



Lebanese Republic
National Human Rights Commission
including the Committee
for the Prevention of Torture
NHRC-CPT

3rd Review of Lebanon under the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the UN Human Rights Council

Annex 2 to the written contribution by Lebanon's National Human Rights Commission including the committee for the Prevention of Torture - (NHRC-CPT)

Recommendations of the National Human Rights Commission including the committee for the Prevention of Torture - (NHRC-CPT) on the occasion of the Third Review of Lebanon under the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the UN Human Rights Council

(The numbering of the recommendations follows the section numbers used in the report. Reference is made in the footnotes to recommendations made by States during the second UPR cycle that relate to the recommendations made below by the Commission.)

On the occasion of the third review of Lebanon under the UPR, the Lebanon's National Human Rights Commission including the committee for the Prevention of Torture - (NHRC-CPT) makes the following recommendations¹:

I. Empowering Lebanon's NHRI and NPM

1. Allocating sufficient financial resources to the NHRC-CPT in the public annual budget (in a specified separate budget line), and create functional classification in the public budget related to the promotion and protection of human rights and the prevention of torture.
2. Ratify and publish all executive decrees of the Law 62/2016, to fully implement articles 7 and 30.
3. Amend article 28 of the 62/2016, to fully respect the principles relating to the Status of National Institutions (The Paris Principles) adopted by General Assembly resolution 48/134 of 20 December 1993, and in reference to general observation 1.10 of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) on adequate funding for NHRI's.

II. Accountability of the implementation of anti-torture law and other ill-treatment, and the suggested amendments

4. Respect and fully implement the anti-torture law No. 65/2017, and to

¹ In the selection of recommendations for the UPR, NHRC-CPT has prioritised recommendations that are specific and time-bound and thus suitable for the UPR process.

investigate the allegations of torture by a civil judge, not by security agencies in addition to investigating the claims of torture through a fair investigation in competent civilian courts instead of military courts.

5. Amend Law No. 65/2017 to criminalize Inhuman or degrading treatment and/or punishment (CIDT), and to explicitly state that the crime of torture should not be subjected to statute of limitations and to provide sanctions for cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

III. Ratification of CRPD and CPPED and the status of the standing invitation to the special procedures

6. Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol².
7. Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance³.
8. Speed up the establishment of National Commission for the Missing and Forcibly Disappeared in Lebanon which includes the establishment of the committee responsible for exhumation and identification of remains

IV. The situation of refugees and migrant domestic workers

9. Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families⁴.
10. Develop a specific legal framework defining and protecting rights and freedoms of refugees⁵.
11. Consider amending legislation, which limit Palestinian refugees from owning property, education and work, with emphasis on the right to return as one of the basic rights to the Palestinian refugees⁶.

V. Protests of 2019-2020 and the status human rights

12. Prevent any violation of fundamental rights recognised in treaties to which Lebanon is party; and develop a legal framework defining and protecting the free speech and opinion in Lebanon⁷.
13. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights⁸.

VI. The financial crisis and the longstanding socioeconomic grievances

14. Ensure that the IMF and World Bank recommendations do not have an adverse impact on access to basic rights.

² Recommendations No. 17, 18, 19, 20: (Sierra Leone); (Honduras); (Portugal); (Turkey);(Thailand); (Republic of Korea); (China); (Italy); (Mexico)

³ Recommendations No. 15, 16: (Uruguay) (Argentina) (Sierra Leone);

⁴ Recommendation No. 13: (Senegal) (Honduras) (Madagascar) (Sierra Leone);

⁵ Recommendation No. 39: (Norway)

⁶ Recommendation No. 167: (State of Palestine)

⁷ Recommendation No. 38: (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

⁸ Recommendation No. 5: (Portugal)

15. Set human rights at the center of any financial negotiations, and to ensure banning of any policies restricting depositors' access to funds.

Annex: Recognition of international norm-setting

16. Ratify ILO's Convention No. 87 on Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise, and implement it to ensure the right of all workers to freely organize⁹.
17. Ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty¹⁰.
18. Update the National Human Rights Plan to make it a national binding accord with an action plan for implementation¹¹.
19. Sign and ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, and Accede to and fully align national legislation with the Rome Statute¹².
20. Adopt a National Action Plan on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and pursue measures aimed at preventing trafficking and providing appropriate protection to victims¹³.

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⁹ Recommendation No. 25: (Sweden);

¹⁰ Recommendation No. 2, 3, 4:(Montenegro) (Poland) (Portugal); (Australia); (Italy); (Namibia)

¹¹ Recommendation No. 62, 63, 64: (Indonesia); (United Arab Emirates); (Malaysia)

¹² Recommendation No. 21, 22: (France); (Switzerland); (Paraguay); (Austria); (Costa Rica); (Cyprus); (Latvia); (Poland); (Estonia);

¹³ Recommendation No. 147: (Republic of Moldova)