives to strengthen full enjoyment of human rights of internally displaced persons... Two, expand education by offering free public basic education. Three, continue with the effort to fight impunity and violations of human rights.”	Mixed Strongly praises Colombia’s progress, but follows with a few concrete recommendations.	0

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
CANADA	Free	JUSCANZ, WEOG	“Canada recommends that the government of Colombia fully prosecute extrajudicial killing, enforced disappearances and forced displacements, and take strong action to stop their occurrences... Canada recommends that the government of Colombia ensure that all legislation and programs in support of the justice and peace process comply with international standards. Canada recommends that the government of Colombia take greater measures to ensure the safety of all its people, including directly targeted groups, such as human rights defenders, community leaders, journalists and trade unionists. Colombia has one of the most progressive constitutions of any country.”	Positive Makes specific and concrete recommendations on a number of issues, addressing human rights challenges. Praises Colombia’s constitution, but not extensively.	7
CHILE	Free	G77, GRULAC, NAM	“We’d like to highlight here the efforts taken by the Colombian government to curb violence in its territory... Colombia has advanced norms that criminally define forced disappearances, but some sectors of human rights observers allege that it is still not enough. What measures is the government taking or will they take to effectively implement these norms?... What is the legal situation of people who are displaced with regard to the tenacity of their lands?... Recommendations: First, to ensure that abuses of human rights be appropriately and timely investigated... Also, stopping serious violations of human rights crimes committed by the military forces to that there is an amnesty provided for those who come forward...”	Positive Praises Colombia, but also poses challenges and makes recommendations on specific issues.	6
CHINA	Not Free	Asian Group, G77	“The government has made great efforts in preventing violence and safeguarding public security... The result achieved by Colombia in the field of education also deserves appreciation.”	Negative Praises specific achievements of Colombia instead of holding it accountable for human rights violations.	-7

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
CUBA	Not Free	GRULAC, NAM	“It would be very useful to have information on the progress achieved in the area of development indicators and social, cultural, and economic rights.... We’d like to ask that it consider a rapid ratification of the Convention against Enforced Disappearances.”	Negative Praises Colombia’s progress. Makes one recommendation for treaty ratification.	-3
FRANCE	Free	EU, WEOG	“We would like to congratulate Colombia for the notable progress made.... France recommends Colombia take effective measures to significantly reduce the number of these extrajudicial executions and to bring those responsible before civilian jurisdictions.... France calls on Colombia to recognize the legitimacy of the work of human rights defenders as of that of trade union workers, and journalists to ensure their protection, and that violations are prosecuted.”	Positive Praises Colombia’s progress, but follows with challenges on several human rights violations, although without much elaboration.	6
GERMANY	Free	EU, WEOG	“What specific measures has the Colombian state adopted to prevent public forces to use sexual violence in the context of armed conflict?... What measures are there to be taken to grant IDPs the full exercise of human rights? ... We have one recommendation: to force the dialogue between the government and the human rights organizations.”	Positive Challenges Colombia on several human rights issues.	6
INDIA	Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM	“We would like to commend Colombia for its efforts to integrate the study of human rights into its education system, as well as its law enforcement agencies.”	Negative Praises a Colombian policy instead of holding the government accountable for ongoing violations.	-4

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
JAPAN	Free	Asian Group, JUSCANZ	“We request that more efforts be made to further improve the country’s human rights situation, including to prevent forced disappearances and kidnappings and to protect the human rights of indigenous peoples... We are concerned by the continuing sea of human rights violations with regards to what extent the legislation has been actually preventing the sexual exploitation of children and child labor.”	Positive Challenges Colombia on forced disappearances, child labor and sexual exploitation, but fails to elaborate.	4
MALAYSIA	Partly Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“Malaysia wishes to recommend that Colombia consider expanding the existing network of government services for the delivery of socio-economic and development further in rural areas. . . to continue its efforts in seeking to break the linkages between the elements of armed forces and state security forces,...to undertake stronger measures to address the problems of organized crimes, drug trafficking.”	Positive Makes specific recommendations, but fails to elaborate on nature of violations.	4
MEXICO	Free	GRULAC	“We would like to applaud Colombia for the constitutional and institutional framework set forth for the promotion and protection of human rights... [We] would like to make the following recommendations: That Colombia continues to consolidate its policy with an integral attention paid to victims and family members of violations of human rights.....that it possibly considers ratification on forced disappearances of persons and the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture.”	Positive Praises Colombia’s progress, but also recommends further measures to improve its human rights situation.	3

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
NETHERLANDS	Free	EU, WEOG	“We would like to commend the government for a number of past achievements... We have been shocked by recent news of the killings of innocent young men by security forces who were said to be guerilla fighters and were presented as a success in the fight against the guerilla... We recommend to the government of Colombia to continue the investigation and prosecution of the persons who are responsible for these crimes.”	Positive Praises Colombia, but follows with challenges on impunity and recommends additional measures to hold security forces responsible for crimes.	4
PAKISTAN	Not Free	Asian Group,G77, NAM, OIC	“We express our solidarity with the government of Colombia in meeting the challenges, especially in regards to combating illegal armed groups. Colombia’s commitment at the highest levels to uphold and respect human rights at all levels of public authority has been clearly reflected... The international community must support Colombia in its efforts.”	Negative Strongly praises Colombia instead of holding it accountable for ongoing human rights violations.	-9
PHILIPPINES	Partly Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM	“We regret that rebel and terrorist forces in Colombia do not choose to pursue the path of peace... In the face of active insurgency, Colombia has not reneged on its human rights commitments but in fact has strengthened national institutions and mechanisms, and has actively cooperated with the international community.... We recommend that Colombia enhance human rights education programs for citizens and the armed forces.”	Negative Praises Colombia. Blames human rights challenges solely on internal terrorist groups. Recommendation is not a challenge.	-9
RUSSIA	Not Free	EE, OIC (observer)	“What are the main obstacles encountered by the government in combating poverty?... What measures are being taken by the government for the effective defense of the rights of the indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities? Is there cooperation between the government and indigenous non-governmental organizations?”	Positive Raises generic questions on poverty, as well as indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities.	2

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
SLOVENIA	Free	EE, EU	<p>“The gap between the legislation and its implementation is still concerning... We would like to make a recommendation to Colombia to recognize the rights of conscientious objection... We are very concerned with regard to the forced recruitment of minors by the guerilla and paramilitaries... We would like to recommend to the government of Colombia to address the issue of those unaccounted for children and to guarantee free primary education as a preventive measure against recruitment... We hope to see the new draft legislation on reparations for victims of armed conflict be fully comprehensive and non-discriminatory.”</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Challenges Colombia on a few issues.</p> <p>Notes discrepancies between laws and actual implementation.</p> <p>Makes specific recommendations.</p>	6
SOUTH AFRICA	Free	African Group, AU, G77, NAM	<p>“We therefore recommend the acceleration of the poverty alleviation programs with a view to addressing the uneven distribution of wealth, access of health, and the high level of social exclusion of indigenous people and Afro-Colombian Groups... The minimum age for marriage is too low... Can the delegation please provide information on how the government intends to address this matter?”</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Challenges Colombia and makes recommendation on social and economic matters, most of which were addressed by Colombia itself in its national report.</p>	2
SOUTH KOREA	Free	Asian Group, JUSCANZ	<p>“We congratulate [Colombia] on the recent progress in raising awareness on human rights of public and restoring security throughout the country... We join in expressing concerns over the deep rooted culture of impunity and violations committed against the internally displaced persons and human rights defenders.”</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Praises Colombia’s progress. Challenges it on human rights issues, though without elaboration.</p>	2

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
SWITZERLAND	Free	JUSCANZ, WEOG	“The numerous cases of homicides of civilians carried out by members of armed forces are a source of major concern... We recommend that high state officials publicly express this recognition in order to support and protect legitimate rights of human rights defenders and trade union workers... We encourage the authorities to strengthen the judiciary and guarantee its independence... Switzerland would like to know what measures are being taken to reduce the tremendous vulnerability of women in indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities, as well as those measures designed to reduce the re-emergence of the phenomena of forced displacement.”	Positive Challenges Colombia on a list of issues. Makes concrete and specific recommendations.	7
UNITED KINGDOM	Free	EU, WEOG	“I would like to recommend that the Colombian government deepens its engagement with its support for civil society and its actors, human rights defenders, and minority groups... The UK urges the Colombian government to address the ongoing problems of human rights violations attributed to members of its armed forces.”	Positive Challenges Colombia on a few issues. Makes specific recommendations.	5
URUGUAY	Free	G77, GRULAC	“Colombia’s laws are excellent... In addition to this, which quite frankly should be applauded, there continue to be, however, violations of human rights... Paramilitary and armed groups are responsible for these abuses as well as guerilla forces and even armed forces of the state... [Recommendations:] To make every effort to achieve an agreement with guerilla groups in order to achieve peace... To give strict order to security forces to not make mistakes by qualifying as terrorists those, who in reality, are defenders of human rights and members of NGOs.”	Positive Praises Colombia and blames certain human rights challenges on non-state actors, but follows with specific recommendations, including on key issue of Colombia’s mistreatment of human rights defenders and NGO members.	2

How the U.N. Reviewed Ecuador

Reviewed at 1st UPR Session, 7 April 2008

Background: Ecuador fails to meet the minimal standards of a free democracy, and ranks only as Partly Free. According to the [NGO compilation report](#), Ecuador violates the right to life, the right to a free and fair trial, freedom of speech, and commits torture. At the UN, Ecuador belongs to the Latin American group (GRULAC) and the G-77.

COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
ARGENTINA	Free	G77, GRULAC	“My country values the information provided and Ecuador’s efforts to effectively promote and protect human rights in the country... Reference was made to the rights of persons with disabilities, Could you perhaps give some more information on the main measures taken to provide protection to this vulnerable group?”	Neutral Fails to pose any human rights challenge.	0
AUSTRALIA	Free	JUSCANZ, WEOG	“If the state under review does have a NHRI, we would be keen to know its status and whether it complies with the Paris Principles.”	Neutral Fails to pose any human rights challenge.	0
AZERBAIJAN	Not Free	EE, OIC	“We commend the fact that Ecuador participates in almost all core human rights treaties. We would like to note with appreciation that Ecuador is a state [committed] to its multiculturalism and multiethnic composition... We would like to hear from the distinguished Ecuadorian delegation their thoughts on the relevance of judicial reforms.”	Negative Praises Ecuador. Vague question on judicial reform.	- 4
BOLIVIA	Partly Free	G77, GRULAC, NAM	“Bolivia...congratulates Ecuador in having broadly incorporated international human rights standards in its national legislation, particularly with regards to its new model for economic development which enables the creation of a social model which improves access to health, education, and work.”	Negative Praises Ecuador’s economic development instead of holding it accountable for human rights violations.	- 5

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
BRAZIL	Free	G77, GRULAC	“Could you please comment on reform and institutional progress made in Ecuador to make it possible for citizens to have access to the judicial system to protect and defend their human rights?... What measures is the government implementing to ensure non-discriminatory treatment and to promote integration of asylum seekers and refugees?”	Positive Cautiously challenges Ecuador on its judicial system and discrimination against asylum seekers and refugees.	4
CANADA	Free	JUSCANZ, WEOG	“We would therefore ask you, Mr. President, to consider making continued focus on improvement to the judicial system as a recommendation... We would ask the delegation of Ecuador what further steps Ecuador might take to address human rights abuses perpetrated by traffickers in persons.”	Positive Challenges Ecuador and makes recommendation for judicial reform.	4
CHILE	Free	G77, GRULAC, NAM	“Ecuador has also declared that it is its policy to overcome social and economic imbalances in the population. It is conducting a policy of social inclusion for marginalized sectors. This includes inter alia: health, education, culture, food, and protection for children.”	Negative Praises Ecuador’s social and economic policies instead of holding it accountable for human rights violations.	- 6
CHINA	Not Free	Asian Group, G77	“Its achievements are particularly impressive in the fields of protection of women, children, indigenous peoples, and migrant workers.”	Negative Praises Ecuador instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 6
CUBA	Not Free	GRULAC, NAM	“We would like to express our appreciation for the government for its efforts on behalf of the marginalized, the indigenous peoples, and the people of African descent... What percent of children are still not in the schools system, and what deadline has the government set itself for achieving one hundred percent educational coverage for compulsory, basic, primary education?”	Negative Praises Ecuador, but follows with weak challenge on education policy.	-2

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
FRANCE	Free	EU, WEOG	“What other measures does Ecuador plan to introduce to strengthen the judicial system?... Several countries have inspection and control bodies for the police, designed to reduce the risks of violations of fundamental human rights by the police. Does Ecuador plan to set up a control and inspection body?”	Positive Cautiously challenges Ecuador on its judicial system and police brutality.	4
GERMANY	Free	EU, WEOG	“What steps does the government undertake against the social discrimination of Afro-Ecuadorians who still live up to 70% in poverty and who are largely excluded from the labor market?... The Minister has mentioned that child labor and sexual exploitation as well as malnutrition have lessened... What exactly does ‘lessened’ mean... By what standards and criteria is an improvement in this respect measured?”	Positive Challenges Ecuador on discrimination against Afro-Ecuadorians, child labor and sexual exploitation.	5
GHANA	Free	African Group, AU	“My delegation was particularly interested in learning more about the specific measures which are being taken to ensure the protection of the rights of specific groups such as migrants, the elderly, indigenous, and Afro-Ecuadorian people... We would like to know a little more about the extent to which the new constitutional reforms are going to strengthen the protection of the rights of these groups.”	Positive Weakly and cautiously challenges Ecuador on discrimination against specific groups.	2
INDONESIA	Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“Ecuador has also made critical progress in advancing the rights of women in the political sphere and has expressed an unstinting commitment to fighting corruption and poverty.”	Negative Praises Ecuador instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 5

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
ITALY	Free	EU, WEOG	“We should highlight matters relating to the administration of justice including full independence of the judicial system, combating corruption, and improving prison conditions as recommended by the Committee Against Torture... To eliminate child labor, similarly eradicating gender violence and particularly domestic violence, violence in the family would appear to be an area where the Ecuadorian authorities could concentrate.”	Positive Challenges Ecuador on a list of issues, but without elaborating on nature or specifics of violations.	5
MEXICO	Free	GRULAC	“Gender violence: we would be grateful for information on measures adopted by Ecuador in this respect, particularly domestic violence... I would like to ask the Minister if, in the near term, the process for ratifying the Optional Protocol for the Convention Against Torture will be completed.”	Positive Cautiously challenges Ecuador on gender violence and torture.	4
NETHERLANDS	Free	EU, WEOG	“My delegation would like to know how we will be kept informed on further advances, especially in the area of penitentiary reform and combating discrimination on any ground in practice.”	Neutral Poses generic and cautious challenges.	1
NICARAGUA	Partly Free	G77, GRULAC, NAM	“Ecuador...has shown its commitment to the defense of human rights both at a national and international level... Ecuador and Nicaragua, brother countries, share the same struggle: to build a new state of justice and peace, with equality of rights, where everyone can contribute to building a future of well-being and prosperity for all peoples.”	Negative Praises Ecuador instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 5
PAKISTAN	Not Free	Asian Group, NAM, OIC	“Steps taken by the Government of Ecuador in the fields to empower women and other vulnerable groups...will go along way in integrating these segments into a national mainstream. We particularly commend the government’s resolve to oppose racism, racial discrimination, and xenophobia.”	Negative Praises Ecuador instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 7

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
RUSSIA	Not Free	EE, OIC (observer)	“How [do] you evaluate progress in implementing the National Plan of Action on Human Rights?... What among the measures taken to combat corruption appears to be the most effective?”	Neutral Fails to pose any human rights challenges.	0
SLOVENIA	Free	EE, EU	“Including a gender perspective, how is Ecuador addressing the problem of double discrimination against women belonging to ethnic minorities as well as their lack of political representation?... What concrete steps are being taken to investigate allegations of torture and abuses against sexual minorities perpetrated by security forces?”	Positive Challenges Ecuador on women’s rights and violence against sexual minorities.	5
SOUTH KOREA	Free	Asian Group, JUSCANZ	“We would be interested to know how the Government of the Republic of Ecuador is ensuring or plans to ensure the protection of the rights of indigenous people... We would also very much appreciate it if you could elaborate further on the contents of the Migration Law... We would like to know whether the Government of the Republic of Ecuador has already bought or is in the process of bringing the definition of the offence of torture in the Criminal Code.”	Positive Cautiously challenges Ecuador on several issues.	4

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
UNITED KINGDOM	Free	EU, WEOG	<p>“The UK shares some of the concerns...about the need for further urgent reform of the judicial system in Ecuador... In some cases the autonomy of the judiciary has been undermined. The UK...would like to recommend that the Government of Ecuador takes further appropriate measures to ensure the independence and integrity of the judiciary... [We would like to] highlight concerns about poor prison conditions in Ecuador including overcrowding and the high number of pre-trial detainees, resulting largely from institutional delays. The reports highlight concerns that security forces have acted with excessive force in some cases... The UK welcomes the introduction of Ecuador’s child labor plans and would like to recommend that the Government of Ecuador ensures that these plans are fully implemented, enforced, and evaluated.”</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Challenges Ecuador and makes recommendations on several specific issues.</p>	7
UNITED STATES	Free	JUSCANZ	<p>“We continue to hear reports of impunity in cases involving human rights violations committed by individual elements within the security forces. We would like to ask about the Government of Ecuador’s efforts to prevent excessive use of force and unlawful killings by security forces, and prosecuting of these individuals.”</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Challenges Ecuador on impunity for human rights violations committed by security forces.</p>	5
URUGUAY	Free	G77, GRULAC	<p>“Ecuador has also declared that it is its policy to overcome social and economic imbalances in the population. It is conducting a policy of social inclusion for marginalized sectors. This includes inter alia health, education, culture, food, and protection for children. It has also adopted legislation to ensure equal opportunities for men and women.”</p>	<p>Negative</p> <p>Strongly praises Ecuador’s social and economic policies instead of holding it accountable for human rights violations.</p>	-7

How the U.N. Reviewed Gabon

Reviewed at 2nd UPR Session, 5 May 2008

Background on Gabon: Gabon fails to meet the minimal standards of a free democracy, and ranks only as Partly Free. According to the [NGO compilation report](#), Gabon violates children’s rights and the rights of minorities. In addition, human rights groups have cited Gabon’s violation of the right to free and fair elections, freedom of speech, and women’s rights. (FH 2008) At the UN, Gabon belongs to the African Group, the G-77, the Non-Aligned Movement, and the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
BOSNIA	Free	EE, G77	“What concrete measures and steps have been undertaken by the Gabonese government in order to implement fully the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, to increase awareness of the importance of legal reform for achieving equality for women?... And to consider and implement the CEDAW recommendation related to the forced and early marriages.”	Positive Challenges Gabon on women’s rights.	4
BRAZIL	Free	GRULAC, G77	“Campaigns in the areas of health, education, and labor were launched... Brazil notes the situation of minorities and indigenous people...suffering from discrimination and segregation.”	Positive Praises Gabon, but follows with challenge on discrimination against indigenous peoples.	2
CAMEROON	Not Free	African Group, G77, NAM, OIC, AU	“Our question is to find out from Mr. Ndiaye, what collaboration Gabon may seek from neighboring countries such as Cameroon to address the plight of pygmies and child trafficking as such... Cameroon congratulates Gabon for the creation of the Minister of Human Rights.”	Mixed Praises Gabon. Question fails to pose any human rights challenges.	-1

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
CANADA	Free	WEOG, JUSCANZ	<p>“Canada recommends that Gabon take the necessary provisions...especially the enshrining of gender equality in its constitution as well as the criminalization of domestic violence... Canada also recommends that Gabon carry a public awareness campaign in the police forces, the judiciary, public administration, and population at large on issues of the importance of gender equality... Journalists and members of opposition groups still suffer from restrictions... Canada would like to recommend to Gabon to take measures to ensure follow up to recommendations of the Human Rights Council related to censorship and harassment of a journalist. Canada would also like to see Gabon revoke the laws related to slander and allow civil society to express its views.”</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Strongly challenges Gabon and makes specific recommendations on women’s rights and freedom of expression.</p>	9
CHINA	Not Free	Asian Group, G77	<p>“Gabon has adopted human rights treaties and has adopted a series of laws in order to protect the right to health, the rights of the child, the right to education, and to stem trafficking in human beings.... Gabon has also adopted policies and an action plan to combat poverty, to protect women and children, to promote education in human rights, and also to protect the right to health... [The] greatest difficulty here is economic and social underdevelopment... These are typical difficulties faced by developing countries.”</p>	<p>Negative</p> <p>Strongly praises Gabon instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.</p> <p>Blames human rights problems on “underdevelopment”, rather than government policies.</p>	- 8
CUBA	Not Free	GRULAC, NAM	<p>“The Gabonese government has carried out important projects and plans in order to promote the enjoyment of human rights, in particular [for the] most vulnerable groups, such as children, women, minorities, and disabled persons.”</p>	<p>Negative</p> <p>Strongly praises Gabon instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.</p>	- 8

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
FRANCE	Free	WEOG, EU	“Several NGOs have stressed serious discrimination against indigenous populations. Gabon is not party to the Convention on the Protection of All Persons Against Enforced Disappearances... We would like to make the following recommendation: signing and ratifying the Convention for the Protection of All Persons Against Enforced Disappearances.”	Positive Challenges Gabon on specific issues. Makes recommendation to sign and ratify human rights treaty.	5
GERMANY	Free	WEOG, EU	“We would like to know which concrete measures the government is taking to guarantee the freedom of opinion and expression to all journalists... We would like to recommend to the Gabonese government to accelerate the progress of reform to eliminate discriminatory provisions, especially from the civil and criminal courts, and step up its efforts to increase awareness of the importance of legal reform for achieving <i>de jure</i> and <i>de facto</i> equality for women.”	Positive Challenges Gabon on the issues of women’s rights and freedom of expression. Makes specific recommendation.	6
ITALY	Free	WEOG, EU	“We believe that Gabon should devote special attention to issues of the Rights of the Child and juvenile justices. We would like to recommend to the Government of Gabon to create a juvenile justice system and improve the situation of minors in the area of the judiciary, including the separation of minors from adults in prison.”	Positive Makes specific and concrete recommendation on children’s rights and juvenile justice.	5
JAPAN	Free	Asian Group, JUSCANZ	“We would like to learn what specific measures the Government of Gabon is planning to take so as to improve its health situation... We are also interested to learn more about the measures that the Government of Gabon has so far taken to combat trafficking of children and child labor.”	Positive Questions Gabon on the issues of health, child labor, and child trafficking, though not in form of clear human rights challenges.	2

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
MALAYSIA	Partly Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“We are impressed with the efforts being made in fighting trafficking in children, child labor, the children’s right to health, as well as their right to education... We would appreciate information whether the Government of Gabon has planned for the establishment of a juvenile court... Malaysia supports the request...for the international community to provide the material and financial support needed.”	Negative Praises Gabon and makes plea for international aid to the country. Weakly challenges Gabon on juvenile justice.	- 4
MEXICO	Free	GRULAC	“As far as gender equality, we recommend that the Government of Gabon consider harmonizing civil and criminal codes with international human rights standards, in particular in connection with marriage, family relations, patrimony, and succession... We recommend that the Government of Gabon...criminalize the trafficking of children... We also recommend the prohibition of the worst forms of corporal punishment against children.”	Positive Makes specific recommendations for women’s and children’s rights.	6
NETHERLANDS	Free	WEOG, EU	“We would like to recommend that the delegation of Gabon reports back to the Human Rights Council about concrete steps taken to implement the action plan... The Committee of the Rights of Child remained concerned about weak implementation of the legislation... We would like to recommend therefore to take all necessary measures to ensure that domestic legislation conforms to the principles and provisions of the Convention of the Rights of the Child.”	Positive Makes recommendation on children’s rights.	4

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
NIGERIA	Partly Free	African Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“The awareness-raising and training campaign embarked upon by Gabon in ensuring children’s health, combating trafficking and exploitation of children, as well as protecting women’s rights- is quite commendable. My delegation firmly supports the various steps taken by Gabon to integrate the pygmy population into the mainstream society. We recommend that Gabon should continue to redouble its efforts in this very important endeavor.”	Negative Praises Gabon instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Praise extends to treatment of pygmy population for which Gabon warrants more criticism.	- 8
PAKISTAN	Not Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“We have noted the steps taken by the Government of Gabon to fight child trafficking and exploitation, improve the status of women and children, and raise the health and education standards... Gabon’s national report notes some shortcomings in the area of implementation as well as resource deficits...What kind of international assistance, if any, is required to strengthen the effort in hand?”	Negative Praises Gabon’s progress instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Blames human rights shortcomings on lack of resources rather than government policies.	- 4
PHILLIPINES	Partly Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM	“We particularly commend the focused efforts that the government of Gabon has undertaken to protect the rights of women and children... The statistics in the national report on government efforts to improve the situation of people living with disabilities are impressive... We also encourage Gabon to further strengthen national measures, including through appropriate legislation.”	Negative Praises Gabon instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 7
RUSSIA	Not Free	EE, OIC (observer)	“We have noted with satisfaction that a special association to combat crimes has been created... How do you ensure the protection of the rights of the pygmies?”	Neutral Questions not formulated as clear human rights challenges.	0

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
SENEGAL	Free	African Group, G77, NAM, OIC, AU	“That campaign is intended to set up a human rights culture through training, with particular attention being paid to categories of the population considered most vulnerable, in other words, children, women, and disabled persons... Gabon has unreservedly ratified most of the core instruments on these subjects... Is Gabon envisaging ratifying the Convention on the Rights of All Migrant Workers and their Families?”	Negative Praises Gabon. Weakly challenges Gabon on its failure to ratify treaty on migrant workers.	- 4
SLOVENIA	Free	WEOG, EU	“Slovenia, like some other delegations who spoke before me, is also concerned about the situation of pygmies... We recommend to put an end to the discrimination of the minority and grant them basic human rights... We recommend that Gabon brings detention and prison conditions into line...with the minimum rules for the treatment of prisoners... Slovenia recommends to systematically and continuously integrate gender perspective in the follow-up process to the review... What steps has the Government of Gabon taken so far to deal with the long lasting issue of corruption?”	Positive Challenges Gabon and makes specific recommendations on several issues.	8
SOUTH KOREA	Free	Asian Group, JUSCANZ	“In connection with arbitrary detention, the length of custody and detention, the access of detainees to a lawyer, and the arrest and detention of journalists- in this respect, we would be grateful to you, Mr. Head of Delegation, to be kind enough to explain to us the measures taken by your government to respond to those concerns.”	Positive Cautiously challenges Gabon on several civil and political rights violations.	3

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
UNITED KINGDOM	Free	WEOG, EU	“We recommend that the Government of Gabon accepts the requested visit of the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education... We would be interested to hear any specific plans for new laws to protect women’s rights... Pygmies are still denied numerous basic human rights... The UK also remains concerned about the allegations of arbitrary detention and restrictions on press freedom.”	Positive Challenges Gabon and makes specific recommendations on several issues.	6
UNITED STATES	Free	JUSCANZ	“The international news media have reported on a recent sharp increase of ritual killings, including of young children... What action is the government taking to address this program and bring the perpetrators to justice? Secondly, what steps did the government take to ensure that the April 27 local and municipal elections were free and fair?”	Positive Challenges Gabon on ritual killings, and on fairness of elections.	4

How the U.N. Reviewed Morocco

Reviewed at 1st UPR Session, 8 April 2008

Background: Morocco fails to meet the minimal standards of a free democracy, and ranks only as Partly Free. According to the [NGO compilation report](#), Morocco commits torture, violates women’s rights, children’s rights, freedom of speech, the right to a free and fair trial, the right to asylum, and freedom of peaceful assembly and association. At the UN, Morocco belongs to the G-77, the Non-Aligned Movement, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, and the Arab League.

COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
AUSTRALIA	Free	JUSCANZ, WEOG	“We would be interested in hearing from the state under review their views, approach and support for National Human Rights Institutions.”	Neutral Fails to pose any human rights challenge.	0
BAHRAIN	Partly Free	Asian Group, Arab League, G77, NAM, OIC	“Morocco is engaged in an irreversible process to consolidate the rule of law, democracy, good governance, and sustainable development... The Kingdom of Morocco has invested unstinting efforts in promoting the rights of the child.”	Negative Praises Morocco instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	-7
BANGLADESH	Partly Free	Asian Group, NAM, OIC	“We also commend the government for creating specific institutions for dealing with a specific category of rights. The Rights of the Child is one of such specific priority areas... The request of the country to provide technical assistance to help it [in] capacity-building deserves favorable consideration...”	Negative Praises Morocco instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	-5
BOSNIA	Free	EE	“Morocco has ratified core international Human Rights instruments... Does the legislation of the country have an explicit definition of the principle of equality between women and men as well as discrimination on the basis of sex (as commented by the CEDAW as well)?”	Positive Praises Morocco, but follows with weak, implicit challenge on gender discrimination.	2

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
BRAZIL	Free	G77, GRULAC	“I wish to stress the advancement in the area of equality and discrimination against women, rights of the child, civil liberties and fair trial, consolidation of the rule of law, to name a few... We have some concerns related to the actual implementation of some specific measures... Brazil also welcomes the decision of the Government of Morocco to sign and ratify the Optional Protocol to the CEDAW and aim at ensuring <i>de jure</i> and <i>de facto</i> equality of women.”	Mixed Praises Morocco. Poses weak challenge on discrepancies between Morocco’s laws on discrimination against women and actual implementation.	1
CANADA	Free	JUSCANZ, WEOG	“Journalists risk prosecution and prison, and suspension and prohibition of their publications if they tackle certain subjects... Could you tell us whether there are any plans to enact legislation on defamation and libel?... Does Morocco intend to ensure training for magistrates and judges in order to raise their awareness of the rights of women? Could you please also describe measures taken to comply with the recommendations on the Committee for the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women?”	Positive Challenges Morocco on specific issues of press freedom and women’s rights.	7
DJIBOUTI	Partly Free	African Group, NAM, OIC	“We congratulate the country on the establishment of the different human rights bodies and the full involvement of women in civil life and in political life.”	Negative Praises women’s rights in Morocco when the reality is the opposite.	-5
EGYPT	Not Free	African Group, Arab League, AU, G77, NAM, OIC	“We would particularly highlight the efforts made by the Government of Morocco to consolidate human rights in different spheres, and we would welcome progress made in the respect of religious freedoms.”	Negative Praises Morocco.	-5

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
FRANCE	Free	EU, WEOG	“I would like further information on what your needs are, in terms of technical cooperation, in order for those needs to be taken up and made explicit in the report which the working group is to prepare.”	Neutral Fails to pose any human rights challenge.	0
GERMANY	Free	EU, WEOG	“We would be interested to know more...with regards to specifically strengthening human rights guarantees within the constitution... We would also like to thank the Honorable Minister for the information provided on the state of play regarding the new <i>Code de la Presse</i> and the importance that is reserved to the issue of the protection of freedom of expression... And we would be interested to know if there is already any dates set for the probability of adoption of this law.”	Positive Implicitly raises press freedom and human rights guarantees in Morocco’s constitution, though in generic and cautious manner, and without elaboration.	2
GHANA	Free	African Group, AU	“Worthy of mention is the government’s efforts to boost moral integrity in public life, the adoption of a plan of action to combat corruption, and the establishment of an anti-corruption authority... We wish to endorse the appeal sought by the government, particularly in the areas of capacity-building.”	Negative Praises Morocco instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	-6
INDIA	Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM	“In particular, Morocco’s efforts in designing a national strategy and plan of action on human rights education are noteworthy. In the field of representation of women in the political field Morocco has taken some far-reaching initiatives which have been successful in significantly enhancing the presence of women in parliament.”	Negative Praises Morocco’s progress instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	-6

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
INDONESIA	Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“Morocco in the last few years has pushed forward additional measures aimed at assuring the respect of fundamental freedoms, by among others, enlarging and consolidating the boundaries of democracy as a human rights State... We applaud Morocco for their willingness to cooperate with various bodies of the UN and for its independent national press... We have observed with great interest their strategies which are aimed at more effectively incorporating the constitutionally guaranteed right to gender equality.”	Negative Strongly praises Morocco instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Praise extends to press freedom and gender equality when Morocco is known to be a violator in these areas.	-9
IRAN	Not Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“We have noted with interest the measures taken by the Government to strengthen the process of human rights promotion and protection. I would also like to ask if you could elaborate further on the steps taken by the Government to promote a culture of human rights, as well as the ways and means to protect the rights of the child.”	Mixed Weakly praises Morocco’s progress. Fails to pose any human rights challenge.	-1
ITALY	Free	EU, WEOG	“We would like to note and stress with satisfaction that since 1994 Morocco has implemented a <i>de facto</i> moratorium on the death penalty.”	Negative Praises Morocco for its moratorium on the death penalty instead of holding it accountable for human rights violations.	-3
JORDAN	Partly Free	Arab League, Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“Morocco has remained attached to the implementation of human rights and we can see this through...all of the measures that it has adopted to promote and protect civil, political, economical, cultural, and social rights... Laws have been adopted to help abandoned street children; we have seen amendments made to the Family Code and Labor Code.”	Negative Praises Morocco instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	-6

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
LIBYA	Not Free	African Group, Arab League, AU, G77, NAM, OIC	“The rule of law, democracy, and human development are all cornerstones of the system in Morocco... The constitution of Morocco guarantees all the basic rights for its citizens. All are equal before the law, as well as gender equality.”	Negative Strongly praises Morocco instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Fails to distinguish between Morocco’s laws and failures in implementation.	-9
MALAYSIA	Partly Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“We note with interest the establishment of extensive normative, institutional, and judicial human rights framework and irreversible move towards consolidating the achievements that have been made so far. As a fellow developing country, Malaysia also fully understands the obstacles and challenges faced by Morocco, particularly the economic constraints.”	Negative Praises Morocco instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Assigns blame for human rights challenges on Morocco’s economic situation rather than its policies.	-7
MAURITIUS	Free	African Group, G77, NAM	“The wide ranging legislative and institutional measures taken by Morocco over the last fifty years speak for themselves and clearly demonstrate both the willingness and determination of Morocco to guarantee the fundamental freedoms and rights of its citizens. Morocco mentions...a draft bill on violence against women. My delegation would appreciate obtaining more information on the status of this new legislation and to what extent it will take into account the specific case of domestic violence and the protection of victims of such violence?”	Negative Raises question on domestic violence against women, but this is not a clear challenge as it is preceded by praise of Morocco’s draft law to combat this practice.	-3

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
MEXICO	Free	GRULAC	<p>“We would like to ask about difficulties that the state may encounter bringing to justice those responsible for violations, particularly in the case of enforced disappearance and torture?... We would also like to recommend to the Kingdom of Morocco that they continue, as they have done, to ensure respect of the human rights of all their migrants, whatever their migratory condition... We would also like to recommend that they make progress in their internal processes for ratifying the international instruments signed over the past few years.”</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Raises specific issues of impunity, migrant workers, and ratification of international instruments.</p> <p>Makes a specific recommendation.</p>	4
NETHERLANDS	Free	EU, WEOG	<p>“We commend the country’s efforts to achieve equality between men and women, its lifting of its reservations on certain provisions of CEDAW, and its adherence to the CEDAW Optional Protocol... We commend Morocco for its overall efforts to bring its national legislation in line with its international human rights obligations and we would like to recommend that Morocco continue this process of harmonization, for instance with regard to the reform of the Press Code or legislation of the Right to Privacy.”</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Praises Morocco’s progress, but follows with a recommendation.</p> <p>Makes specific recommendations on press freedom and the right to privacy.</p>	2
NIGERIA	Partly Free	African Group, G77, NAM, OIC	<p>“We welcome the laudable strides Morocco has taken to effectively cooperate with all stakeholders and their demonstrable harmonization of their domestic legislation with international human rights instruments... Nigeria is of the view that it is important for the Council to appreciate the various constraints that stand in the way of Morocco in its efforts towards the progressive realization of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights.”</p>	<p>Negative</p> <p>Praises Morocco’s legislation without noting shortcomings in implementation.</p> <p>Assigns blame for human rights challenges on Morocco’s economic situation rather than its policies.</p>	-6

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
PAKISTAN	Not Free	Asian group, G77, NAM, OIC	“Morocco is a symbol of pluralism, tolerance, and respect for diversity... We have noted how the Moroccan government has nurtured a human rights culture through consolidation of the rule of law, democracy, good governance, and sustainable human development... We commend the steps taken by the Kingdom...to ensure equality between men and women... We would like to ask the Honorable Minister about the steps it has taken to oppose and fight terrorism.”	Negative Strongly praises Morocco instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 9
QATAR	Not Free	Arab League, Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“Human rights are respected and Morocco’s efforts have been acknowledged in the UN system... Morocco is cooperating openly with international bodies... Efforts have subsequently been made to improve the situation in the prison system, and much has also been done to eliminate child labor.”	Negative Praises Morocco’s progress instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	-5
RUSSIA	Not Free	EE, OIC (observer)	“We should stress our high evaluation of the attention paid by the Kingdom of Morocco to the implementation of social, cultural, and economic rights... We would like to particularly note the measures taken to implement the gender perspective.”	Negative Praises Morocco instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 6
SAUDI ARABIA	Not Free	Arab League, Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“We can see the constant commitment and political will of the Government of Morocco to consolidate the human rights of the Moroccan people. This can be seen under the reforms undertaken by the Government of Morocco, and by which it committed to the promotion of the rule of law and sustainable human development.”	Negative Praises Morocco’s progress instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations and need for further improvements.	-5

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
SENEGAL	Free	African Group, AU, G77, NAM, OIC	“I would like, in this respect, to particularly mention the care that you take with incorporating international norms into your domestic legislation, including those of humanitarian law... I would therefore ask, Minister, that you give us an account of the latest progress made in Morocco regarding the respect for the rights of women and for guaranteeing foreigners full enjoyment of rights on an equal footing.”	Negative Praises Morocco’s laws without noting shortcomings in implementation. Question regarding women’s and foreigner’s rights not posed as clear challenge.	-3
SLOVENIA	Free	EE, EU	“A gender perspective shall be fully integrated into the UPR. What has the state done so far to achieve this? We would like to put forward a recommendation to the Government of Morocco, to communicate the withdrawal of reservations [to CEDAW] to the Secretary-General as soon as possible.”	Positive Challenges Morocco on discrimination against women. Makes specific and concrete recommendation.	4
SUDAN	Not Free	African Group, AU, G77, NAM, OIC	“The main challenge [Morocco] encounters in the field of promotion of human rights is the economic constraints... We commend the measures so far being put in place to eradicate rural poverty.”	Negative Praises Morocco for poverty eradication instead of holding it accountable for human rights violations. Pits blame for human rights challenges on Morocco’s economic situation rather than its policies.	-5

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
SWITZERLAND	Free	JUSCANZ, WEOG	“We encourage Morocco to pursue this implementation with determination in order to guarantee the victims’ access to justice and to bring the perpetrators of violence to justice. We also recommend that Morocco ratify the Statute to the International Criminal Court... Morocco is committed...to continue to promote human rights education. Switzerland recommends to Morocco that it, in particular, continue training of law enforcement officials.”	Positive Challenges Morocco on impunity for human rights violators. Makes specific recommendations.	5
SYRIA	Not Free	Arab League, Asian Group, OIC	“We find the Moroccan view to establish a culture for human rights – we find it as an excellent perspective that increases the credibility of all efforts made.”	Negative Praises Morocco instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	-6
UNITED KINGDOM	Free	EU, WEOG	“We would therefore like to recommend that the Government of Morocco sets a date for signature of the [OPCAT]... We remain concerned about reports of censorship and restrictions of the media, with several recent cases of prosecution of prominent journalists. We note that prison conditions remain an issue.”	Positive Challenges Morocco on torture, press freedom, and prison conditions. Makes specific recommendation to sign a protocol on torture.	6
ZAMBIA	Partly Free	African Group, AU, G77, NAM	“After all that has been said by previous speakers, my delegation is left with very little to say but to congratulate the Kingdom of Morocco... My delegation would, however, recommend that the issue of torture...be addressed by the Kingdom of Morocco.”	Mixed Praises Morocco, but follows with weak challenge on torture.	1

How the U.N. Reviewed Pakistan

Reviewed at 2nd UPR Session, 8 May 2008

Background on Pakistan: Pakistan fails to meet the minimal standards of a free democracy, and ranks as Not Free. According to [NGO compilation report](#), Pakistan violates the right to life and liberty, the right to a free and fair trial, freedom of movement, freedom of speech, freedom of peaceful assembly and association, women’s rights, children’s rights, and the right to equality before the law. At the UN, Pakistan belongs to the Asian Group, the G-77, the Non-Aligned Movement, and the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
AUSTRALIA	Free	JUSCANZ, WEOG	“[We are] pleased that political freedoms in Pakistan have improved significantly over the past year... [We] encourage Pakistan to follow through by implementing the commitment and obligations within these [human rights] treaties... Can Pakistan advise if it will also move to ratify the two Optional Protocols on the Convention on the Rights of the Child?”	Positive Praises Pakistan, but also encourages it to implement human rights treaties and sign protocols on children’s rights.	2
AZERBAIJAN	Not Free	EE, OIC	“Pakistan continues its efforts to protect human rights in accordance with international law... The Government of Pakistan is making enormous strides in reducing poverty in the country which is a legacy of the colonial past... We are pleased to see the tangible progress that Pakistan has made in ensuring women’s rights.”	Negative Strongly praises Pakistan instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	-9
BAHRAIN	Partly Free	Arab League, NAM, OIC	“Pakistan has been working tirelessly to consolidate human rights... The government has adopted the national program for maternal and infant health... My delegation highly appreciates the steps taken by Pakistan in the field of education... Could the delegation of Pakistan shed light on the efforts being made by the new government to confirm and enhance freedom of information and the media?”	Negative Strongly praises Pakistan on health, education, and human rights in general instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Poses question that is congratulatory rather than an actual challenge.	- 8

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
BANGLADESH	Partly Free	Asian Group, NAM, OIC	“Human rights are best protected in an environment of plurality, where good governance and the rule of law are well sorted. Media is free... We are happy to note that Pakistan has made considerable progress in all these areas... One of the important indicators of a country’s social progression is the status of women in society. Pakistan has attained enviable success in improving the status of women... My delegation would like to know what measures have been adopted to modernize the education system in Madrassas.”	Negative Strongly praises Pakistan, including on women’s rights that are in fact significantly violated. Question on Madrassas not posed as a clear challenge.	-9
BRAZIL	Free	G77, GRULAC	“The Brazilian Government praises Pakistan for the positive measures and its efforts to face human rights challenges... As recommendation, Brazil wished to propose to the Government of Pakistan to consider acceding to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances,...to consider establishing a national policy of protection of human rights defenders.”	Positive Praises Pakistan, but follows with specific recommendations on signing and ratifying human rights treaties, as well as a generic challenge on the protection of human rights defenders.	2
CANADA	Free	JUSCANZ, WEOG	“Gender discrimination and violence against women remain a problem. Canada recommends the adoption of measures to ensure that victims have access to protection and redress, that perpetrators are prosecuted and punished and that gender sensitivity training be provided to relevant officials. Canada recommends repealing provisions of the Hudood Ordinances that criminalize non-marital consensual sex and fail to recognize marital rape... The second Amendment to the Pakistani Constitution outlaws the Ahmadi religion and the Penal Code allows for the imprisonment of members of the Quadiani, Lhaori and Ahmadi religions for preaching their faith.”	Positive Strongly challenges Pakistan on discrimination and violence against women, the criminalization of consensual sexual conduct, and discrimination against religious minorities. Makes specific recommendations.	8

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
CHILE	Free	GRULAC	“We appreciate the efforts made by the government of Pakistan in the field of gender... We note the act adopted in 2004 which criminalizes honor killings. We feel that it is fundamental that this law be applied as well as the punishment of the acts which it violates. We therefore wonder what is being done by the government of Pakistan to ensure freedom of worship and the integrity of the religious communities.”	Positive Distinguishes between Pakistan’s law against honor killings and its actual implementation. Cautiously challenges Pakistan and makes specific recommendation.	3
CHINA	Not Free	Asian group, G77	“We would like to congratulate wholeheartedly Pakistan for its numerous achievements in promoting economic growth, creating employment, eliminating illiteracy and providing health service... We have taken note of the great attention paid by Pakistan in fulfilling its international obligations and its many legislative and administrative measures in the promotion and protection of human rights of women, children, and handicapped persons... We would like to know how they protect the rights of minorities.”	Negative Strongly praises Pakistan instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Praise extends to women’s rights for which Pakistan deserves censure. Generic question on rights of minorities not posed as clear challenge.	- 8
CUBA	Not Free	GRULAC, NAM	“The heavy burden of centuries of colonialism, the arbitrary division of territory, terrorism and poverty have been only some of the dramatic problems that this noble people have had to struggle against... Commendable effort has been made, for example, in the field of advancing the legal and social status of women... In general, Cuba commends Pakistan on the steps taken to promote and protect human rights. We’d like to ask a question, lastly, concerning Pakistan’s success in reducing child labor in a number of industries in the country.”	Negative Strongly praises Pakistan, including its progress on women’s rights and reducing child labor despite the persistence of grave violations in these fields. Blames Western states and other external factors for Pakistan’s human rights challenges.	- 10

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
EGYPT	Not Free	African Group, Arab League, AU, G77, NAM, OIC	<p>“We are indeed impressed with the significant progress Pakistan has achieved in the field of democracy and human rights...even when facing the most difficult challenges, such as terrorism... We encourage Pakistan to establish an independent national human rights institution... Pakistan has achieved considerable progress in its efforts to eliminate child labor. We would appreciate if the delegation could shed light on the challenges that may still be persisting in this regard... The promotion of blasphemy and adultery are obviously not parts of human rights protection and are hence not recommended.”</p>	<p>Negative</p> <p>Strongly praises Pakistan’s “progress” on democracy, human rights, and the rule of law instead of holding it accountable for failures in these areas.</p> <p>Praises Pakistan’s “progress” on reducing child labor instead of noting that this remains a grave problem. Requests only that Pakistan itself identify challenges on this issue.</p> <p>Comment on adultery appears to be a retort to Canada’s question on Pakistan’s criminalization of consensual sexual activities.</p>	- 8
FRANCE	Free	EU, WEOG	<p>“[On] freedom of religion and conviction, like other delegations, we wonder whether Pakistan envisages further amendments to the Blasphemy Act. [On] administration of justice, we would like to know what steps are being taken to ensure the independence of the judiciary and to foster access for all to justice.”</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Cautiously challenges Pakistan on freedoms and justice.</p>	4

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
GERMANY	Free	EU, WEOG	“Concerns had been raised by CEDAW and CERD that discrimination against women still persists in a number of Pakistani laws... Religious minorities face discrimination by the State and non-state actors. Which measures does the Pakistani Government take to effectively protect minorities?... What measures is the government of Pakistan taking to protect the rights of prisoners?... Some observers have expressed concern at Jum’a (Friday) Sermons in some Pakistani mosques inciting to hatred and violence against various groups inside and outside of Pakistan.”	Positive Strongly challenges Pakistan on issues pertaining to rights of women and minorities, prison conditions, and incitement to hatred and violence in religious sermons.	9
INDONESIA	Free	Asian Group, G77 and China, NAM, OIC	“We note that the government of Pakistan has also sought to further ensure the protection of vulnerable groups such as women, children and minorities... We observe from [Pakistan’s] report that the government has not only sought to assure the economic, social rights but also the civil and political rights of its citizens in a comprehensive and cohesive fashion... We wish to seek further explanation on the steps taken by the government of Pakistan, as well as the best practices in dealing with [the terrorist] threat.”	Negative Praises Pakistan instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Poses question that is congratulatory rather than an actual challenge.	- 8
IRAN	Not Free	Asian Group, G77 and China, NAM, OIC	“The government of Pakistan has indeed made valuable efforts to promote and protect human rights... We commend Pakistan for adoption of national laws in compliance with Islamic Shari’a and internationally recognized standards... We would like also to recommend the esteemed government of Pakistan to increase its efforts and strengthen its policies in fighting against terrorism and extremism, any manifestation of violence, torture ill-treatment, economic exploitation and sexual abuse of women and children .”	Negative Praises Pakistan instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Makes recommendation that is congratulatory rather than an actual challenge.	- 8

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
ITALY	Free	EU, WEOG	“We would like to ask if Pakistan...would consider reducing the scope of offenses for which the death penalty may be imposed and establish a moratorium on executions with a view to abolish the death penalty... We would like to recommend Pakistan to urgently adopt appropriate measures to effectively address the violations of children’s rights especially child labor, prostitution, and trafficking, and to consider the increase of legal age of criminal responsibility... We would like to recommend to Pakistan...the swift ratification of all core instruments of international human rights law.”	Positive Challenges Pakistan and makes recommendations on the death penalty, child abuse, and ratification of human rights treaties.	7
JAPAN	Free	Asian Group, JUSCANZ	“We would like to learn what measures you are planning to take in order to secure freedom of expression, freedom of association and the like... We appreciate the Government of Pakistan for launching various policy measures for the protection of the rights of women. In this regard, what action are you planning to take in order to implement such measures and further monitor them?”	Positive Weakly and cautiously challenges Pakistan on several issues.	2
JORDAN	Partly Free	Arab League, Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“Pakistan has worked towards democracy and human rights. This history started off with the goal of building a moderate, modern democratic state, inspired by its Islamic traditions and its universal humanistic vision, and aimed at making a world and society respecting the universal values of human rights, including the freedom of expression, the freedom of one’s faith, and freedom of association. In the context and framework of the primacy of the justice system, Pakistan has endeavored to advance the causes of men and women and their economic, social, and cultural rights as well as their political rights.”	Negative Strongly praises Pakistan instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 10

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
MALAYSIA	Partly Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“We are impressed with Pakistan’s concrete legal and administrative measures to improve human rights in many fields, as outlined in the presentation and report. We recognize the significant progress and achievements in the areas of poverty eradication, as well as in such areas as education, health, rights of children and women.”	Negative Praises Pakistan instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 8
MAURITIUS	Free	African Group, AU, G77, NAM	“My delegation notes with interest that the report covers extensively the measures taken by Pakistan to uphold family values... The empowerment of women and the promotion of the rights of the child indeed constitute two major pillars of the human rights architecture. My delegation commends Pakistan for paying particular attention to the promotion and protection of the rights of these two groups.”	Negative Strongly praises Pakistan for promoting the rights of women and children instead of holding it accountable for shortcomings in these fields and other gross human rights violations.	- 8
MEXICO	Free	GRULAC	“We recommend that Pakistan accept the visits requested by Special Procedures... We also recommend that Pakistan continue with its appropriate measures to eradicate discrimination and violence against women, including domestic violence, and would appeal to it to strengthen existing measures to thoroughly investigate crimes related to violence against women... We would appeal to it to prevent and fight terrorism, and in so doing to strictly adhere to international human rights law, international refugee law and international humanitarian law.”	Positive Challenges Pakistan and makes specific recommendations on several issues.	5

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
NETHERLANDS	Free	EU, WEOG	<p>“We recognize that Pakistan has made progress on the situation of women within its society by the introduction of the Women’s Protection Act of 2006. We would like to know how Pakistan has implemented and enforced this act in the light of recent trends within its society... My delegation would also like to recommend that Pakistan restore, as soon as possible, all fundamental freedoms...this implies reconfirming the independence of the judiciary and cancelling all remaining charges to human rights defenders... The situation of religious minorities is not necessarily improving. We are especially concerned by the way the Blasphemy Law is invoked in practice.”</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Challenges Pakistan on women and minority rights, and on its suspension of fundamental freedoms.</p> <p>Makes specific recommendations.</p>	7
NICARAGUA	Partly Free	GRULAC, NAM	<p>“Particularly is commendable the efforts to continue a process of political transition towards full democracy and the significant progress in the field of economic, social, and cultural rights... We would encourage, therefore, to continue to endeavor to strengthen its system for the promotion and protection of all human rights, particularly those of women.”</p>	<p>Mixed</p> <p>Praises Pakistan’s progress instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.</p> <p>Makes generic recommendation on women’s rights.</p>	-1
NIGERIA	Partly Free	African Group, G77, NAM, OIC	<p>“The effort of the Pakistani government through affirmative action, to empower women...is quite encouraging... We recognize the difficulties faced by Pakistan, namely serious economic challenges, catastrophic drought conditions hampering the economy, the armed conflict in some regions, the high number of refugees, as well as the high population growth rate. We therefore encourage Pakistan to continue to take the desired steps to address the attendant challenges.”</p>	<p>Negative</p> <p>Praises Pakistan instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.</p> <p>Pits blame for challenges on external factors rather than government policies.</p>	- 6

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
PHILIPPINES	Partly Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM	“We are glad to note that the government of Pakistan has made steady progress in the promotion and protection of civil and political rights as well as economic, social, and cultural rights of its people... We also encourage Pakistan to continue to give utmost attention to combating violence against women and promoting the rights and well-being of children.”	Negative Praises Pakistan’s progress instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	-7
QATAR	Not Free	Arab League, Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“Human rights in the Republic of Pakistan are guaranteed politically and judicially. The constitution guarantees equality and fair justice for all.... The Pakistani legislation contains an abundance of laws and ordinances which give force to the various provisions of international conventions which Pakistan has adhered to. Furthermore, Pakistan has granted special importance to the protection of minorities, disabled persons, women and children... The government of Pakistan acknowledges that tribal and traditional mentalities are an obstacle in front of the enhancement of women and full enjoyment of rights. What are the strategies and policies it intends to adopt?”	Negative Praises Pakistan’s laws instead of noting shortcomings in implementation. Praises Pakistan on its justice system instead of challenging it on the lack of full judicial independence. Only raises challenge that was identified by Pakistan itself in its national report.	- 8
RUSSIA	Not Free	EE, OIC (Observer)	“As stated in the national report, in Pakistan, there are still problems with effective promotion of the full range of the rights of children... We would like to know how the provisions of this law [against corporal punishment] will fit with the criminal code which permits the use of corporal punishment as a disciplinary method in schools. Finally, the CERD some time ago suggested to Pakistan to provide to ethnic and linguistic groups the same status as enjoyed by religious minorities. We would be grateful to the delegation for information on the steps taken by the government in this field.”	Positive Challenges Pakistan on use of corporal punishment in schools. Generically and weakly challenges Pakistan on its treatment of ethnic and linguistic minorities.	4

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
SAUDI ARABIA	Not Free	Arab League, Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“Our congratulations, or rather the congratulations from these two committees [CEDAW and CRC], show our recognition of the efforts made by Pakistan in the field of human rights... Pakistan is one of the first countries to be confronted by terrorism and the efforts in that respect should be recognized... My question is: Pakistan has received a number of refugees over the past decades. But we learn that a decision has been taken to close camps and repatriate the inhabitants. Might not this be opposed to the principle of voluntary return by refugees and prisoners?”	<p>Negative</p> <p>Praises Pakistan instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.</p> <p>Refers to UN committees to praise Pakistan while failing to underline negative aspects raised by these bodies.</p> <p>Addresses one specific issue of concern.</p>	- 6
SENEGAL	Free	African Group, AU, G77, NAM, OIC	“We learned there that economic, social, and cultural rights occupy a significant place in Pakistan’s development strategy. I noted, in particular, the considerable efforts being made by the Pakistani government to improve the status of women, children, and the disabled, as well as progress made in key sectors of education and health... I wonder whether Pakistan envisages ratifying the Convention on the Protection of Migrant Workers.”	<p>Negative</p> <p>Strongly praises Pakistan’s social and economic policies, only citing Pakistan’s national report.</p> <p>Weakly challenges Pakistan on its failure to ratify a treaty on migrant workers.</p>	- 7
SLOVENIA	Free	EE, EU	“We are however concerned that no sufficient measures were adopted to ensure effective implementation of these new laws [on women’s rights]. Neither the definition of discriminations nor the provisions on equality between men and women in the Constitution and other legislation are in line with the convention.”	<p>Positive</p> <p>Notes discrepancies between Pakistan’s laws and their actual implementation.</p> <p>Challenges Pakistan on women’s rights.</p>	5

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
SOUTH AFRICA	Free	African Group, AU, G77, NAM	“The government of Pakistan has acknowledged the existence of deep-rooted tribal and traditional mindsets as constraints in women’s empowerment. What strategies or programs are or will be put in place to overcome this challenge?... Illiteracy is identified as a major challenge in Pakistan. What specific measures does the government intend to take in this regards particularly to ensure that the girl-child accesses education at all levels?... We wish to recommend that the government of Pakistan enhance its efforts in the provision of adequate housing and address the identified backlog in this regard as identified in the country’s report.”	Positive Cites shortcomings that Pakistan acknowledged in its national report.	3
SOUTH KOREA	Free	Asian group, JUSCANZ	“Pakistan has carried out a number of legal reforms in order to eliminate discrimination against women... But CEDAW expressed the concern that no sufficient measures were adopted in order to ensure their effective implementation.... Since more than 250,000 people were to be rendered homeless after a process of eviction and destruction of homes, we were wondering if the delegation could kindly update us on the situation of this population... We would like to join with others in recommending that the government would consider signing the convention [on refugees].”	Positive Cautiously challenges Pakistan on discrimination against women and a specific incident in which Pakistan evicted citizens from their homes. Makes specific recommendation for Pakistan to sign a treaty on refugees.	5
SUDAN	Not Free	African Group, AU, G77, NAM, OIC	“The constitution [of Pakistan] entrenches fundamental rights, thereby guaranteeing their development and progress... The contribution of Pakistan in the multilateral effort to promote and protect human rights merits applaud. We recommend that Pakistan shares its experience in poverty reduction.”	Negative Strongly praises Pakistan instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Makes congratulatory recommendation.	-10

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
SWITZERLAND	Free	JUSCANZ, WEOG	“Switzerland recommends to Pakistan to do everything possible to prevent early marriages and to recognize in its legislation rape within marriage. Switzerland recognizes that Pakistan has a draft law on the protection of children and encourages it to implement it rapidly... The death penalty is still broadly applied in Pakistan. Switzerland... would wish Pakistan to move towards abolishing the death penalty. Switzerland recalls that the rules for fair trial are fundamental, and recommends to Pakistan to respect these as diligently as possible.”	Positive Challenges Pakistan on several specific issues. Makes specific recommendation.	7
SYRIA	Not Free	Arab League, Asian Group, OIC	“Pakistan has an ideal constitution and legal system scarcely to find its counterpart in the developing world... Pakistan’s achievements in the field of human rights are quite conspicuous in, inter alia, the political empowerment of women, including the criminalizing of what is called “honor killings,” social insurance system, housing and the provision of quality education... I would like to have more details about some media reports that Pakistan is considering the deportation or repatriation of some Afghani refugees.”	Negative Strongly praises Pakistan. Fails to distinguish between laws and their actual implementation, e.g., regarding honor killings. Weakly challenges Pakistan on its treatment of Afghan refugees.	- 8
UNITED KINGDOM	Free	EU, WEOG	“We would welcome an update on the bill to establish a national commission on human rights...and would like to recommend such a commission be established in accordance with the Paris Principles... What steps will be taken to monitor and investigate human rights violations perpetrated by the security forces, including illegal and arbitrary arrests, enforced disappearance, extrajudicial killings?... We recommend...a repeal of additional aspects of the Hudood and Zina Ordinances to ensure full compatibility with the CEDAW.”	Positive Challenges Pakistan on several issues and makes specific recommendations.	6

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
ZIMBABWE	Not Free	African group, AU, G77, NAM	“Pakistan is to be applauded for the tremendous strides that it has made in such a short space of time in its transition towards full democracy, despite the many challenges that it faces, chief of which is the menace of terrorism. Parallel to these civil and political reforms, the Pakistani government has embraced a sound economic policy.”	<p>Negative</p> <p>Strongly praises Pakistan instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.</p>	- 10

How the U.N. Reviewed the Philippines

Reviewed at 1st UPR Session, 11 April 2008

Background: The Philippines fails to meet the minimal standards of a free democracy, and ranks only as Partly Free. According to the [NGO compilation report](#), the Philippines violates the right to life and liberty, freedom of speech, the right to work, women’s rights and children’s rights. At the UN, the Philippines belong to the Asian Group, the G-77, and the Non-Aligned Movement.

COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
AUSTRALIA	Free	JUSCANZ, WEOG	“We would be interested in hearing from the Philippines their views, approach, and support for National Human Rights Institutions.”	Neutral Poses question that is not a human rights challenge.	0
AZERBAIJAN	Not Free	EE, OIC	“Azerbaijan commends the efforts made by the Government of the Philippines towards poverty eradication... We also acknowledge certain progress achieved in the Philippines in assuring the rights of vulnerable groups, including women and children, as well as disabled persons.”	Negative Praises progress instead of holding the Philippines accountable for ongoing violations.	- 7
BANGLADESH	Partly Free	Asian Group, NAM, OIC	“[the Philippines] has impressively advanced legal frameworks in place... Coming from a labor-exporting country, we would like to learn from the Philippines: educate ourselves how the Philippines manages migration”	Negative Praises the Philippines instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 4
BRAZIL	Free	G77, GRULAC	“We note advancements in areas such as child rights, human rights education, programs for children belonging to minorities and indigenous peoples, rights of women and children, actions against domestic violence, to name but a few... We are concerned with the issue of extra-judicial killings and enforced disappearances. What are the measures that have been undertaken to address this issue?”	Positive Praises the Philippines, but follows with a challenge on extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances.	2

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
CAMEROON	Not Free	African Group, AU, G77, NAM, OIC	“My delegation would also like to receive information from the delegation of the Philippines on measures adopted to protect street children from different forms of violence that they fall victims of.”	Mixed Poses weak and implicit challenge on street violence, although it is unclear if this is an actual human rights challenge.	1
CANADA	Free	JUSCANZ, WEOG	“While the exact number and true nature of the [extra-judicial] killings remains difficult to determine, estimates vary from anywhere between 250 and 835 political activists, journalists, and others who may have been killed since 2001... We would make the recommendations that the Philippines work to ensure that members of its security forces are made aware of human rights and the role of human rights defenders.”	Positive Strongly challenges the Philippines on the issue of extrajudicial killings. Makes specific recommendation.	6
CHINA	Not Free	Asian Group, G77	“We appreciate the work of the Philippine government in reducing extreme poverty with a community supervision system to assist the poor population... We have hope that the delegation of the Philippines will present, in a more specific way, the issue of trafficking in women and children. This is a major issue confronting the entire world particularly developing countries.”	Negative Praises Philippines for poverty reduction. Poses question that is not an actual human rights challenge.	- 5

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
CUBA	Not Free	GRULAC, NAM	“The Philippines is a developing country confronted by difficulties...for example the percentage that the country has to spend on servicing international debt... Philippines have managed to make considerable progress...particularly through...various ambitious programs and projects aimed at improving the well-being of the people of the Philippines in fields such as health, education, housing, employment, social security, combating poverty, assistance and support to the most vulnerable groups.”	Negative Strongly praises the Philippines instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Assigns blame for human rights shortcomings on external economic issues rather than government policies.	- 8
EGYPT	Not Free	African Group, Arab League, AU, G77, NAM, OIC	“Philippines is well-known for its elaborate system of overseas protection of the rights of migrants and their families... The Egyptian delegation would be interested to hear about steps taken by the Government of the Philippines to ensure the rights of minorities and to create a more inclusive society.”	Mixed Praises the Philippines for protection of its overseas migrant workers. Unclear if question is intended as a human rights challenge.	-1
FRANCE	Free	EU, WEOG	“The cases of enforced disappearance and extrajudicial killings which most affect journalists and human rights defenders are numerous... The Government of the Philippines, could it confirm whether there were children involved in armed movements, particularly the FPA and MILF... What measures are being taken by the government to prevent recruitment and assist the rehabilitation of these children?”	Positive Challenges the Philippines on extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearances, and recruitment of child combatants.	7
INDIA	Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM	“My delegation would wish to learn about how the Government of the Philippines is balancing the positive and negative effects of migration.”	Neutral Fails to pose any human rights challenges.	0

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
INDONESIA	Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, which provides comprehensive services and programs for 1.2 million registered overseas Filipino workers serves as a model for best practices for countries attempting to improve the condition of their migrant workers.”	Negative Praises the Philippines on its program for overseas migrant workers instead of holding it accountable for human rights violations.	- 3
IRAN	Not Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“We also appreciate the valuable efforts and commitments of the Government of Philippines... We would like to ask if the Philippines’ delegation could elaborate further on the best practices to combat human trafficking.”	Negative Praises the Philippines. Poses question that is more congratulatory than an actual challenge.	- 4
ITALY	Free	EU, WEOG	“... We would like to recommend the establishment of an organic legal framework for eliminating gender-based discrimination and promoting gender equality... Italy recommends to continue to address legislative gaps in the field [of] Rights of the Child.”	Positive Makes generic recommendations on women’s and children’s rights.	3
JAPAN	Free	Asian Group, JUSCANZ	“We highly regard the efforts made by the Government of the Philippines in promoting the fundamental human rights of the vulnerable groups, including women... With regard to the issue of extra-judicial killings... we would like to know if there are any other additional measures being contemplated.”	Mixed Praises the Philippines, but follows with weak challenge on extrajudicial killings.	1
MEXICO	Free	GRULAC	“We would also encourage the Philippines to assess the possibility to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and also the Convention on the Protection of All Persons Against Enforced Disappearances.”	Positive Makes specific recommendations to ratify human rights agreements.	4

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
NETHERLANDS	Free	EU, WEOG	“We would like therefore to recommend that further concrete steps are taken to criminalize torture... We would like to recommend that the follow-up report is given about further efforts and measures which will be taken to address extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances.”	Positive Makes recommendations on torture, extrajudicial killings, and enforced disappearances.	5
NIGERIA	Partly Free	African Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“We appreciate the conscious emphasis the Philippines government makes towards guaranteeing the human rights of all its citizens, particularly the vulnerable group... We commend the Philippines for its comprehensive policies and strategies aimed at reducing extreme poverty... We wish to encourage the Philippines to step up its efforts to continue to meet the basic needs of its poor and other vulnerable groups.”	Negative Praises the Philippines instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Makes generic recommendation related more to economic development than human rights.	- 6
NORTH KOREA	Not Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM	“Education, as an essential element of human rights, was further improved, followed by successful implementation of initiatives and programs in a number of areas, such as employment-growth, healthcare and welfare services. We note, with particular interest, the long tradition and high level of women’s participatory inclusion and empowerment.”	Negative Strongly praises the Philippines on social welfare instead of holding it accountable for human rights violations.	- 7

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
PAKISTAN	Not Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“Philippines...has made valuable contributions to the regional and international human rights norms setting, especially in areas such as rights of women, gender equality, and migrant workers. A range of steps taken by the Government of Philippines...have led to the improvement in the human development... The Government of Philippines’ constant effort to address the problems...such as violence against women, treatment of human rights defenders, extra judicial killings and enforced disappearances are welcome steps.”	Negative Praises the Philippines’ progress and initiatives instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 7
RUSSIA	Not Free	EE, OIC (observer)	“We note the ratification by the Philippines of the main human rights treaties and the development of the second plan of action and program on human rights, as well as the judiciary’s abolition of the death penalty... Given that some fifteen percent of the population of the Philippines is representative of indigenous peoples, we would be interested in receiving information on what measures have been taken to protect their rights.”	Negative Praises alleged progress. Raises generic question on the rights of indigenous peoples, but fails to pose specific challenge.	-2
SLOVENIA	Free	EE, EU	“Slovenia is making the following recommendations to the Philippine Government: To enable the visit by the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism... To sign and ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and to sign and ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture.”	Positive Challenges the Philippines and makes specific and concrete recommendations on serious human rights issues.	6

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
SOUTH KOREA	Free	Asian Group, JUSCANZ	“We note the ratification by the Philippines of the main human rights treaties and the development of the second plan of action and program on human rights as well as the...abolition of the death penalty... Given that some 15% of the population of the Philippines are representatives of indigenous peoples, we would be interested in receiving information on what measures are being taken to protect their rights.”	Negative Praises the Philippines. Question on rights of indigenous people not posed as a clear challenge.	- 2
SUDAN	Not Free	African Group, AU, G77, NAM, OIC	“This [policy] shows a very positive engagement with the UN and international community at large to bring about and attain economic and social rights.”	Negative Praises the Philippines’ progress on “social and economic rights” instead of holding it accountable for human rights violations.	- 6
SWITZERLAND	Free	JUSCANZ, WEOG	“Switzerland recommends that the Philippines continues to step up its efforts to investigate extrajudicial executions and to punish those responsible, as well as the strengthening of the witness protection programs.”	Positive Makes specific recommendations on extrajudicial killings and witness protection.	4
SYRIA	Not Free	Arab League, Asian Group, OIC	“Its constitution glorifies the individual freedoms as well as the freedom of expression and belief... Philippines has ambitious plans to address poverty, malnutrition, women’s emancipation, unemployment, human settlements, and the recruitment of children in armed conflict.”	Negative Strongly praises the Philippines, including on issues in which it is known to be a violator.	- 10

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
UNITED KINGDOM	Free	EU, WEOG	<p>“We note that the Philippines has ratified most UN human rights instruments...and implementation of treaty instruments remains a problem... We would like to recommend that the Philippines ratify the [Optional] protocol [against Torture]... Regarding the widespread nature of corruption in the Philippines, what measures is the government taking to ensure that senior figures, as well as low-ranking officials, are brought to justice? We welcome the steps the government has taken to begin to address the issue of extra-judicial killings... We hope that in 2008 these will result in concrete progress, such as successful prosecutions.”</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Challenges the Philippines on several issues.</p> <p>Makes specific recommendation to ratify protocol against torture.</p>	6
UNITED STATES	Free	JUSCANZ	<p>“What is the Philippine government doing to address extra-judicial killings and ensure the prosecution and conviction of perpetrators?... How is the Philippine government ensuring human rights compliance among members of the police and security forces?”</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Implicitly challenges the Philippines on extrajudicial killing and human rights abuses of police and security forces.</p>	4

How the U.N. Reviewed Sri Lanka

Reviewed 2nd UPR Session, 13 May 2008

Background on Sri Lanka: Sri Lanka fails to meet the minimal standards of a free democracy, and ranks only as Partly Free. According to the [NGO compilation report](#), Sri Lanka violates the right to life and liberty, freedom of speech, women’s rights, and children’s rights. At the UN, Sri Lanka belongs to the Asian Group, the G-77, and the Non-Aligned Movement.

COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
AZERBAIJAN	Partly Free	EE, OIC	“Azerbaijan fully supports the endeavors of the Government which aim to preserve territorial integrity and to completely wipe out terrorism and aggressive separatism... One should note the establishment of the National Committee on International Humanitarian Law and the conducting of training on human rights and humanitarian law among armed forces and security personnel... We commend also the successful resettlement of IDPs and efforts to enhance their economic sustainability.”	Negative Strongly praises Sri Lanka instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Praise extends to Sri Lanka’s fight on terrorism and integrity of its security forces when these are issues for which the government warrants censure.	-10
BAHRAIN	Partly Free	Arab League, Asian Group, G77, OIC, NAM	“Sri Lanka, like any other state, particularly developing ones, makes continued efforts in order to eliminate poverty and to strengthen the right of health and education... My delegation would like to get some further information on the human rights concepts which have been included in school teaching curricula.”	Negative Praises Sri Lanka on poverty eradication instead of holding it accountable for human rights violations. Question is not a human rights challenge.	- 5

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
BRAZIL	Free	G77, GRULAC	<p>“We have some concerns related to the implementation of international human rights treaties provisions... What measures have been taken to strengthen the independence, impartiality and effectiveness of the National Human Rights Commission? What concrete steps has the Government of Sri Lanka undertaken to guarantee the rule of law, particularly in the context of the ‘Emergency Regulations’?...[We recommend] ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture.”</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Challenges Sri Lanka on several issues.</p> <p>Makes specific recommendation to ratify protocol on torture.</p>	5
CANADA	Free	JUSCANZ, WEOG	<p>“The human rights situation in Sri Lanka continues to deteriorate... The Government has refused to accept international human rights monitoring. Canada recommends that Sri Lanka provide for the independence of national human rights protection institutions.... Canada recommends that Sri Lanka undertake measures to ensure access to humanitarian assistance for vulnerable populations. Canada recommends that Sri Lanka take measures to protect civilians, including human rights defenders... The TMVP, with which the Government of Sri Lanka is affiliated, continues to have child soldiers within its ranks... Canada recommends that Sri Lanka investigate all allegations of extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary killings and bring the perpetrators to justice.”</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Strongly challenges Sri Lanka on several serious human rights issues.</p> <p>Makes specific and concrete recommendations.</p>	8

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
CHINA	Not Free	Asian Group, G77	“It is especially heartening to note the good progress Sri Lanka has been making towards the MDGs [Millennium Development Goals]... We are convinced that the government will persevere in its efforts to bring the armed conflicts to an end, develop its economy, and continue to actively promote protection of human rights... We recommend that Sri Lanka, with the support of the international community, continues to enhance the capacity building of its national human rights institutions.”	<p>Negative</p> <p>Praises Sri Lanka instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.</p> <p>Makes weak recommendation on capacity-building of human rights institutions, but fails to pose a human rights challenge.</p>	-4
CUBA	Not Free	GRULAC, NAM	“Sri Lanka has achieved considerable successes in the fields of health and education, which Cuba can only welcome... The Office of the High Commissioner should make an effective contribution to strengthening the National Human Rights Commission in Sri Lanka.”	<p>Negative</p> <p>Praises Sri Lanka.</p> <p>Asks that the OHCHR strengthen Sri Lanka’s human rights commission instead of asking that Sri Lanka adhere to the recommendations of this commission.</p>	-4
EGYPT	Not Free	African Group, Arab League, AU, G77, NAM, OIC	“Despite the difficult challenges, Sri Lanka is to be commended for maintaining its vibrant democracy, and for its efforts to build the requisite national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights... We would appreciate to be apprised of the steps taken by the Government of Sri Lanka to uphold and guarantee the rights of minorities and to afford them with protection against military operations by separatists.”	<p>Negative</p> <p>Praises Sri Lanka’s “vibrant democracy” and human rights institutions when the reality is the opposite.</p> <p>Statement on protection of minorities is weak; more critical of separatists than of the Sri Lankan government.</p>	-3

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
FRANCE	Free	EU, WEOG	<p>“Sri Lanka has established a National Human Rights Committee, but the independence is not fully assured yet... Sri Lanka is not a party to the International Convention of all Persons against Enforced Disappearances. France would recommend that Sri Lanka sign and ratify that instrument. Furthermore, France recommends that Sri Lanka adopt measures to shed light on a number of existing forced disappearances... We recommend that Sri Lanka ratify the Rome statute for the International Criminal Court... In line with those recommendations by the Special Rapporteur [on torture], we recommend that those recommendations be implemented according to a set timetable.”</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Challenges Sri Lanka on enforced disappearances, ratification of a statute on the International Criminal Court, and torture.</p> <p>Makes specific recommendations.</p>	7
GERMANY	Free	EU, WEOG	<p>“Germany regrets the Sri Lankan government’s decision to abrogate the cease-fire agreement concluded with the LTTE in 2002... Which concrete measures does the government of Sri Lanka intend to take to compensate for the void created by these developments in terms of monitoring and effectively addressing human rights violations committed in the wake of ongoing civil war hostilities and in anti-terrorist strategies?... Germany recommends that the government of Sri Lanka restore and ensure the independence of Sri Lanka’s National Human Rights Commission in accordance with the Paris Principles.”</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Challenges Sri Lanka on several specific issues.</p> <p>Makes specific and concrete recommendation.</p>	7

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
INDIA	Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM	“The success of Sri Lanka in providing free education to its people is clearly shown... My delegation has noted with interest the fact that the Government of Sri Lanka has established a Steering Group to draft a constitutional charter of rights aimed at reinforcing the values of respect for human dignity of all the people of Sri Lanka... Sri Lanka’s cooperation with the UN System is also noteworthy, and it has played an active role as a member of the Human Rights Council.”	Negative Praises Sri Lanka instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	-7
INDONESIA	Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“Sri Lanka has maintained a continuous supply of essential goods and service to the so-called ‘uncleared areas’ thereby ensuring that the basic needs of its people are met even in times of conflict... My delegation notes that there have been local government elections held in the Eastern Province of the country earlier this year.”	Negative Praises Sri Lanka instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	-6
IRAN	Not Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“We commend the valuable efforts and commitments of the Government of Sri Lanka for the promotion and protection of all human rights... I would like to ask of the esteemed delegation...to improve the human rights situation of women and children especially during the internal armed conflicts... We would also like to encourage the Sri Lanka Government to increase its efforts to strengthen legal safeguards for eliminating all forms of ill-treatment or torture in the prisons and detention centers.”	Positive Implicitly challenges Sri Lanka on the protection of women and children in conflict areas and on torture.	3

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
ITALY	Free	EU, WEOG	“We would like to recommend to Sri Lanka to take active measures in order to put an immediate end to forced recruitment and to the use of children in armed conflicts... We would like to ask if your Government is considering further steps towards a complete abolition of the death penalty... We would therefore recommend to Sri Lanka to allow all UN human rights mechanisms, including the OHCHR, to establish and reinforce their presence in the country.”	Positive Challenges Sri Lanka on the recruitment of child combatants and the death penalty. Makes specific recommendation.	6
JAPAN	Free	Asian Group, JUSCANZ	“Lack of security and restricted movement continues to affect access to education for children. We hope to see the Government of Sri Lanka make further efforts on this matter. The Government of Japan has also been watching the human rights situation in Sri Lanka, including in cases of serious human rights violations such as kidnappings, forced disappearances and extrajudicial killings.... There are recommendations for the Government of Sri Lanka to establish a workable, effective and permanent system for victims and witness protection... We believe that it is a priority for the Government to combat a culture of impunity.”	Positive Challenges Sri Lanka on several issues, including serious human rights violations. Makes specific recommendations.	7
MALAYSIA	Partly Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“Sri Lanka has demonstrated unreserved commitment to enhancing the well-being of its people... We take note of Sri Lanka’s serious efforts through legal, administrative and policy measures... The Government’s efforts in promoting human rights education among its civil service, security forces and general public are indeed praiseworthy... We would appreciate elaboration on how the Sri Lankan Government deals with children who had been rescued...and how they are re-integrated into the society.”	Negative Strongly praises Sri Lanka instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Question is more congratulatory than an actual challenge.	-8

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
MEXICO	Free	GRULAC	“We would appreciate more information on the bill for the Protection of Victims and Witnesses... [We recommend] that Sri Lanka step up its activities to eliminate discrimination against ethnic minorities in terms of enjoyment of the full range of human rights... My delegation would urge that Sri Lanka implement recommendations of various treaty bodies and special procedures to ensure that security measures adopted in the context of armed violence, including a state of emergency, the 2005 emergency laws and measures to combat terrorism acts comply with international human rights norms and principles.”	Positive Challenges Sri Lanka on several specific issues. Makes specific and concrete recommendations.	6
NETHERLANDS	Free	EU, WEOG	“The fight against terrorism will have to remain within the bounds enshrined in the international human rights instruments. In this light, the Netherlands appreciates the engagement of Sri Lanka with the international community and its invitations to Special Rapporteurs to visit the country... We remain concerned about investigations into serious human rights violations, such as abductions, enforced disappearances, arbitrary detention and threats to human rights defenders and journalists.”	Positive Challenges Sri Lanka on several serious human rights violations, but does not elaborate.	4
PAKISTAN	Not Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“Sri Lanka has neither turned away from the democratic path nor stopped following the human rights principles... Sri Lanka has also established an elaborate institutional framework which has played a substantial role in the promotion and protection of human rights... We also recommend the international community to help Sri Lanka in its counter terrorism strategies.”	Negative Strongly praises Sri Lanka instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	-8

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
PHILIPPINES	Partly Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM	“Sri Lanka has made remarkable achievements worthy of emulation not only by developing countries but also by many in the developed world. The Philippines would like to highlight Sri Lanka’s singular achievement in promoting gender equality... All this points to steady, consistent progress in the political, economic, social and cultural spheres... Sri Lanka has quietly built the right environment for...the attainment of humankind’s most cherished aspiration for a better standard of life in larger freedom.”	Negative Strongly praises Sri Lanka instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	-9
RUSSIA	Not Free	EE, OIC (observer)	“We would like to ask how the government took into account the needs to protect human rights during anti-terrorist operations and in dealing with the consequences of the catastrophic Tsunami of 2004.”	Neutral Question fails to pose any human rights challenges.	0
SAUDI ARABIA	Not Free	Arab League, Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“A review of national legislation by the government of Sri Lanka to ensure their conformity with civil and political rights and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflects Sri Lanka’s commitment to promote and protect human rights... What steps have been taken to promote civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights in the case of minorities of your country?”	Negative Praises Sri Lanka instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Question on minorities not posed as a clear challenge.	-2
SLOVENIA	Free	EE, EU	“Slovenia has the following recommendations: To take appropriate measures and award Up-Country Tamils with a full set of civil rights, including the right to vote.... That the task force investigates allegations of forced recruitment of children by the TMVP/Karuna faction and hold accountable any persons found to be in violation... We would recommend that the government promptly invites the UN to establish such a presence in the country.”	Positive Challenges Sri Lanka on several issues. Makes specific and concrete recommendations.	7

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
SOUTH KOREA	Free	Asian Group, JUSCANZ	“The ILO and UN Human Rights Committee, though, have noted certain aspects of personal laws discriminating against women and the absence of a general provision protecting them against discrimination in employment and occupation in the private sector. We would like to kindly ask the delegation to elaborate on any measures taken to address these issues.”	Positive Cautiously challenges Sri Lanka on women’s rights.	4
SUDAN	Not Free	African Group, AU, G77, NAM, OIC	“Sri Lanka has confirmed in the field in practical terms, and not only in words, that the elimination of conflict and rebellion as well as terrorism may in no way undermine or compromise human rights... We recommend that Sri Lanka share its experience as regards the balance fighting rebellion and terrorism and respect for human rights and pursuing economic development.”	Negative Strongly praises Sri Lanka for balancing human rights and the fight against terrorism when the reality is the opposite.	-9
SYRIA	Not Free	Arab League, Asian Group, OIC	“[Sri Lanka] is making steady progress in many vital sectors, particularly in the field of social services, and access to education and quality education... Sri Lanka enjoys a high level of tolerance, religious harmony, and freedom of belief. Furthermore, the country has adopted a range of policies and programs for the empowerment of women. It established a national human rights institution and it has declared that it would consider the introduction of a human rights charter.”	Negative Strongly praises Sri Lanka instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Praise extends to issues in which Sri Lanka has substantial shortcomings.	-9
UKRAINE	Free	EE	“We would like to encourage the government of Sri Lanka to cooperate actively with international mechanisms... We would like to recommend to the government of Sri Lanka to strengthen its Human Rights Commission with the purpose to implement all of its recommendations.”	Positive Poses implicit challenges. Makes specific recommendations.	4

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
UNITED KINGDOM	Free	EU, WEOG	<p>“[We] would like to recommend that Sri Lanka take steps to strengthen and ensure the independence of its human rights institutions, including the National Human Rights Commission in accordance with the Paris Principles... We recommend that Sri Lanka...take steps to verifiably disarm all paramilitary groups... We would like to recommend that a broad range of civil society organizations including from multi-ethnic communities and conflict affected areas in the north and east of Sri Lanka be fully involved in the follow up to this process.”</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Implicitly challenges Sri Lanka on several issues, though fails to elaborate on nature or specifics of violations.</p> <p>Makes specific recommendations.</p>	5
UNITED STATES	Free	JUSCANZ	<p>“We recommend that the government of Sri Lanka reengage with the international human rights monitoring and assisting mechanisms by agreeing to the establishment of an OHCHR field presence whose mandate would allow for unfettered access to monitor and investigate and report to the public on human rights abuses... We would recommend that the government of Sri Lanka assure the adequate completion of investigations into the killing of aid workers... We would recommend that the government continue the small steps taken to demobilize child soldiers...and that there are adequate resources available for disarmament.”</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Makes specific and concrete recommendations.</p>	6

How the U.N. Reviewed Tunisia

Reviewed at 1st UPR Session, 8 April 2008

Background on Tunisia: Tunisia fails to meet the minimal standards of a free democracy, and ranks only as Partly Free. According to the [NGO compilation report](#), Tunisia violates freedom of speech, freedom of thought, conscience, and religion, freedom of peaceful assembly and association, the rights of minorities, and commits torture. At the UN, Tunisia belongs to the African Group, the G-77, the Non-Aligned Movement, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, and the Arab League.

COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
ANGOLA	Not Free	African Group, AU, G77, NAM	“Angola welcomes Tunisia’s efforts to promote fundamental rights and freedoms... Tunisia has made such significant [progress] when it comes to reducing poverty... Tunisia has reinforced its democratic systems further... We would like to know what the impact of reform of the 2006 Press Code has been – the impact of freedom of expression.”	Negative Praises Tunisia’s alleged progress instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 7
AZERBAIJAN	Not Free	EE, OIC	“The direct application of international human rights treaties and their invocation before the national courts is a significant and commendable development... We equally appreciate the measures taken by Tunisia in legislative and practical procedural fields aimed at implementing the recommendation formulated by the treaty bodies.”	Negative Praises Tunisia’s laws and legal institutions, while failing to note shortcomings in actual implementation of these human rights instruments.	- 5
BAHRAIN	Partly Free	Arab League, Asian Group, G77, OIC, NAM	“We commend Tunisia for the report. It shows the importance Tunisia attaches to human rights... I can not but praise the measures which were described, particularly the strengthening of the role of the Supreme Council on Human Rights in line with the Paris Principles.”	Negative Praises Tunisia instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 6

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
BANGLADESH	Partly Free	Asian Group, NAM, OIC	“Human rights is best protected in an environment of plurality, where good governance and the rule of law is well-rooted, [the] judiciary is independent, and the media is free. In all these areas, the Tunisian record and reputation is praiseworthy... Tunisia has made tremendous progress in recent years in socioeconomic development... Tunisia has achieved enviable success in improving the status of women.”	Negative Strongly praises Tunisia instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Praise extends to issues in which Tunisia warrants much criticism.	- 10
BOSNIA	Free	EE, G77	“In this report we recognize a positive-oriented and objective self-assessment... We especially welcome the announcement of the new decision by the government of Tunisia in order to enhance the process of human rights protection and to consider cooperation with the UN and regional bodies.”	Negative Praises Tunisia’s alleged progress instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 4
BRAZIL	Free	G77, GRULAC	“How do the Tunisian authorities assess the implementation of such advancements in the promotion of freedom and peaceful coexistence of religions and beliefs? What are the major advancements in the promotion of women’s rights, and what concrete impact have these legal measures had to ensure the advancement of social and political status of women, as well as the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women?”	Positive Cautiously challenges Tunisia on freedom of religion and women’s rights.	2
CANADA	Free	JUSCANZ, WEOG	“We join with Latvia in its recommendations regarding cooperation with the mechanism to combat torture... Could [the Tunisian delegation] perhaps elaborate on measures to be taken by the government relating to questions raised on the independence of the judiciary?”	Positive Poses weak challenges on torture and judicial independence.	4

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
CHINA	Not Free	Asian Group, G77	“Tunisia works constructively for the protection and promotion of civil and political rights, economic social and cultural rights, and the right to development. It cooperates well with human rights treaty bodies and the Human Rights Council.”	Negative Praises Tunisia on several issues instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 7
CUBA	Not Free	GRULAC, NAM	“It’s committed to continuing economic development and its achievements here have been impressive, in spite of difficult international circumstances... We would encourage Tunisia, and recommend that they continue along the path that has distinguished them in the field of economic, social, and cultural rights, particularly in the empowerment of Tunisian women.”	Negative Strongly praises Tunisia instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	-8
DJIBOUTI	Partly Free	African Group, NAM, OIC	“You say that Tunisia is recognized as a model country for the progressive achievement of social and cultural rights. We would like to confirm this because Djibouti has drawn inspiration from the Tunisian model to better develop its conceptual framework for combating poverty.”	Negative Praises Tunisia instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	-6
EGYPT	Not Free	African Group, Arab League, AU, G77, NAM, OIC	“This report on human rights very largely reflects the huge progress achieved by this brother country... When it comes to women’s rights and children’s rights, we would be grateful for more details...in order to ensure that the country can encourage its social renaissance.”	Negative Praises Tunisia’s alleged progress instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	-6

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
FRANCE	Free	EU, WEOG	“I would like to raise two points... The first relates to respect for the rights of children and their protection: I would like to know what additional measures Tunisia might implement. And the second relates to the activity of NGOs working in the human rights field: I would like to know how Tunisia intends to facilitate the work of these NGOs.”	Positive Implicitly addresses children’s rights and NGO operations, though in generic and cautious manner.	2
GHANA	Free	African Group, AU	“We commend, in particular, recent measures taken by the government...and recent amendments in its code of penal procedure, aimed at respecting the rights of suspects during trial procedures. We also note the positive developments in the promotion of women’s rights... With the level of commitment demonstrated by the Government of Tunisia to create a conducive environment to the enjoyment of economic, social, and cultural rights of its people, the international community owes it as a duty to assist it.”	Negative Strongly praises Tunisia instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 9
INDIA	Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM	“My delegation would like to commend Tunisia for its comprehensive efforts to integrate the study of human rights into all levels of its education system, as well as law enforcement and health agencies. The emphasis given and respect for pluralism and tolerance in Tunisia’s fight against incitement to racial and religious hatred is indeed praiseworthy. We also join in Tunisia’s call to the international community to give top priority to combating the menace of terrorism.”	Negative Praises Tunisia instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 7

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
INDONESIA	Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“Tunisia is working in partnership with civil societies and NGOs vigorously promoting freedom of the press, is continuing enhancing the independency of its judiciary and promoting social and cultural rights, such as the right to education and health, and for the efforts to eradicate poverty.”	Negative Strongly praises Tunisia instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 8
IRAN	Not Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“We commend the valuable efforts and strong commitments of the Government of Tunisia for the promotion and protection of all human rights... I would also like to ask if you could elaborate further on the steps taken by the Government to face the effects of globalization.”	Negative Praises Tunisia instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Implicitly blames human rights shortcomings on globalization rather than Tunisia’s policies.	- 6
ITALY	Free	EU, WEOG	“We welcome the announcement made by his Excellency the President of Tunisia to confirm the <i>de facto</i> moratorium on the death penalty.”	Negative Praises Tunisia’s abolition of the death penalty instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 3
JAPAN	Free	Asian Group, JUSCANZ	“Tunisia is an ever more democratic society which is demonstrating major compliance with human rights in the Arab world. The status of women is also very high in the country... Combating terrorism is an urgent matter; we are interested to know how Tunisia intends to achieve this objective whilst complying with human rights? How does Tunisia intend to continue to promote rights of freedom of association? How does Tunisia intend to develop its relations with NGOs?”	Positive Strongly praises Tunisia, but also poses weak and implicit challenges on freedom of association, NGO activities, and counterterrorism strategies.	2

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JORDAN	Partly Free	Arab League, Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“In the context of multilateral communications with Tunisia, we would like to pay special tribute to the special efforts of Tunisia... We would like [the Minister] to continue working on the enhancement of the dialogue between civilizations and religions.”	Negative Praises Tunisia. Recommendation is not an actual human rights challenge.	- 3
LIBYA	Not Free	African Group, Arab League, AU, G77, NAM, OIC	“Politically, socially, culturally, and economically speaking, Tunisia has done a great deal to promote human rights, and we note that freedom of expression is guaranteed for all [and] the judiciary is independent, pluralism is a real fact in Tunisia, and human rights are promoted in real programs and curricula.”	Negative Strongly praises Tunisia in several areas, such as freedom of expression, where Tunisia in fact deserves censure.	-10
MADAGASCAR	Partly Free	African Group, AU, G77, NAM	“Your country has been able to reduce poverty because of its comprehensive economic approach... My delegation also welcomes the adoption of the UN General Assembly of the Global Solidarity Plan, which was initiated by Tunisia.”	Negative Praises specific policies of Tunisia instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 5
MALAYSIA	Partly Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“Tunisia has ratified nearly all the international human rights instruments. Towards this end, Tunisia has undertaken various measures to give effect to these instruments... We note that Tunisia in its National Report has highlighted the international dimension of the challenges faced by the Government in consolidating progress in human rights promotion and protection, which includes terrorism, extremism, and abuses by media and perverse effects of globalization.”	Negative Praises Tunisia instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Fails to note discrepancies between Tunisia’s legal institutions for human rights and actual implementation. Blames human rights challenges on external actors rather than Tunisia’s policies.	- 8

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
MEXICO	Free	GRULAC	“The Minister talked of progress in gender equality, and we therefore recommend that they withdraw reservations on the Convention of the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women... We recommend in particular that consideration be given to cooperation with bodies connected with combating torture... We would like to ask the Minister whether there is any reform to the Law on Associations contemplated.”	Positive Challenges Tunisia on women’s rights, torture, and freedom of association. Makes specific and concrete recommendations.	6
NETHERLANDS	Free	EU, WEOG	“We welcome the statement that was recently made by President Ben Ali that the death penalty will no longer be executed in Tunisia... We would like to emphasize the importance of the implementation in practice of the safeguards available under Tunisian law against torture and ill-treatment.”	Positive Praises Tunisia for its elimination of the death penalty. Weakly and cautiously challenges Tunisia on torture.	2
NIGERIA	Partly Free	African Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“We commend Tunisia for...the progress it has made in advancing the rights of women, children, and indeed its poverty agenda in general. We recognize Tunisia’s successes in guaranteeing civil and political rights, media pluralism and independence of the judiciary as well as wide ranging economic and social rights... We therefore wish to urge Tunisia to highlight those areas in which the government needs technical support and assistance to achieve these laudable objectives.”	Negative Strongly praises Tunisia, including on issues where it deserves censure. Blames human rights shortcomings on lack of government capacity, and argues that the solution lies in external aid rather than a change in Tunisia’s policies.	- 10

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PAKISTAN	Not Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“I would particularly like to stress the modifications and amendments to the constitution to strengthen the protection of human rights... Tunisia’s achievements in the field of human rights are well known.”	Negative Praises Tunisia instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 6
PHILIPPINES	Partly Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM	“We believe that we can learn from Tunisia’s best practices in promoting and protecting human rights in the age of globalization... As the Philippines is unfortunately not French speaking, we would appreciate if Tunisia can briefly identify the salient features of the law... On the theme, ‘The Age of Enlightenment in Europe’ used in Tunisian religious instruction manuals...the Philippines would appreciate if Tunisia can elaborate on how this theme relates to religious instruction...rather than of history or philosophy.”	Negative Praises Tunisia. Raises issues unrelated to human rights, including request that Tunisia provide a translation of its law.	- 3
QATAR	Not Free	Arab League, Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“Tunisia has ratified most of the relevant instruments and conventions dealing with human rights... Also note that Tunisia is seeking to reinforce the bodies which are seeking to promote human rights... There is an ever-increasing number of NGOs in the country, and this is not anything odd for Tunisia, which welcomes NGOs.”	Negative Praises Tunisia, including on its welcoming of NGOs, when the reality is the opposite.	-7
RUSSIA	Not Free	EE, OIC (observer)	“This demonstrates Tunisia’s commitment to fundamental democratic values, and Tunisia’s readiness to work to protect and promote human rights... NGOs working in the area of human rights enjoy particular support on behalf of the Tunisian government.”	Negative Praises Tunisia on its commitment to democracy and support of NGOs, when the reality is the opposite.	- 6

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SAUDI ARABIA	Not Free	Arab League, Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“Tunisia has worked a real renaissance in terms of promotion and protection of human rights. I should stress that the Tunisian constitution has always considered that international commitments prevailed over the constitution... Tunisia, I should point out, has just said that they intend to review the mandate of the Supreme Council... Will this reform still reflect the Paris Principles?”	Negative Praises Tunisia instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Question on Tunisia’s human rights institution not posed as clear challenge.	- 5
SENEGAL	Free	African Group, AU, G77, NAM, OIC	“Speaking of human rights in Tunisia, we must think of the position of women... I would like to hear from you insofar as possible on account of efforts made to ensure that progress made is irreversible.”	Negative Recommends that Tunisia’s progress on women’s rights be “irreversible,” but fails to hold Tunisia accountable for ongoing shortcomings in this field.	- 3
SLOVENIA	Free	EE, EU	“CEDAW expressed concern at the lack of legal remedies or court decisions in which women have obtained redress. Has the Government of Tunisia already adapted appropriate measures to ensure women’s equal access to paid employment?”	Positive Challenges Tunisia on specific issue of women’s rights.	4
SOUTH AFRICA	Free	African Group, AU, G77, NAM	“The preservation of life through the abolition of the death penalty is herewith commended... Of interest to my delegation is the impressive economic policy.”	Negative Praises abolition of death penalty and economic development instead of holding Tunisia accountable for human rights violations.	- 5

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SOUTH KOREA	Free	Asian Group, JUSCANZ	“My delegation believes Tunisia fully deserves CEDAW’s positive assessment about the practice of women’s rights... In the mean time, we note that the Tunisian government still retains several reservations with the respect [to] the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women. My delegation expects the Tunisian government will give this issue more thorough consideration in order not to discredit its good reputation in women’s status in the society.”	Positive Praises Tunisia’s progress on women’s rights, but follows with call for additional measures.	3
SUDAN	Not Free	African Group, AU, G77, NAM, OIC	“Requesting that Special Rapporteurs visit the country, I think this is worthy of praise, so is the fact that the Paris Principles are being applied and, in particular, we should welcome the withdrawal of reservations to certain human rights instruments, in particular the CEDAW convention.”	Negative Praises Tunisia on a number of specific issues instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 7
SYRIA	Not Free	Arab League, Asian Group, OIC	“We note what was mentioned about the fields of health, education, and the status of women... Tunisia’s concern regarding these fields have been applauded by many international organizations.”	Negative Praises Tunisia instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 6
UKRAINE	Free	EE	“I should like to note the broad based consultations that the government undertook, in particular consulting with civil society in order to draft this report... You mentioned the huge threat constituted by terrorism, extremism, and excesses in the media. What measures is the government going to take to deal with these challenges?”	Negative Praises Tunisia. Poses question that is congratulatory rather than an actual human rights challenge.	- 3

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UNITED KINGDOM	Free	EU, WEOG	“The U.K. notes the concerns expressed on freedom of expression... We note the requirements of the registration of political parties and civil society organizations as well as the holding of public meetings... Given that Tunisia has signed the Optional Protocol on the Convention Against Torture, we also recommend that they set a date for ratification... The U.K. welcomes the creation of independent bodies to monitor human rights in Tunisia... We strongly encourage the government to work closely with these bodies.”	Positive Challenges Tunisia on freedoms of expression and association, torture, and human rights institutions. Makes specific and concrete recommendation.	6
UNITED STATES	Free	WEOG, JUSCANZ	“There have been reports of NGOs and unions that have attempted to register their organizations with the government only to have the relevant government organization refuse to accept their application or issue a receipt... There are concerns about the government seizing and preventing distribution of domestic newspapers when it has found articles or photos contrary to government policies... Election-specific laws outlining eligibility requirements have been issued a few months prior to elections, giving candidates limited time to prepare and campaign.”	Positive Strongly challenges Tunisia on specific human rights violations, including NGO rights, freedom of the press, and problematic election laws.	8
ZAMBIA	Partly Free	African Group, AU, G77, NAM	“We have noted the achievements and important strides that have been made by the government of Tunisia... My delegation would like to find out what measures the government of Tunisia has put in place to insure that the media is independent and operates in an environment that promotes and protects freedom of opinion and expression.”	Positive Praises Tunisia’s progress, but follows with weak challenge on press freedom.	2

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ZIMBABWE	Not Free	African Group, AU, G77, NAM	“We welcome the strides that have been taken by Tunisia in the field of human rights, particularly the decision of the government to introduce human rights curriculum in the education system. We also welcome the announcement made by the government of Tunisia to consider visits by Human Rights Watch to prison... We would kindly ask the Tunisian delegation as to what extent the government intends to authorize such visits by Tunisian NGOs to prisons in Tunisia.”	<p>Negative</p> <p>Praises Tunisia.</p> <p>Question fails to pose clear challenge; lead-up to question bestows praise on Tunisia for allowing Human Rights Watch to conduct prison inspections.</p>	-3

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Reviewed at 2nd UPR Session, 9 May 2008

Background on Uzbekistan: Uzbekistan fails to meet the minimal standards of a free democracy, and ranks as Not Free. According to the [NGO compilation report](#), Uzbekistan violates the right to life and liberty, the right to peaceful assembly and association, the right to free and fair trial, children’s rights, women’s rights, freedom of speech, and freedom of thought, conscience, and religion, and commits torture. At the UN, Uzbekistan belongs to the Asian Group, the Non-aligned Movement, and the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
ARGENTINA	Free	G77, GRULAC	“We see that there are persistent and entrenched cultural stereotypes concerning the role of women in society in Uzbekistan and, in this connection, Argentina would recommend that Uzbekistan consider the possibility of adopting legislation which would promote gender equality... We have the same concern with respect to the situation that exists in the labor sphere concerning lower pay levels for women.”	Positive Challenges Uzbekistan and makes specific recommendations on women’s rights.	4
AZERBAIJAN	Partly Free	EE, OIC	“[Uzbekistan] started from the beginning a difficult way of transitioning towards constructing a society based on democratic values where the respect of the rule of law should be granted and human rights and fundamental freedoms for all must be ensured.... We welcome further the efforts made by Uzbekistan such as education, combating human trafficking, eradicating poverty, health protection, and children’s rights... Azerbaijan commends the efforts of Uzbekistan to guarantee the rights of women.”	Negative Strongly praises Uzbekistan instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	-9
BAHRAIN	Partly Free	Arab League, Asian Group, G77, OIC, NAM	“Uzbekistan continues to make efforts to eliminate discrimination against women and children and to promote the right to education and to spread a culture of human rights... We would like to commend Uzbekistan on the human rights awareness campaign... We would like to seek clarification on child labor in the plantation field.”	Negative Praises Uzbekistan instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Poses weak and implicit challenge on child labor.	-7

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BANGLADESH	Partly Free	Asian Group, NAM, OIC	“There have been increases in women’s representation in the legislative as well as the administrative bodies, a very high rate of literacy, and a mandatory primary and secondary education. [These] are two among other successes... Its efforts need to be complimented by the international community.”	Negative Strongly praises Uzbekistan. Recommendations serve as encouragement rather than addressing challenges.	-8
BRAZIL	Free	G77, GRULAC	“We also recognize the important achievements in the fields of social, economic, and cultural rights... What measures have been taken by the Uzbekistan authorities to address domestic violations against women?... The following recommendations: to fully implement the national strategy combating child labor,...the ratification of the following protocol on the Convention against Torture.”	Positive Praises Uzbekistan, but follows with questions and specific recommendations on a few issues.	3
CANADA	Free	JUSCANZ, WEOG	“The violent quelling of a demonstration in Andijan in May, 2005 resulting in the deaths of many civilians and detentions is very disturbing... Canada recommends that Uzbekistan...establish an independent, international commission of inquiry [on the Andijan events]... Canada recommends that the Uzbekistan government ensures compliance with international child labor standards... There have been serious allegations of the use of torture ... Canada further recommends that Uzbekistan release all detainees of human rights defenders and political prisoners... Canada recommends that Uzbekistan adopts effective measures to prevent any harassment or intimidation for all those exercising the rights of opinion and expression... Canada recommends that Uzbekistan takes effective measures to combat violence against women.”	Positive Strongly challenges Uzbekistan on a list of human rights violations. Makes specific and concrete recommendations.	10

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CHILE	Free	G77, GRULAC, NAM	“Occurrences in Andijan in May, 2005 and regrettable events which occurred subsequently inspire us to focus our statements on these serious situations... The extent of this tragedy requires a more open and cooperative attitude on the part of the Uzbek authorities. This has been aggravated by denunciations by a high number of summary executions, torture, and arbitrary trials which are lacking procedural guarantees. What is more, in respect to torture, the Uzbek authorities obstructed later monitoring of these events... There should be exercise of freedom of expression, association, assembly, and the rights to participate in public life and policy, and all this should be ensured by lifting, once and for all, the restrictions on local and foreign press.”	<p>Positive</p> <p>Uses unequivocally condemnatory language from the start of the statement to the end.</p> <p>Strongly challenges Uzbekistan for various human rights violations, especially with regards to the Andijan massacre and aftermath.</p> <p>Makes specific recommendations.</p>	10
CHINA	Not Free	Asian Group, G77	“Uzbekistan has been committed to democratic reform, modernization, established a system to review and protect human rights and the freedoms, and has made a series of achievements in the improvements of people’s livelihood, promotion of economic, cultural, and social rights and human rights legislation.... The government prohibits all forms of discrimination... Since their independence, there has not been a single ethnic or religious conflict.”	<p>Negative</p> <p>Strongly praises Uzbekistan instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.</p> <p>Argues that there has been no religious conflict, failing to note government repression of religious freedom.</p>	-10

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CUBA	Not Free	GRULAC, NAM	“We’d like to underscore... a constant increase in budgetary allocations to develop the social sphere: education, health, assistance to disabled persons and low income individuals... We note with satisfaction the efforts made and the results achieved by Uzbekistan in the area of the promotion and protection of women’s rights... [Recommendation:] Strengthening of measures already taken in place to prevent and combat trafficking in women.”	Negative Strongly praises Uzbekistan instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Recommendations praise Uzbekistan’s progress rather than pose actual challenges.	-9
EGYPT	Not Free	African Group, Arab League, AU, G77, NAM, OIC	“We take note with appreciation the commitment of the government of Uzbekistan to the effective realization of the economic, cultural, and social rights of all its citizens... We also welcome the steps taken by the government in the area of guaranteeing children and women’s rights... Recommendation: that the government of Uzbekistan should adopt and strengthen measures to prevent and combat trafficking in women.”	Negative Praises Uzbekistan instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Recommendations fail to clearly challenge Uzbekistan’s policies.	-6
FRANCE	Free	EU, WEOG	“What measures have they taken to implement the habeas corpus law?... The freedom of assembly is guaranteed by the constitution, but there are some restrictions, in particular since the Andijan events, which has made it particularly difficult for human rights defenders to organize events.... France recommends that Uzbekistan should broaden the area of freedom of the media... France therefore recommends that Uzbekistan take every necessary measure to prevent ill treatment and torture... France recommends that Uzbekistan implements commitments with regards to freedom of religion.”	Positive Strongly challenges Uzbekistan on various violations of civil and political rights. Makes concrete and specific recommendations.	9

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GERMANY	Free	EU, WEOG	“Germany remains concerned about the inadequate conditions of prisons and reports by UN bodies and states that suggest a large scale prevalence of inhuman and degrading treatment of detainees, including torture by law enforcement officials... Germany recommends that the government of Uzbekistan immediately ceases all public support for the employment of children, and that the government publicly condemns and effectively combats all forms of child labor.”	Positive Challenges Uzbekistan on prison conditions, torture, and child labor.	7
INDIA	Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM	“We would like to commend Uzbekistan for the progress made towards the promotion and protection of human rights... My delegation notes with interest the reforms recently introduced, particularly the adoption of laws strengthening the roles of political parties and further democratization.”	Negative Praises Uzbekistan’s progress instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	-7
INDONESIA	Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“Uzbekistan is a nation who, following its independence, has been striving its efforts to enhance its economic development for its people... My delegation particularly commends Uzbekistan for their recent efforts to enhance the guarantees protecting the rights of children... We have also noted the rights of women have been given precedence.”	Negative Praises Uzbekistan, including on women’s and children’s rights, despite fact that it has not taken necessary actions against child labor and domestic violence.	-8
IRAN	Not Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“We commend the efforts and commitments of the government for promotion and protection of human rights... We consider, in particular, initiatives for human rights education as an important step... We also appreciate the efforts made by the government to protect the rights of the child, to combat HIV/AIDS, and to tackle domestic violence.”	Positive Strongly praises Uzbekistan instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	-9

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ITALY	Free	EU, WEOG	“The release of human rights defenders...introduction of habeas corpus...these are developments that Italy welcomes... We recommend to Uzbekistan the adoption of adequate measures for the protection and promotion of religious freedom in order to ensure an effective freedom of worship for all religious communities... Italy is concerned by the widespread practice of enforced child labor.”	Positive Praises Uzbekistan’s progress, but follows with challenges and recommendations on freedom of religion, freedom of expression, and child labor.	5
JAPAN	Free	Asian Group, JUSCANZ	“Japan would have to express its concern on the reported continued torture... Japan would also have to express its apprehension about Uzbekistan’s human rights situation regarding trafficking of women and children and child labor... Japan is obligated, therefore, to urge the Uzbek government to take specific and concrete measures to protect freedom of expression.”	Positive Challenges Uzbekistan on torture, human trafficking, child labor, and freedom of expression, though without much elaboration.	6
MALAYSIA	Partly Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“As a fairly new democracy, Uzbekistan has taken considerable measures and expended serious efforts in institutionalizing international human rights norms... Malaysia also notes that much international attention and scrutiny has been focused on Uzbekistan in light of the events that transpired in the province of Andijan in 2005. While regretting and being saddened by the loss of life and property that resulted, Malaysia is of the view that the international community should welcome the cooperation and transparency shown by the government of Uzbekistan, and underscores the issues that impinge on the integrity and sovereignty of the state fall within the efforts of the state’s own prerogatives... My delegation proposes the following recommendation...to continue its efforts promoting and nurturing a vibrant civil society.”	Negative Strongly praises Uzbekistan. Explicitly argues that Uzbekistan should not be criticized for the events surrounding the Andijan massacre and praises the transparency of government in dealing with this issue when the reality is the opposite. Recommendations serve as congratulations and encouragement rather than actual challenges.	-10

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MEXICO	Free	GRULAC	“Mexico very much values these actions in the sense that they are decisive steps towards fostering the process of democratization... Mexico would like to recommend that the criminal code be amended so as to ensure that the definition of torture and the severity of penalties related to it faithfully reflect what is set out in that Convention [against Torture]... We would respectfully recommend...that also there be a clarification in an impartial and independent manner with the support of a judicial mechanism of the events of Andijan in 2005.”	Positive Praises Uzbekistan’s progress, but follows with challenges and specific recommendations on a few issues.	5
NETHERLANDS	Free	EU, WEOG	“Some other human rights offenders still remain in prison... We would also like to recommend that Uzbekistan insists against reports of assaults and harassments against human rights defenders... We would like to recommend that Uzbekistan takes further practical measures to ensure the effectiveness of the absolute prohibition on torture... We would like to recommend that Uzbekistan fully respects the freedom of religion or belief and expression... We would like to recommend that Uzbekistan...monitor and guarantee full compliance with international child labor standards.”	Positive Challenges Uzbekistan on a variety of human rights violations. Makes specific recommendations.	8
NICARAGUA	Partly Free	GRULAC, G77, NAM	“Uzbekistan is a country with a young democracy... Nicaragua would like to recognize and congratulate the government of Uzbekistan on its countless efforts made to guarantee true rule of law for its citizens... Nicaragua would like to commend Uzbekistan for the provisions its made in the area of education.”	Negative Strongly praises Uzbekistan instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	-9

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NIGERIA	Partly Free	African Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“Some achievements are worth noting. For instance, the creation of national centers for human rights, the introduction of human rights education in schools, the progress made in educational reform, and the abolition of the death penalty... More needs to be done... We call on the international community to provide urgently needed assistance to Uzbekistan.”	Negative Praises Uzbekistan instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Issues raised serve as call for international aid to Uzbekistan rather than actual challenges.	-8
PAKISTAN	Not Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“Uzbekistan is a young democracy and has made sturdy progress to establish a rule-based society... We particularly welcome newly taken legislative steps to eradicate torture, protect the rights of children and women...responsible use of media and infusion of human rights education.”	Negative Strongly praises Uzbekistan’s progress instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	-9
PHILIPPINES	Partly Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM	“We note the establishment of habeas corpus guarantees... The national report indicates that there are a number of national human rights institutions... Law enforcement agencies likewise have departments for human rights protection... Uzbekistan dedicates a significant portion of its GDP to education... We would like to ask the delegation what measures have been implemented to improve gender equality.”	Negative Praises Uzbekistan. Fails to distinguish between policies and institutions and their actual effects. Question and recommendations are not clear challenges.	-9
QATAR	Not Free	Arab League, Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“Uzbekistan also offers protection for freedom of religion and belief. Various religious groups practice their religious rights freely in view of laws promoting religious and racial tolerance. Laws have also been enacted to further promote and protect freedom of the press. This has led to the proliferation of media.”	Negative Strongly praises Uzbekistan, including for freedom of religion and expression—areas in which Uzbekistan is a known violator.	-10

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RUSSIA	Not Free	EE, OIC (observer)	“[We] are satisfied with the achievement of Uzbekistan in terms of democratization, increase in the role of parties... Are there special courts in Uzbekistan which administer justice to juveniles?”	Negative Praises Uzbekistan’s “democratization” Raises question on juvenile justice, but not a clear challenge.	-5
SAUDI ARABIA	Not Free	Arab League, Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“The constitution of Uzbekistan contains a specific chapter on human rights... The setting up of the national center of human rights in 1996 is one of the positive steps... Statistics reveal that education is almost universal and the mortality rates have declined... We would like to recommend Uzbekistan to develop legislation that is in conformity with UNICEF and ILO standards regarding the rights of the child.”	Negative Strongly praises Uzbekistan. Fails to distinguish between laws and institutions and their actual effect. Makes one specific recommendation.	-7
SLOVAKIA	Free	EE, EU	“We would like to express our appreciation of the most recent steps taken by the Uzbek government to enjoy the improvement of civil and political rights... We would like to commend Uzbekistan for ratifying four core human rights treaties... The last issue we want to raise, in which we are concerned about, is the reported involvement of school-aged children in the harvest of cotton... We hope that further measures will be taken in this regard.”	Negative Praises Uzbekistan’s progress. Raises some challenges and recommends further actions by the Uzbek authorities, but also praises the measures already taken on these issues.	-4
SLOVENIA	Free	EE, EU	“We would like to recommend to the government of Uzbekistan to ensure that conscientious objection to military service is available to individuals... We still have concerns regarding child labor... There is still a large number of pending requests by Special Procedures to Uzbekistan... Could Uzbekistan consider issuing a standing invitation to all these Special Procedures?”	Positive Praises Uzbekistan, but follows with a few challenges and recommendations, though without elaboration.	3

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SOUTH AFRICA	Free	African Group, AU, G77, NAM	“We note with appreciation the political, legislative, administrative, as well as constitutional reforms that have been undertaken... It is also worth noting steps that have been taken by the government in dealing with the inequalities among men and women... We wish to recommend to the government of Uzbekistan to establish a national human rights institution and to accelerate its poverty alleviation programs.”	Negative Praises Uzbekistan’s progress, including in areas where many more reforms are needed. Makes weak recommendation.	-5
SOUTH KOREA	Free	Asian Group, JUSCANZ	“ My delegation commends the recent efforts made by the delegation of Uzbekistan... The international community remains concerned of the situation of human rights of Uzbekistan in some domains, including culture, treatment of detainees, and violence against women.”	Positive Praises Uzbekistan’s progress, but follows with a few challenges and a recommendation, though without elaboration.	3
SWITZERLAND	Free	WEOG	“Switzerland recommends that it does everything in its power to eliminate the forced labor of children... We would recommend that Uzbekistan follow the recommendations made by the Committee against Torture... I would like to recommend that they make a humanitarian gesture by liberating the convicts who have been put in prison for political and religious offenses.”	Positive Praises Uzbekistan’s progress, but follows with specific and concrete recommendations.	6

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
SYRIA	Not Free	Arab League, Asian Group, OIC	“Uzbekistan is witnessing nowadays a period of dynamic modernization. One of the manifestations of this period is the increasing effective and independent role of the legislature. Moreover, it should be highlighted that the adoption of the law against trafficking in persons on 17 April, 2008 marks a significant national contribution to the international protection regime... To what extent does the legislative and institutional framework provide for the protection of the rights of children? The other question relates to the empowerment level of women and their representation in senior posts of the executive bodies.”	Negative Praises Uzbekistan’s progress. Poses generic questions on women’s and children’s rights, but not as clear challenges.	-4
UKRAINE	Free	EE	“Protection of the rights of the child is defined as one of the national priorities... We would also appreciate provision of information on the other measures aimed at granting the right the highest possible level of health to the people of Uzbekistan... What measures have been taken by the government recently to ensure human rights in the ecological crisis zone?”	Negative Praises Uzbekistan’s progress, but follows with challenges and recommendations on a few issues, though these do not address core human rights issues.	-2
UNITED KINGDOM	Free	EU, WEOG	“We echo the concern by the Committee [against Torture] over ongoing and consistent allegations of routine use of torture... The conditional release of human rights defenders...are positive steps. However, we remain concerned about the overall number of human rights defenders still in prison... We call upon the government of Uzbekistan to refrain from prosecution for those seeking to exercise their right to freedom of religion or belief.”	Positive Praises Uzbekistan’s progress, but follows with challenges and specific recommendations on a few key issues of human rights. Honors prisoners of conscience by explicitly recognizing them by name.	8

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Reviewed at 2nd UPR Session, 9 May 2008

Background on Zambia: Zambia fails to meet the minimal standards of a free democracy, and ranks only as Partly Free. According to the [NGO compilation report](#), Zambia violates the right to a free and fair trial, women’s rights, and children’s rights, and commits torture. At the UN, Zambia belongs to the African Group, the G-77, and the Non-Aligned Movement.

COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
ANGOLA	Not Free	African Group, AU, G77, NAM	“In Zambia, people are guaranteed the right to exercise their basic rights and freedoms... Angola has a significant number of its citizens living in Zambian territory as refugees. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Zambian people for the hospitality they showed our people... In respect to protecting women and children we would like to know...what steps have been taken to ensure that these rights are fully integrated into, and observed by the legal system in, the country.”	Negative Praises Zambia. Weakly and generically challenges Zambia on rights of women and children.	- 4
AZERBAIJAN	Not Free	EE, OIC	“This delegation also appreciates the efforts of Zambia in combating trafficking in persons... We welcome the way taken by the Government towards eradicating extreme poverty... We have also taken due note on the measures taken by the Government of Zambia in the fields of education, adequate housing, health, employment... We cannot but mention certain progress made in the field of rights of women... A number of treaty bodies recommended to amend the Article 23 of your Constitution which contains exclusions and exceptions to the prohibition against discrimination. Do you envisage implementing this recommendation.”	Negative Strongly praises Zambia on social and economic policy. Weakly challenges Zambia on a problematic constitutional provision.	- 6

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BANGLADESH	Partly Free	Asian Group, NAM, OIC	“The country has made serious strides in improving human rights protections through a variety of institutional, legal, and administrative measures... Progress in gender mainstreaming in Zambia... is commendable... Progress has been achieved in the areas of health and education... We are to certainly make mistakes if we evaluate human rights conditions of the country without taking into account its socio-economic status... The country needs international support.”	Negative Praises Zambia’s progress instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations. Blames human rights challenges on Zambia’s economic situation and makes plea for external aid.	- 8
BRAZIL	Free	G77, GRULAC	“Despite numerous and positive measures adopted to combat violence against women, the phenomenon continues to be a serious problem... Brazil proposed to the Government of Zambia to adhere to the Optional Protocol to CEDAW.”	Positive Cautiously challenges Zambia on violence against women. Makes specific and concrete recommendations.	4
CANADA	Free	JUSCANZ , WEOG	“Canada recommends Zambia’s Penal Code be amended to decriminalize same-sex activity between consenting adults... Canada further recommends improved access to anti-retroviral treatment for vulnerable groups... Canada recommends that Zambia take measures to improve the situation of widows and girl orphans, including by ensuring protection of inheritance through enforcement of legislative protections. Canada further recommends that there are provisions on equality before the law regardless of sex.”	Positive Challenges Zambia and makes recommendations on issues of sexual orientation, women’s rights, and health care.	6

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CHILE	Free	G77, GRULAC, NAM	“The report indicates that under the law, a person may be deprived of liberty when he or she is suspected of suffering from mental disease... We would like to know, in this respect, what sort of safeguards are in place to avoid any abuse of this legislation? ... I would like to refer to the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women... We would like to know if Zambia plans to endow itself with tangible legislation to combat this scourge?”	Positive Raises specific concerns on issues discussed in Zambia’s national report, as well as generic challenge on women’s rights.	3
CHINA	Not Free	Asian Group, G77	“Zambia is making considerable efforts to improve the dispensing of justice through the legal system to protect the right to life and to ensure that the right to housing, education, health, work, etc. are ensured both in the economic, social, and cultural areas... We would like to know what new measures you intend to take to ensure improved observance of women’s human rights?”	Negative Praises Zambia’s social and economic progress instead of holding it accountable for human rights violations. Weakly challenges Zambia on women’s rights.	- 4
CUBA	Not Free	GRULAC, NAM	“Zambia has developed a good legal framework for guaranteeing the promotion and protection of civil and political rights... We note with admiration the progress which has been made by Zambia in the areas [of] economic, social, and cultural rights, especially in the areas of education and health.”	Negative Strongly praises Zambia instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 8
EGYPT	Not Free	African Group, Arab League, AU, G77, NAM, OIC	“Zambia is one of the leading African countries in the field of promotion of democracy and peoples’ participation in political life.”	Negative Praises Zambia instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 7

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
FRANCE	Free	EU, WEOG	“Despite the dynamic nature of the National Human Rights Commission, we wonder about its real powers... The Government of Zambia, on several occasions, has denounced violence against women and affirmed its wish to combat this scourge by strengthening its legislative framework... Could the delegation of Zambia talk about some additional tangible measures that have already been taken... What measures have been taken to guarantee the Rights of the Child in the area of child labor?”	Positive Cautiously challenges Zambia on several issues.	5
GERMANY	Free	EU, WEOG	“There are still a number of core human rights treaties to which Zambia has not yet become party... Extreme poverty in Zambia has negatively affected the enjoyment of economic, social, and cultural rights especially by the most disadvantaged and marginalized groups, including girl children and those affected by HIV.”	Positive Challenges Zambia on human rights treaty ratification and social and economic rights for marginalized groups.	3
GHANA	Free	African Group, AU	“Zambia has initiated the Access to Justice program to ensure access to justice by vulnerable people. Could we get some more information on...this program?”	Neutral Fails to pose any human rights challenge.	0
ITALY	Free	EU, WEOG	“[There are] concerns about the persistence of customary practices... which lead to violations of women’s rights... We would like to recommend that Zambia takes all the appropriate measures to improve the situation of women’s rights on the ground... We recommend to Zambia to develop a national strategy for human rights education in the school system.”	Positive Challenges Zambia and makes recommendation on women’s rights and human rights education.	3

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LIBYA	Not Free	African Group, Arab League, AU, G77, NAM, OIC	“My delegation would like to make a recommendation concerning the situation of children in Zambia. That is that an effort be made to continue with the efforts already undertaken... Assistance should be requested from UNICEF.”	Negative Makes recommendation that serves as praise and plea for external aid to Zambia.	- 4
MALAYSIA	Partly Free	Asian Group, G77, NAM, OIC	“We commend the policy measures made to advance the right to health... We would appreciate to know about details of efforts to address the concerns on the high level of maternal mortality and child mortality... We note with encouragement the stated general policy direction of the Government to provide education for all.”	Negative Praises Zambia instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations.	- 3
MEXICO	Free	GRULAC	“We would be grateful for information from the Zambian delegation on measures that are being discussed. . . on the criminalization of torture,... concerning the revision of the offence of defamation to reflect the scope of freedom of opinion and expression,... promoting a culture with more tolerance,... full recognition of the civil rights of women... We would like to recommend and encourage training in human rights for the judges working in those courts, in particular with respect to the human rights of women and children and also a gender perspective... The delegation of Mexico would like to recommend that [Zambia] consider ratification of the Convention of the Rights of People with Disabilities and the Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers and their Families.”	Positive Cautiously challenges Zambia on several issues. Makes specific and concrete recommendations.	5

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
NETHERLANDS	Free	EU, WEOG	<p>“We would like to recommend that Zambia report back to the Human Rights Council about the further concrete steps that will be taken to implement the ratified international conventions on domestic law... We would like to recommend that Zambia will strive to amend its penal code to decriminalize same-sex activity between consenting adults... The Committee on the Rights of the Child expressed concern of the number of street children exposed to physical and sexual abuse, prostitution, and AIDS. We would like to recommend that a strategy of assistance and prevention be developed.”</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Makes a number of specific recommendations.</p>	5
NIGERIA	Partly Free	African Group, G77, NAM, OIC	<p>“Nigeria is pleased to note Zambia’s accession to and ratification of some of the major UN human rights treaties... We are encouraged by Zambia’s initiative, as a developing country, to establish the Police Public Complaints Authority... Nigeria recognizes the challenges faced by Zambia in the housing sector, and we encourage the Zambian authorities to continue with the laudable initiative... Among such problems is congestion in prisons, which is common in most developing countries.”</p>	<p>Negative</p> <p>Praises Zambia instead of holding it accountable for ongoing violations,</p> <p>Subtly challenges Zambia, but pits blame on its economic situation rather than its policies.</p>	- 4

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
RUSSIA	Not Free	EE, OIC (observer)	“I would like to know whether the members of all tribes have equal access to participation in state elections and to receiving education?... I believe the prison system in Zambia is coming up against quite a few problems such as for example: the state of infrastructure in the prisons, overcrowding, poor nutrition, the lack of appropriate medical care, unsanitary conditions, and a lack of proper water supply... What steps are being taken today by the Government of Zambia to change the current situation?”	Positive Generically challenges Zambia on equal treatment of all groups. Challenges Zambia on prison conditions, but this is a problem that Zambia itself identified in its national report.	2
SLOVAKIA	Free	EE, EU	“Connected with some restrictions for trade unions. . . our concern is if the non-unionized workers enjoy the protection of their rights... Organizations that have fought against discrimination related to sexual orientation or gender identity were warned by the government officials not to seek registration of their groups. We would like the delegation of Zambia to clarify this issue.”	Positive Challenges Zambia on specific issues relating to free association of workers, as well as organizations focused on sexual orientation and gender identity.	5
SLOVENIA	Free	EE, EU	“Does your government envisage adopting the appropriate legislation and measures to protect persons with disabilities from discrimination? ... We would therefore like to put a recommendation to interpret statutory law and to set enforcement mechanisms in a way that protects unionized and non-unionized workers equally and without discrimination... A gender perspective shall be fully integrated in the UPR... We would like this to be reflected as a recommendation.”	Positive Challenges Zambia and makes specific recommendations on the rights of people with disabilities, workers, and women.	4

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SOUTH AFRICA	Free	African Group, AU, G77, NAM	“Can the delegation share information on measures that are in place to ensure that traditional practices are not in contravention of international human rights norms and standards... We wish to recommend that the Government accelerate its efforts to finalise the national anti-corruption policy and mechanisms for monitoring its implementation.”	Positive Challenges Zambia on a couple issues. Makes specific recommendation on corruption.	3
SOUTH KOREA	Free	Asian Group, JUSCANZ	“We are impressed by the efforts made by the government of Zambia to protect human rights... We are expecting to see the government of Zambia take more active measures in expanding the awareness of the right to appeal before statutory courts... Zambia currently lacks juvenile courts or juvenile judges, and we would like to hear more about what measures the government of Zambia has taken to guarantee special protection of juveniles.”	Positive Praises Zambia, but also weakly challenges it on judicial procedures and juvenile justice.	3
SYRIA	Not Free	Arab League, Asian Group, OIC	“We value the efforts also being made in the are of national education services... We are aware of the major achievements made by Zambia in combating corruption... We would appeal that there be a strengthening of development assistance to Zambia... What measures are being adopted by Zambia to raise awareness among the population of the dangers represented by AIDS?”	Negative Praises Zambia and requests aid on its behalf. Raises issue of AIDS education, but this is not a direct human rights challenge.	- 4

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COUNTRY	FH RATING	AFFILIATIONS	EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT	ASSESSMENT	SCORE
UNITED KINGDOM	Free	EU, WEOG	<p>“Overcrowding and poor conditions in prisons and other places of detention still remain a challenge... We also recommend that the Government of Zambia sign the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture... We would encourage reform of the penal code in relation to the prosecution of journalists... We would like to recommend that further measures be put in place to ensure that the cultural and traditional beliefs practiced in customary law, applied by the Local Courts, do not lead to discrimination against women.”</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Challenges Zambia and makes specific recommendations on several issues.</p>	6
UNITED STATES	Free	JUSCANZ	<p>“What are the anti-corruption initiatives planned for the country? Secondly, trafficking in persons is a serious issue in Zambia. What steps are you taking to bring traffickers to justice?”</p>	<p>Positive</p> <p>Weakly challenges Zambia on corruption and trafficking in persons.</p>	3

Table 3: Complete Data of Country Scores

	Algeria	Bahrain	Colombia	Ecuador	Gabon	Morocco	Pakistan	Philippines	Sri Lanka	Tunisia	Uzbekhistan	Zambia	Total Score	Total Statements	Average score
Angola										-7		-4	-11	2	-6
Argentina			3	0							4		7	3	2
Australia			7	0		0	2	0					9	5	2
Azerbaijan	-7	-10	-8	-4			-9	-7	-10	-5	-9	-6	-75	10	-8
Bahrain						-7	-8		-5	-6	-7		-33	5	-7
Bangladesh		-4				-5	-9	-4		-10	-8	-8	-48	7	-7
Bolivia			1	-5									-4	2	-2
Bosnia					4	2				-4			2	3	1
Brazil	5		0	4	2	1	2	2	5	2	3	4	30	11	3
Burkina Faso														0	N/A
Cameroon	1				-1			1					1	3	0
Canada	7	3	7	4	9	7	8	6	8	4	10	6	79	12	7
Chile			6	-6			3				10	3	16	5	3
China	-10	-6	-7	-6	-8		-8	-5	-4	-7	-10	-4	-75	11	-7
Cuba	-10		-3	-2	-8		-10	-8	-4	-8	-9	-8	-70	10	-7
Djibouti	-7	-8				-5				-6			-26	4	-7
Egypt	0					-5	-8	-1	-3	-6	-6	-7	-36	8	-5
France	5	4	6	4	5	0	4	7	7	2	9	5	58	12	5
Gabon														0	N/A
Germany	5		6	5	6	2	9		7		7	3	50	9	6
Ghana				2		-6				-9		0	-13	4	-3
India		1	-4			-6		0	-7	-7	-7		-30	7	-4
Indonesia	-4	-8		-5		-9	-8	-3	-6	-8	-8		-59	9	-7
Iran	-6					-1	-8	-4	3	-6	-9		-31	7	-4
Italy	1			5	5	-3	7	3	6	-3	5	3	29	10	3
Japan			4		2		2	1	7	2	6		24	7	3
Jordan	-10	2				-6	-10			-3			-27	5	-5
Libya		-9				-9				-10		-4	-32	4	-8
Madagascar	-5									-5			-10	2	-5
Malaysia	-5	-9	4		-4	-7	-8		-8	-8	-10	-3	-58	10	-6
Mauritius						-3	-8						-11	2	-6
Mexico	5		3	4	6	4	5	4	6	6	5	5	53	11	5
Netherlands	5	2	4	1	4	2	7	5	4	2	8	5	49	12	4

	Algeria	Bahrain	Colombia	Ecuador	Gabon	Morocco	Pakistan	Philippines	Sri Lanka	Tunisia	Uzbekhistan	Zambia	Total Score	Total Statements	Average score
Nicaragua				-5			-1				-9		-15	3	-5
Nigeria	-8				-8	-6	-6	-6		-10	-8	-4	-56	8	-7
North Korea	-10							-7					-17	2	-9
Pakistan	-10	-8	-9	-7	-4	-9		-7	-8	-6	-9		-77	10	-8
Philippines			-9		-7		-7		-9	-3	-9		-44	6	-7
Qatar		-8				-5	-8			-7	-10		-38	5	-8
Russia	-3	0	2	0	0	-6	4	-2	0	-6	-5	2	-14	12	-1
Saudi Arabia	-9	-9				-5	-6		-2	-5	-7		-43	7	-6
Senegal					-4	-3	-7			-3			-17	4	-4
Slovakia											-4	5	1	2	1
Slovenia	5	4	6	5	8	4	5	6	7	4	3	4	61	12	5
South Africa	-6		2				3			-5	-5	3	-8	6	-1
South Korea	1		2	4	3		5	-2	4	3	3	3	26	10	3
Sudan	-9	-9				-5	-10	-6	-9	-7			-55	7	-8
Switzerland		6	7			5	7	4			6		35	6	6
Syria	-10					-6	-8	-10	-9	-6	-4	-4	-57	8	-7
U.K.	6	4	5	7	6	6	6	6	5	6	8	6	71	12	6
Ukraine									4	-3	-2		-1	3	0
Uruguay			2	-7									-5	2	-3
U.S.A.		3		5	4			4	6	8		3	33	7	5
Zambia						1				2			3	2	2
Zimbabwe							-10			-3			-13	2	-7

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