THE SDGs AND HUMAN RIGHTS

STATUS OF UPR RECOMMENDATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS TREATIES

Accepted UPR Recommendations: An Opportunity for Action and Engagement

A state has a responsibility to implement all recommendations it has accepted before the Human Rights Council as a demonstration of their commitment to protecting and promoting Human Rights. Following the last Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Egypt in November 2014 and in preparation for the next review scheduled for November 2019, Egypt has accepted to implement several UPR recommendations. Below is a selection of supported UPR recommendations aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):[1][4]

- **Ensure equal access of girls and women to all levels and fields of education.** Continue its various programmes to enhance the people’s right to education, especially in the eradication of illiteracy, by cooperating with the specific governorates, civil society organizations as well as other international organizations.

- **Intensify efforts to empower and improve the status of women in society and adopt additional measures to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women, promote their literacy, ensure equal treatment and safe environment for women in the workplace and combat gender-based violence.** Continue its policy to empower women and respect and protect their rights, including the fight against female genital mutilation. Increase the number of women in law enforcement agencies, including the police department. Continue to strengthen the empowerment of women in all areas of public life. Enhance parliamentary representation of women in accordance with the new Constitution.

- **Make more efforts to create job opportunities for youth by taking the necessary measures.** Continue to work to ensure equal rights for women in the workplace through its institutions, norms and public policies. Consider amendments to its Labour Code to cover and protect domestic workers and prohibit exploitative form of domestic work. Continue with its efforts to combat short- and long-term unemployment, in consultation with the private sector and the providers of education.

- **Encourage initiatives aimed at promoting respect and religious tolerance and cultural diversity.** Continue to support people with disabilities to participate in decisions about their fundamental rights.

- **Maintain its efforts towards strengthening the national institutions working in the area of the protection and promotion of human rights.** Establish trainings for police officers on children’s rights, to ensure that these act appropriately towards child victims or delinquents. Continue working on the reform and improvement of prisons and detention centres in accordance with international norms on this issue. Ensure that all detainees are protected from torture or other ill-treatment and that detention conditions meet the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners and the Basic Principles for the Treatment of Prisoners. Continue efforts to promote good governance, political dialogue and actions in favour of peace.

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