

Annexes

Appendix 1: General Information about Key Informants

Table 1: CSO Key Informant

Areas of UPR	No of CSOs
1. International conventions, human rights conventions reporting obligations, cooperation with UN Special Procedures (Special Rapporteurs)	9
2. Anti-human trafficking	8
3. Gender, Women and Children	11
4. Ethnics	9
5. Governance - Public Administration, Law enforcement	3
6. Justice and Public Security	9
7. Development, poverty reduction, education and public health	22
8. International cooperation	7
9. Religion	1
10. Freedom of expression and political participation	9
11. Media	4

Table 2: CSOs' experiences in their specialised areas

Areas of UPR	Number of Years of Experience			
	1-5 y	6-10y	11-15y	over 15
1. International conventions, human rights conventions reporting obligations, cooperation with UN Special Procedures (Special Rapporteurs)		21		
2. Anti-human trafficking	1			
3. Gender, Women and Children	5		5.0	2.0
4. Ethnics	3			
5. Governance - Public Administration, Law enforcement	1			
6. Justice and Public Security	2	2.0		
7. Development, poverty reduction, education and public health	8	4.0	8.0	1.0
8. International cooperation	2	3.0	5.0	
9. Religion	1			
10. Freedom of expression and political participation	9			
11. Media	3		1.0	

Appendix 2 CSOs' Contribution to UPR implementation in Lao PDR

Table 3: International conventions, human rights conventions reporting obligations, cooperation with UN Special Procedures (Special Rapporteurs)

No	Universal Periodic Reviews Accepted by Government of the Lao PDR	Mean	Std. Deviation
1	International conventions, human rights conventions reporting obligations, cooperation with UN Special Procedures (Special Rapporteurs)		
1	Continue its recent efforts in the area of the ratification of important human rights conventions, and ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and accede to the Convention against Torture (France);	.73	1.507
2	Sign and ratify the Convention against Torture (Italy, Spain); ratify the Convention against Torture (Denmark, Switzerland); ratify the Convention against Torture in a timely fashion (Japan); sign and ratify the Convention against Torture as soon as possible and implement its provisions (United Kingdom); become a party to the Convention against Torture (Canada);	.33	.758
3	Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Spain);	.33	.884
4	Consider acceding to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Egypt);	.83	1.487
5	Review periodically its reservations to the ICCPR, as recommended by the Human Rights Committee in its general comment 24 (Brazil);	.33	.884
6	Harmonize national legislation with the international obligations under the respective conventions (Germany);	.60	1.192
7	Continue its efforts to ensure that the provisions of international human rights conventions to which it is a party are incorporated into domestic law (Thailand);	.57	1.194
8	Pursue the adoption of the draft law on the rights of persons with disabilities in accordance with its international obligations, particularly under the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, ratified in 2009 (Qatar);	.73	1.311

9	Enhance the level of cooperation with treaty bodies and special procedures mandate holders, which implies submitting overdue national reports, such as in the case of CERD and CESCR, and give consideration to responding to questionnaires and requests for visits of the mandate holders (Hungary);	.23	.728
10	Continue to cultivate its cooperation and interaction with the human rights mechanisms in seeking the support and technical assistance that will enable the Lao People's Democratic Republic to develop and implement its policies consistently and effectively (Indonesia);	1.00	1.287
11	Follow up on the recommendations addressed to it by the treaty bodies and special procedures (Canada);	.40	.814
12	Seek the assistance of the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing to mitigate the problem of the lack of adequate land and assistance to the rural population (Spain);	.57	.971
13	Take measures to guarantee effective access for women victims of gender based violence to justice, redress and protection (Brazil); heed the advice of CEDAW by adopting comprehensive measures to address all forms of violence against women and girls, in accordance with CEDAW general recommendation 19 (Hungary);	.63	1.273

Table 4: **Anti-human trafficking**

No	Universal Periodic Reviews Accepted by Government of the Lao PDR	Mean	Std. Deviation
II	Anti-human trafficking		
14	Adopt and implement efficient measures to combat the persistence of trafficking and sexual exploitation (Slovakia);	.60	1.133
15	Continue efforts to curb trafficking, in cooperation with neighbouring countries, non-governmental organizations and the United Nations, including by developing safe channels of labour migration and by strengthening law enforcement, policing and awareness-raising activities (New Zealand);	.67	1.093
16	Adopt and implement a comprehensive national action plan for combating trafficking, and improve the implementation of the 2005 memorandum of understanding with Thailand on trafficking, especially along the border areas (Slovenia); examine the possibility of drafting and adopting a special law to combat trafficking in persons (Belarus);	.60	1.070

Table 5: **Gender, women and children**

No	Universal Periodic Reviews Accepted by Government of the Lao PDR	Mean	Std. Deviation
III	Gender, women and children		
17	Continue to strive for the inclusion of a gender perspective in all of its development plans and programmes, with positive measures to achieve the effective promotion and protection of the rights of women (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) ; pay special attention to the promotion of the rights of women and girls by adding a gender perspective to all national strategies and action plans, including development projects (Kazakhstan); incorporate gender policies in all development plans and projects (Belarus);	1.67	1.516
18	Continue to strengthen its efforts to ensure equal access for girls and women to all levels of education, including by taking concrete steps to overcome obstacles for girls' and women's access to, and completion of, education in rural areas (Norway);	1.13	1.279
19	Undertake measures to assist and protect the most vulnerable social groups (Kyrgyzstan); strengthen programmes to promote and protect the human rights of vulnerable groups, such as women and children in rural areas, and persons with disabilities (Philippines); continue efforts undertaken to promote the rights of women and children, particularly in areas such as education, safety and health (Islamic Republic of Iran);	1.40	1.354
20	Strengthen its efforts to combat all forms of exploitation of children in line with the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (Netherlands);	1.20	1.540

Table 6: **Ethnics**

No	Universal Periodic Reviews Accepted by Government of the Lao PDR	Mean	Std. Deviation
IV	Ethnics		
21	Continue its policies and efforts to enhance the solidarity and equality among its multi-ethnic population (Pakistan);	.93	1.172

22	Issue travel and identification documents to all Lao Hmong returnees in a timely manner, and guarantee freedom of movement (Australia);	.33	.844
23	Continue reform programmes with the support of the international community, as reflected in the Government's Development Strategies Plan and Policies, in its efforts to further advance human rights and improve the well-being of its people (Cambodia);	.47	.937

Table 7: Governance - Public Administration, Law enforcement

No	Universal Periodic Reviews Accepted by Government of the Lao PDR	Mean	Std. Deviation
V	Governance - Public Administration, Law enforcement		
24	Expedite reform of governance, public administration and the legal system aimed at deepening and broadening democratic norms, principles and standards (Malaysia);	.53	1.008
25	Continue efforts on public administrative reforms (Viet Nam);	.53	1.008
26	Continue efforts to further strengthen its capacity to effectively implement domestic laws (Democratic People's Republic of Korea);	.87	1.432
27	Pursue efforts to promote a culture of law and transform Lao society into a society ruled by equity and justice (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya);	.73	1.230

Table 8: Justice and public security

No	Universal Periodic Reviews Accepted by Government of the Lao PDR	Mean	Std. Deviation
VI	Justice and public security		
28	Focus efforts on successfully achieving improvements in the judicial system (Belarus);	.47	.860
29	Provide human rights training to judges, police officers, prison guards and all law enforcement officers (Brazil);	.40	.724
30	Increase efforts to provide human rights education to everyone involved in the judicial process, particularly people working in prisons (Japan);	.33	.758

31	Intensify training for its police and other enforcement authorities to improve capacities in dealing with the problem of gender violence and trafficking in women and girls (Malaysia);	.47	.937
32	Continue its effective policies to combat organized crime (Kyrgyzstan);	.40	.814
33	Strengthen its legal complaints system to ensure that women have effective access to justice (Finland);	.50	.861
34	Include a definition for discrimination in the Constitution or other legislation (Germany);	.30	.702
35	Widen the definition of rape in its Penal Code to include any sexual relations without the woman's consent, and remove the exception for marital rape (Slovenia);	.37	.850

Table 9: Development, poverty reduction, education and public health

No	Universal Periodic Reviews Accepted by Government of the Lao PDR	Mean	Std. Deviation
VII	Development, poverty reduction, education and public health		
36	Continue efforts to eradicate poverty and ensure sustainable development (Russian Federation); continue efforts to eradicate poverty (Belarus); continue efforts to alleviate poverty as a means to enhance the lives and well-being of the people (Thailand); continue efforts to achieve the country's poverty alleviation goals (Pakistan); continue efforts towards achieving the poverty alleviation goals, and implement strategic plans and programmes related to poverty alleviation, including the national strategy for growth and the realization of the development goals (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya); continue efforts to achieve the country's poverty alleviation goals (Tajikistan);	1.97	1.542
37	Continue the implementation of existing programmes and projects to enhance various socio-economic rights with a view to achieving the Millennium Development Goals (Islamic Republic of Iran); continue the steadfast implementation of its national development strategies and plans aimed at poverty alleviation (Philippines); continue to support the implementation of the socioeconomic development plan aimed at the eradication of poverty in the country (Cuba);	1.80	1.472
38	Continue to take active measures to develop remote mountainous areas in order to reduce the gap between mountainous regions and urban regions (China); enhance efforts to build and improve infrastructure in rural areas (Pakistan);	1.43	1.591

39	Continue its fight against poverty and in particular against malnutrition in rural areas and, to that end, identify its needs in terms of technical and financial assistance, and consider requesting the aid of United Nations agencies and programmes competent in this area (Algeria);	1.63	1.497
40	Continue efforts to provide basic health and education services for vulnerable segments of its population, and continue its commitment to a people-oriented development policy by tackling poverty-related issues through investment in social infrastructure and by addressing the probable shortcomings in this regard (Myanmar);	1.27	1.461
41	Further strengthen measures to promote health care, the quality of education and job creation for the people living in rural and remote areas (Viet Nam);	1.40	1.354
42	Continue the implementation of ongoing policies and programmes to guarantee access for the entire population to health services and quality education (Cuba);	1.27	1.337
43	Undertake the efforts necessary to increase the budget for social programmes, particularly regarding education and adequate food (Mexico);	1.43	1.524
44	Continue the implementation of the national health care programme (Tajikistan);	1.07	1.311
45	Continue to strengthen efforts to reduce maternal and infant mortality, including by developing the midwifery workforce and making the services of skilled birth attendants available, accessible and, where necessary, free of charge (Norway);	.93	1.311
46	Take further action to further reduce the high rate of maternal and infant mortality and provide full access to health care and health education by women, and address problems relating to poverty, hard work and illiteracy (Kazakhstan);	.93	1.230
47	Provide vaccination to all segments of society, especially women and children, in order to reduce mortality rates and raise life expectancy (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya);	.90	1.423
48	Increase the budget for health so as to strengthen primary care, in particular in rural areas, including sexual education, and ensure that programmes for family planning and awareness duly take into account the traditions and physical obstacles faced by women in rural areas (Luxembourg).	.93	1.258
49	Continue to improve the quality of education and further increase access to education for the Lao multi-ethnic people (Democratic People's Republic of Korea); improve the quality of education and increase access to education (Tajikistan); continue its commendable efforts with a view to improving access to education for its citizens (Algeria);	1.20	1.400
50	Continue its current reform programme in the education system to provide a better education for its people throughout the country, particularly in rural areas (Islamic Republic of Iran); further pursue efforts to develop education, particularly in rural areas of the country (Kyrgyzstan);	1.00	1.145

51	Undertake more effective measures to ensure the accessibility of crucial public services, such as education and healthcare, to the general population, particularly those living in rural areas (Malaysia);	1.13	1.332
52	Continue to increase investment in education to endeavour to raise the level of education for the whole nation in order to meet the requirements for social and economic development (China);	1.23	1.406
53	Continue activities to increase access for children to education, promote maternal and infant health, and eradicate trafficking in persons (Belarus);	1.37	1.299
54	Seek to introduce human rights sensitization in school and university curriculums (Qatar);	.87	1.252

Table 10: International Cooperation

No	Universal Periodic Reviews Accepted by Government of the Lao PDR	Mean	Std. Deviation
VIII	International Cooperation		
55	Enhance cooperation at the regional and international levels with relevant stakeholders with a view to achieving relevant Millennium Development Goals, related to poverty eradication, nutrition, sanitation and environmental sustainability (Malaysia);	.70	1.055
56	Seek further technical assistance from relevant international organizations to ensure continual success on the path towards achieving human rights and equal access to education, health, employment and livelihood for all (Maldives);	.83	1.234
57	Seek the technical assistance of the international community, in light of the present stage of development in Laos, in order to provide it with needed assistance in strengthening the capacity of its national mechanisms responsible for preparing periodic reports for treaty bodies, and in training its law enforcement officials, judges and police officers in the area of human rights (Egypt);	.80	1.186
58	Further enhance and strengthen the work of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Human Rights Commission to effectively promote and protect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of the peoples of ASEAN (Indonesia);	.80	1.126
59	Involve civil society, including human rights non-governmental organizations, in the follow-up to this review (United Kingdom).	1.90	1.561

Table 11: Religion

No	Universal Periodic Reviews Accepted by Government of the Lao PDR	Mean	Std. Deviation
IX	Religion		
60	Adopt adequate measures to protect freedom of religion or belief with a view to ensuring for all the full enjoyment of the right to practice one's religion (Italy); ensure the right to practice religion freely without discrimination and in accordance with international human rights standards (Netherlands);	.40	.770
61	Implement measures, including through legislation, to protect all citizens from discrimination due to their religious beliefs; and prosecute those involved in the persecution of religious groups (New Zealand);	.33	.711
62	Implement all recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion in order to remedy the situation described in her most recent report, which noted the persistence of discriminatory legal provisions and practices, which run counter to freedom of religion (France);	.33	.711
63	Reform decree No. 92 such that it guarantees the rights to freedom of religion and belief, opinion and expression as set out in the ICCPR, and take steps to improve the awareness of State officials of their duty to protect these rights (United Kingdom);	.30	.702
64	Ensure that relevant authorities, particularly at the local and district levels, are aware of their duty to protect individuals' right to freedom of religion (Australia);	.47	1.008

Table 12: Freedom of expression and political participation

No	Universal Periodic Reviews Accepted by Government of the Lao PDR	Mean	Std. Deviation
X	Freedom of expression and political participation		
65	Fully implement legal provisions protecting freedom of speech in accordance with the ICCPR (Canada);	.37	.718
66	Comply fully with article 25 of the ICCPR, relating to the right to political participation (Mexico);	.50	.900

Table 13: Media

No	Universal Periodic Reviews Accepted by Government of the Lao PDR	Mean	Std. Deviation
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	Media		
67	Amend further its Law on the Media, the Law on Publication and other related regulations to comply with international human rights standards (Slovakia);	.33	.758
68	Review domestic legislation on the media in order to bring it into line with article 19 of the ICCPR (Italy);	.30	.702
69	Strengthen its commitment to ensuring that the fundamental rights of minorities are better respected (Switzerland);	.33	.711
70	Allow privately owned media outlets to be established (New Zealand);	.37	.850
71	Remove all Internet monitoring and control facilities restricting the use of the Internet (Netherlands).	.27	.691

Appendix 3: Government Progress in implementing the UPR

Table 14: International Convention, human rights conventions reporting obligations, cooperation with the UN Special Procedures (Special Rapporteurs)

No	Universal Periodic Reviews Accepted by Government of the Lao PDR	Mean	Std. Deviation
1	International conventions, human rights conventions reporting obligations, cooperation with UN Special Procedures (Special Rapporteurs)		
1	Continue its recent efforts in the area of the ratification of important human rights conventions, and ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and accede to the Convention against Torture (France);	.67	.922
2	Sign and ratify the Convention against Torture (Italy, Spain); ratify the Convention against Torture (Denmark, Switzerland); ratify the Convention against Torture in a timely fashion (Japan); sign and ratify the Convention against Torture as soon as possible and implement its provisions (United Kingdom); become a party to the Convention against Torture (Canada);	.90	1.185
3	Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Spain);	.67	1.213
4	Consider acceding to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Egypt);	1.17	1.440
5	Review periodically its reservations to the ICCPR, as recommended by the Human Rights Committee in its general comment 24 (Brazil);	1.03	1.351
6	Harmonize national legislation with the international obligations under the respective conventions (Germany);	1.00	1.203
7	Continue its efforts to ensure that the provisions of international human rights conventions to which it is a party are incorporated into domestic law (Thailand);	1.27	1.552
8	Pursue the adoption of the draft law on the rights of persons with disabilities in accordance with its international obligations, particularly under the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, ratified in 2009 (Qatar);	1.30	1.489
9	Enhance the level of cooperation with treaty bodies and special procedures mandate holders, which implies submitting overdue national reports, such as in the case of CERD and CESCR, and give consideration to responding to questionnaires and requests for visits of the mandate holders (Hungary);	.87	1.224
10	Continue to cultivate its cooperation and interaction with the human rights mechanisms in seeking the support and technical assistance that will enable the Lao People's Democratic Republic to develop and implement its policies consistently and effectively (Indonesia);	1.50	1.570

11	Follow up on the recommendations addressed to it by the treaty bodies and special procedures (Canada);	.90	1.125
12	Seek the assistance of the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing to mitigate the problem of the lack of adequate land and assistance to the rural population (Spain);	1.17	1.440
13	Take measures to guarantee effective access for women victims of gender based violence to justice, redress and protection (Brazil); heed the advice of CEDAW by adopting comprehensive measures to address all forms of violence against women and girls, in accordance with CEDAW general recommendation 19 (Hungary);	1.03	1.351

Table 15: Anti-human trafficking

No	Universal Periodic Reviews Accepted by Government of the Lao PDR	Mean	Std. Deviation
II	Anti-human trafficking		
14	Adopt and implement efficient measures to combat the persistence of trafficking and sexual exploitation (Slovakia);	1.10	1.470
15	Continue efforts to curb trafficking, in cooperation with neighbouring countries, non-governmental organizations and the United Nations, including by developing safe channels of labour migration and by strengthening law enforcement, policing and awareness-raising activities (New Zealand);	1.30	1.489
16	Adopt and implement a comprehensive national action plan for combating trafficking, and improve the implementation of the 2005 memorandum of understanding with Thailand on trafficking, especially along the border areas (Slovenia); examine the possibility of drafting and adopting a special law to combat trafficking in persons (Belarus);	1.13	1.479

Table 16: Gender, women and children

No	Universal Periodic Reviews Accepted by Government of the Lao PDR	Mean	Std. Deviation
III	Gender, women and children		
17	Continue to strive for the inclusion of a gender perspective in all of its development plans and programmes, with positive measures to achieve the effective promotion and protection of the rights of women (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) ; pay special attention to the promotion of the rights of women and girls by adding a gender perspective to all national strategies and action plans, including development projects (Kazakhstan); incorporate gender policies in all development plans and projects (Belarus);	1.73	1.461

18	Continue to strengthen its efforts to ensure equal access for girls and women to all levels of education, including by taking concrete steps to overcome obstacles for girls' and women's access to, and completion of, education in rural areas (Norway);	1.23	1.278
19	Undertake measures to assist and protect the most vulnerable social groups (Kyrgyzstan); strengthen programmes to promote and protect the human rights of vulnerable groups, such as women and children in rural areas, and persons with disabilities (Philippines); continue efforts undertaken to promote the rights of women and children, particularly in areas such as education, safety and health (Islamic Republic of Iran);	1.37	1.299
20	Strengthen its efforts to combat all forms of exploitation of children in line with the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (Netherlands);	1.07	1.202

Table 17: Ethnics

No	Universal Periodic Reviews Accepted by Government of the Lao PDR	Mean	Std. Deviation
	Ethnics		
21	Continue its policies and efforts to enhance the solidarity and equality among its multi-ethnic population (Pakistan);	1.20	1.375
22	Issue travel and identification documents to all Lao Hmong returnees in a timely manner, and guarantee freedom of movement (Australia);	.73	1.258
23	Continue reform programmes with the support of the international community, as reflected in the Government's Development Strategies Plan and Policies, in its efforts to further advance human rights and improve the well-being of its people (Cambodia);	.77	1.223

Table 18: Governance - Public Administration, Law enforcement

No	Universal Periodic Reviews Accepted by Government of the Lao PDR	Mean	Std. Deviation
	Governance - Public Administration, Law enforcement		
24	Expedite reform of governance, public administration and the legal system aimed at deepening and broadening democratic norms, principles and standards (Malaysia);	.93	1.230
25	Continue efforts on public administrative reforms (Viet Nam);	.97	1.273

26	Continue efforts to further strengthen its capacity to effectively implement domestic laws (Democratic People's Republic of Korea);	.93	1.202
27	Pursue efforts to promote a culture of law and transform Lao society into a society ruled by equity and justice (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya);	.97	1.159

Table 19: Justice and Public Security

No	Universal Periodic Reviews Accepted by Government of the Lao PDR	Mean	Std. Deviation
	Justice and public security		
28	Focus efforts on successfully achieving improvements in the judicial system (Belarus);	.93	1.285
29	Provide human rights training to judges, police officers, prison guards and all law enforcement officers (Brazil);	.87	1.137
30	Increase efforts to provide human rights education to everyone involved in the judicial process, particularly people working in prisons (Japan);	.87	1.196
31	Intensify training for its police and other enforcement authorities to improve capacities in dealing with the problem of gender violence and trafficking in women and girls (Malaysia);	1.03	1.351
32	Continue its effective policies to combat organized crime (Kyrgyzstan);	.83	1.117
33	Strengthen its legal complaints system to ensure that women have effective access to justice (Finland);	.87	1.224
34	Include a definition for discrimination in the Constitution or other legislation (Germany);	.70	1.055
35	Widen the definition of rape in its Penal Code to include any sexual relations without the woman's consent, and remove the exception for marital rape (Slovenia);	.63	.999

Table 20 Development, poverty reduction, education and public health

No	Universal Periodic Reviews Accepted by Government of the Lao PDR	Mean	Std. Deviation
	Development, poverty reduction, education and public health		

36	Continue efforts to eradicate poverty and ensure sustainable development (Russian Federation); continue efforts to eradicate poverty (Belarus); continue efforts to alleviate poverty as a means to enhance the lives and well-being of the people (Thailand); continue efforts to achieve the country's poverty alleviation goals (Pakistan); continue efforts towards achieving the poverty alleviation goals, and implement strategic plans and programmes related to poverty alleviation, including the national strategy for growth and the realization of the development goals (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya); continue efforts to achieve the country's poverty alleviation goals (Tajikistan);	2.03	1.426
37	Continue the implementation of existing programmes and projects to enhance various socio-economic rights with a view to achieving the Millennium Development Goals (Islamic Republic of Iran); continue the steadfast implementation of its national development strategies and plans aimed at poverty alleviation (Philippines); continue to support the implementation of the socioeconomic development plan aimed at the eradication of poverty in the country (Cuba);	2.00	1.365
38	Continue to take active measures to develop remote mountainous areas in order to reduce the gap between mountainous regions and urban regions (China); enhance efforts to build and improve infrastructure in rural areas (Pakistan);	1.77	1.431
39	Continue its fight against poverty and in particular against malnutrition in rural areas and, to that end, identify its needs in terms of technical and financial assistance, and consider requesting the aid of United Nations agencies and programmes competent in this area (Algeria);	1.90	1.470
40	Continue efforts to provide basic health and education services for vulnerable segments of its population, and continue its commitment to a people-oriented development policy by tackling poverty-related issues through investment in social infrastructure and by addressing the probable shortcomings in this regard (Myanmar);	1.57	1.194
41	Further strengthen measures to promote health care, the quality of education and job creation for the people living in rural and remote areas (Viet Nam);	1.53	1.224
42	Continue the implementation of ongoing policies and programmes to guarantee access for the entire population to health services and quality education (Cuba);	1.73	1.437
43	Undertake the efforts necessary to increase the budget for social programmes, particularly regarding education and adequate food (Mexico);	1.90	1.494
44	Continue the implementation of the national health care programme (Tajikistan);	1.63	1.351
45	Continue to strengthen efforts to reduce maternal and infant mortality, including by developing the midwifery workforce and making the services of skilled birth attendants available, accessible and, where necessary, free of charge (Norway);	1.73	1.437
46	Take further action to further reduce the high rate of maternal and infant mortality and provide full access to health care and health education by women, and address problems relating to poverty, hard work and illiteracy (Kazakhstan);	1.67	1.446

47	Provide vaccination to all segments of society, especially women and children, in order to reduce mortality rates and raise life expectancy (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya);	1.70	1.489
48	Increase the budget for health so as to strengthen primary care, in particular in rural areas, including sexual education, and ensure that programmes for family planning and awareness duly take into account the traditions and physical obstacles faced by women in rural areas (Luxembourg).	1.53	1.383
49	Continue to improve the quality of education and further increase access to education for the Lao multi-ethnic people (Democratic People's Republic of Korea); improve the quality of education and increase access to education (Tajikistan); continue its commendable efforts with a view to improving access to education for its citizens (Algeria);	1.77	1.431
50	Continue its current reform programme in the education system to provide a better education for its people throughout the country, particularly in rural areas (Islamic Republic of Iran); further pursue efforts to develop education, particularly in rural areas of the country (Kyrgyzstan);	1.70	1.368
51	Undertake more effective measures to ensure the accessibility of crucial public services, such as education and healthcare, to the general population, particularly those living in rural areas (Malaysia);	1.63	1.245
52	Continue to increase investment in education to endeavour to raise the level of education for the whole nation in order to meet the requirements for social and economic development (China);	1.70	1.317
53	Continue activities to increase access for children to education, promote maternal and infant health, and eradicate trafficking in persons (Belarus);	1.83	1.177
54	Seek to introduce human rights sensitization in school and university curriculums (Qatar);	1.77	1.455

Table 21: International Cooperation

No	Universal Periodic Reviews Accepted by Government of the Lao PDR	Mean	Std. Deviation
	International Cooperation		
55	Enhance cooperation at the regional and international levels with relevant stakeholders with a view to achieving relevant Millennium Development Goals, related to poverty eradication, nutrition, sanitation and environmental sustainability(Malaysia);	1.31	1.339
56	Seek further technical assistance from relevant international organizations to ensure continual success on the path towards achieving human rights and equal access to education, health, employment and livelihood for all (Maldives);	1.20	1.324

57	Seek the technical assistance of the international community, in light of the present stage of development in Laos, in order to provide it with needed assistance in strengthening the capacity of its national mechanisms responsible for preparing periodic reports for treaty bodies, and in training its law enforcement officials, judges and police officers in the area of human rights (Egypt);	1.17	1.289
58	Further enhance and strengthen the work of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Human Rights Commission to effectively promote and protect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of the peoples of ASEAN (Indonesia);	1.10	1.242
59	Involve civil society, including human rights non-governmental organizations, in the follow-up to this review (United Kingdom).	1.87	1.408

Table 22 Religion

No	Universal Periodic Reviews Accepted by Government of the Lao PDR	Mean	Std. Deviation
	Religion		
60	Adopt adequate measures to protect freedom of religion or belief with a view to ensuring for all the full enjoyment of the right to practice one's religion (Italy); ensure the right to practice religion freely without discrimination and in accordance with international human rights standards (Netherlands);	.83	1.147
61	Implement measures, including through legislation, to protect all citizens from discrimination due to their religious beliefs; and prosecute those involved in the persecution of religious groups (New Zealand);	.83	1.117
62	Implement all recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion in order to remedy the situation described in her most recent report, which noted the persistence of discriminatory legal provisions and practices, which run counter to freedom of religion (France);	.70	.988
63	Reform decree No. 92 such that it guarantees the rights to freedom of religion and belief, opinion and expression as set out in the ICCPR, and take steps to improve the awareness of State officials of their duty to protect these rights (United Kingdom);	.63	1.033
64	Ensure that relevant authorities, particularly at the local and district levels, are aware of their duty to protect individuals' right to freedom of religion (Australia);	.73	1.081

Table 23: Freedom of expression and political participation

No	Universal Periodic Reviews Accepted by Government of the Lao PDR	Mean	Std. Deviation
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	Freedom of expression and political participation		
65	Fully implement legal provisions protecting freedom of speech in accordance with the ICCPR (Canada);	.87	1.137
66	Comply fully with article 25 of the ICCPR, relating to the right to political participation (Mexico);	.73	1.015

Table 24: Media

No	Universal Periodic Reviews Accepted by Government of the Lao PDR	Mean	Std. Deviation
	Media		
67	Amend further its Law on the Media, the Law on Publication and other related regulations to comply with international human rights standards (Slovakia);	.73	.980
68	Review domestic legislation on the media in order to bring it into line with article 19 of the ICCPR (Italy);	.73	1.172
69	Strengthen its commitment to ensuring that the fundamental rights of minorities are better respected (Switzerland);	.73	1.112
70	Allow privately owned media outlets to be established (New Zealand);	.80	1.186
71	Remove all Internet monitoring and control facilities restricting the use of the Internet (Netherlands).	.67	1.061