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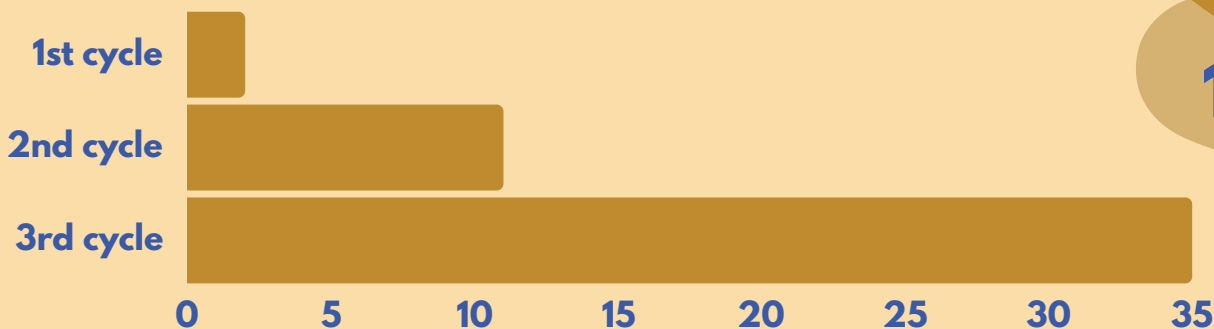
# Addressing Human Rights and Toxics/Hazardous Wastes through the UPR

The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is a mechanism of the Human Rights Council that reviews the human rights situation in all UN Member States. States provide recommendations for improving their practices in this area.

Although it is a state-led process, the UPR offers significant opportunities for civil society actors to engage and advocate for enhanced human rights in their countries.

Since its establishment, **70** recommendations addressing human rights and toxics/hazardous wastes have been made in the UPR.

Number of recommendations addressing human rights and toxics/hazardous wastes per UPR cycle



So far, in the 4th UPR cycle (2022-2027) there have been 22 recommendations on the topic, out of which 10 have been supported and 12 noted.

Overall  
recommendations  
supported

**51**

**19** noted

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Ensuring responsible production (SDG12) is key to safeguarding the well-being of the environment and the health of communities (SDG3). Responsibly disposing of waste in a safe and environmentally sustainable manner is vital to fostering flourishing communities.

States can either support or note UPR recommendations. By supporting them, States commit to implementing those measures. UPR recommendations can be utilised by civil society actors in their advocacy efforts at the national level in addressing human rights and toxics/hazardous wastes.

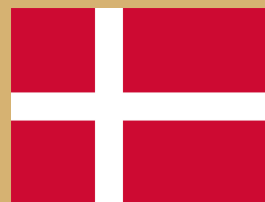
## Examples of UPR recommendations addressing human rights and toxics/hazardous wastes

The UPR can reinforce obligations outlined in The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR).

Panama



Denmark



*60.114 Establish effective mechanisms to require businesses in its territory or under its jurisdiction to conduct human rights-related due diligence to address abuses regarding toxic substances throughout their supply chain.*

*115.21 Take the necessary measures for the good use, management and disposal of hazardous or highly polluting substances in the mining and agricultural industries in order to ensure the right to health of workers in accordance with the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, as well as protect the food security of the general population.*



Mexico



Bolivia

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