

HUMAN RIGHTS IN YEMEN

UPR Info Pre-sessions

implementation of recommendations of the previous UPR

- ❑ The government failed to execute and fully implement the findings of the UPR team in the previous report, and the government did not call the parliament to study the recommendations submitted, or form a committee to review the international conventions and protocols for the government to take necessary measures to join such conventions, also no legal reform measures to harmonize the national legislatures with the international human rights standards.

Recommendations

- Amend the legislative and laws and harmonize them according to the international human rights conventions and agreements, noting that the ongoing conflict jeopardizes the legislative system and the conflict must stop and amend the legislative system.
- Amend punitive and procedural laws related to the penal justice
- Reform judiciary, and prosecution, and invalidate exceptional courts at all governorates and territories.
- Establish specialized courts for human rights crimes and violations during armed conflicts,
- Support and promote fair trial standards, and reform and rehabilitate the security sector in accordance with human rights standards.
- Reconstruct security institutions, including civil police stations, and involve all community members in ending the conflict and crisis efforts.
- Restructuring the army and build a national army.
- Ensure full implementation of policies and procedures to improve human rights situation.

Support the establishment of the national institution for human rights

Recommend

- Establishing a national mechanism for human rights and identify the mechanism for nominating its members, and its independence.

Status of the international conventions at the national level

- The national legislature did not specify the status of the international conventions in the legal provisions, that Yemen.

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Cooperation and institutionalizing the partnership with the civil society

- There is lack of cooperation and partnership with the civil society.

Recommend:

- Opening of chances for the civil society to play its role and to institutionalize the partnership and cooperation with the government and provide required financial assistance from the state public budget.

The comprehensive national plan for human rights

Recommend

- Developing and implement a comprehensive national plan in human rights, that to be developed with the participation of all stakeholders, involved in promoting human rights in Yemen, to ensure the implementation of the recommendations and remarks made by the contractual mechanisms and special procedures.

Cooperation with the human rights mechanisms

Recommend:

- Join the basic international human rights conventions that it has not joined yet.
- Join the optional protocols attached to the basic conventions that it has not joined yet.
- Extend an open invitation to the special procedures.

Equality and nondiscrimination (women's rights)

Recommend:

- Draft a law on protecting women from violence and domestic violence.
- Obligate all groups involved in the conflict and crisis to protect women and to draft laws that protect women during and post conflict, and to harmonize them with the international conventions, and to set needed mechanisms to implement these conventions.
- Review policies and procedures that perpetuate discrimination and gender-based violence.
- Addressing inequitable inequalities in equal citizenship rights.

Equality and nondiscrimination (women's rights)

Recommend:

- Develop protection programs for women and girls' victims of violence, for labor women and law enforcement personnel.
- Combining humanitarian approach at emergencies with development and human rights approach, to address the root causes of violations to the right of food and adequate nutrition, including specific arrangements to implement the right of food and nutrition for women.

The right to life

Recommend:

- Harmonize national legislatures with Yemeni international obligations in human rights filed.
- Include a clear definition of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide crimes in the Yemeni legislatures and in accordance with Rome Statute of the ICC.
- Establish specialized courts on war crimes, and crimes against humanity committed during the armed conflicts.
- Enact new law on the crimes of the armed conflicts according to the international humanitarian law.

The right to life

Recommend:

- Provide legal protection mechanisms for the human rights defenders and take necessary measures to that effect.
- Amend military penalties law, crimes, and punishment law, to cope with Yemen obligations according to the IHL and international standards.
- The legitimate government shall ensure the role of law and assume its responsibility in protecting the civilians, particularly the IDPs, and forcibly displaced due to the military operations.
- Implement the national dialogue outcomes, particularly that related to the transitional justice, reparation of victims of the armed conflict.



Thank you