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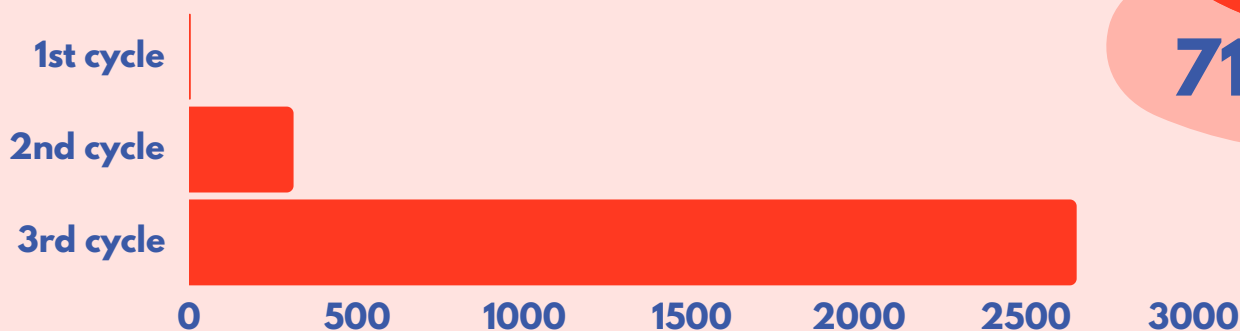
Combatting Gender-Based Violence through the UPR

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, 5314 recommendations addressing sexual and gender-based violence have been made in the UPR.

Number of recommendations addressing sexual and gender-based violence per UPR cycle



Overall recommendations supported

4549

714 noted

So far, in the 4th UPR cycle (2022-2027) there have been 2352 recommendations on the topic, out of which 1965 were supported and 370 noted.

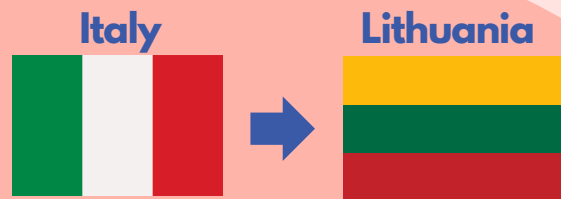
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Sexual and Gender-Based violence violates the rights of women around the world and poses tremendous barriers to gender-equality (SDG5). It also has severe physical and mental health impacts (SDG 3), and the lack of accountability faced by perpetrators hinders progress towards the creation of peaceful and just societies (SDG 16).

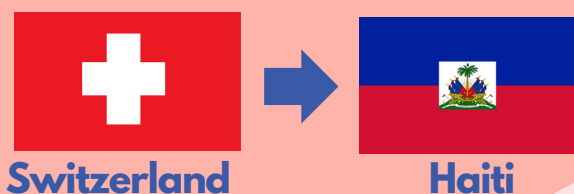
States can either support or note UPR recommendations. By supporting them, States commit to implementing those measures. UPR recommendations can be utilised by civil society actors in their advocacy efforts at the national level in fighting sexual and gender-based violence.

Examples of UPR recommendations addressing sexual and gender-based violence



137.12 Ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence, and increase efforts to support and protect women survivors of gender-based violence, including domestic violence.

131.188 Improve access to justice for victims of sexual and gender-based violence, in line with target 5.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular by providing appropriate training to members of the judiciary and the police, and by taking measures when they refuse to deal with complaints.



The UPR can reinforce obligations from the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

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