



# Advancing Human Rights in Business Practices 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.

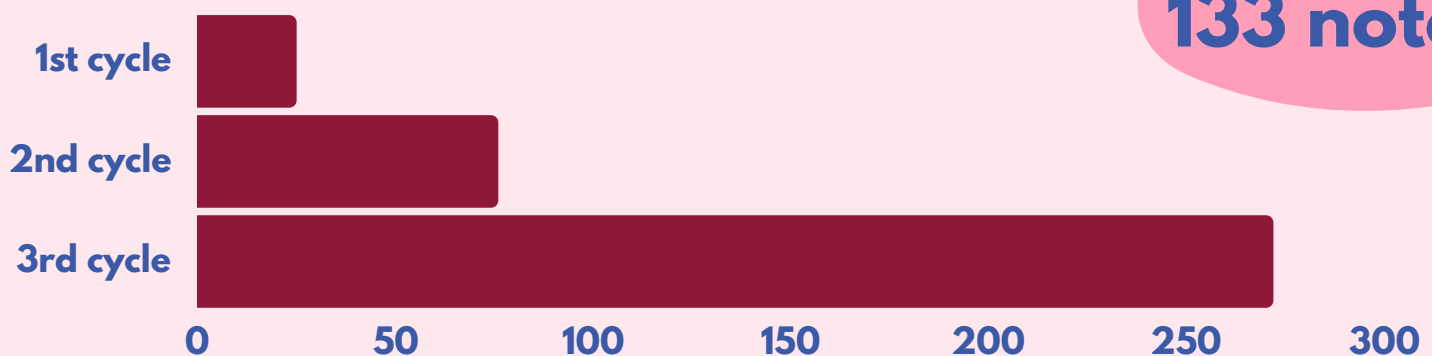
Since its establishment, 491 recommendations addressing business and human rights have been made in the UPR.

Overall recommendations supported

**366**

**133 noted**

Number of recommendations addressing human rights in business practices per UPR cycle



So far, in the 4th UPR cycle (2022-2027) there have been 118 recommendations on the topic, out of which 87 were supported and 27 noted.

## 8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



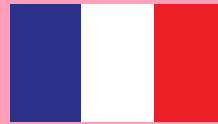
Business practices significantly impact human rights, intersecting with efforts to achieve SDG 8 - promoting sustainable economic growth and decent work for all. Ethical business conduct supports the rule of law, ensures accountable governance, and protects individual rights, fostering a stable and equitable society that propels sustainable development.

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 promoting responsible business practices and human rights compliance.

### Examples of UPR recommendations addressing business and human rights

France



Belgium



*36.28 Strengthen the implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, including at the legislative level, by requiring companies to conduct human rights due diligence.*

*146.114 Ensure the full and meaningful participation of affected communities in the preparation of environmental impact assessments prior to the approval of major projects.*



Botswana



Australia

The UPR can reinforce the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

To find out how you can engage in the UPR to support your human rights cause, visit our website at [upr-info.org](http://upr-info.org) or contact us at [info@upr-info.org](mailto:info@upr-info.org).

