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 Libya in May 2015 and in preparation for the next review scheduled for May 2020, has accepted to implement several UPR recommendations. Below is a selection of supported UPR recommendations aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). (1)

**Key**
- **Ratified**
- **Ratified with Declarations**
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**Status of Core International Human Rights Conventions in Libya**

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**LIBYA**

**Universal Periodic Review**

**Fast Facts**
- Mid-Term Reporting: November 2017
- National Consultation: November 2018
- NGO Report Drafting: July 2019 – September 2019
- Next Review: May 2020

- Continue efforts to promote the rights of women, as well as the education and health of the Libyan people.
- Step up efforts to ensure a safe environment for education and to work on implementing a model plan for human rights education, which aims to integrate human rights in the educational system at various levels.
- Take all necessary measures to protect schools from military use by fighting forces.
- Establish gender equality and implement measures to prevent violence against women.
- Ensure an independent, inclusive and consultative drafting process which will lead to a constitution guaranteeing fundamental rights of the people, including the rights of women, ensure separation of powers and independence of the judiciary.
- Work through the United Nations process to finalize a political agreement as soon as possible and immediately begin the process of restoring rule of law and establishing necessary conditions and institutions for protecting human rights.
- Take, through capacity-building and technical assistance from the international community, the necessary measures to restore and strengthen national institutions essential to the administration of justice, the rule of law, including the judiciary, the office of the prosecutor, and the police.
- Intensify its efforts in fighting terrorism; and identify gaps in promotion and protection of human rights implementation and seek assistance from the international community.
- Continue to establish a solid legal framework, strengthen national human rights institutions, and ensure the effective administration of justice.
- Adopt all necessary measures to guarantee the fight against impunity for the perpetrators of crimes; acts of violence and all human rights violations.

**Sources:**