

Qatar – UPR Info Pre-session

2 April 2019

Independence of the Judiciary



Recommendations made during UPR II:

Already Implemented:

- 124.44 (Canada)

Recommendation for UPR III:

Guarantee the independence of the judiciary, including by guaranteeing the tenure of foreign judges and establishing a written code of conduct for judges.

Counter-terrorism and national security legislation



Recommendations made during UPR II:

None

Recommendation for UPR III:

Bring counter-terrorism and national security legislation into line with international standards, particularly in relation to the definition of terrorism and the length of custody and pre-trial detention.

Freedom of expression and peaceful assembly



Recommendations made during UPR II:

Already Implemented

- 124.45 (Australia)
- 124.47 (Germany)
- 124.48 (Slovenia)
- 124.49 (France)
- 124.50 (Ghana)
- 124.51 (Czechia)
- 124.52 (Austria)
- 124.53 (Sweden)
- 124.54 (Czechia)

Rejected

- 124.55 (Ireland)
- 124.56 (Czechia)

Recommendations for UPR III:

- Decriminalise defamation and amend the Cybercrime Law and the Law on Publications and Publishing to bring them into line with international standards on the right to freedom of expression and opinion;
- Bring domestic legislation on freedom of peaceful assembly into line with international standards, in particular by decriminalising unauthorised public gatherings and removing undue restrictions on the political activities of foundations and associations.