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Addendum

Views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments and replies presented by the State under review

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1. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania presents its compliments to the Chair and members of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review and has the honour to refer to the review that it underwent on 19 January 2021, at the Working Group's thirty-seventh session, following which 266 recommendations were made to it by the reviewing States.
2. After careful analysis of the 266 recommendations, the Government has decided to accept 201 of them and to take note of 65.
3. The Government renews its commitment to cooperating within the framework of the universal periodic review, as it firmly believes that the mechanism plays an effective role in the promotion and protection of human rights by facilitating constructive, in-depth dialogue leading to an objective assessment of the human rights situation and to the exchange of best practices in this area.
4. By accepting most of the recommendations made to it, Mauritania has demonstrated its strong willingness to pursue its efforts to strengthen human rights, in accordance with the Constitution, domestic legislation and the obligations it has undertaken in this domain.
5. The recommendations that Mauritania has not accepted are either contrary to the Constitution or cannot be implemented at this time.
6. Some of those recommendations contain elements that Mauritania cannot accept or implement for constitutional or legal reasons, although other important elements included in the recommendations are in fact already being implemented.
7. Mauritania undertakes to submit a mid-term report on progress made to the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review.
8. The following is a list of accepted and rejected recommendations using the paragraph numbering of the Working Group's report of 5 February 2021.

I. Accepted recommendations

A. Strengthening the legislative and institutional framework for human rights

1. Ratification of international human rights instruments

- 130.27 (Indonesia);
- 130.36 (Namibia);
- 130.5 (Poland);
- 130.33 (Rwanda);
- 130.34 (Somalia);
- 130.37 (Zambia);
- 130.35 (Senegal).

2. Harmonization of national legislation with ratified instruments

- 130.117 (Canada);
- 130.49 (Côte d'Ivoire);
- 130.47 (Russian Federation).

3. Strengthening of national human rights institutions

- 130.61 (Indonesia);
- 130.104 (Iraq);
- 130.116 (Mozambique);

130.90 (Nigeria);
130.181 (Pakistan);
130.58 (Russian Federation);
130.59 (Togo);
130.115 (Uganda);
130.103 (United Arab Emirates);
130.188 (United Arab Emirates);
130.114 (United States of America);
130.60 (Bangladesh).

4. Promotion of cooperation with human rights mechanisms

130.46 (Democratic People's Republic of Korea);
130.42 (Egypt);
130.41 (Lesotho);
130.38 (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

B. Promotion of civil and political rights (freedom of expression, religion and association)

130.156 (Kuwait);
130.253 (Portugal);
130.120 (New Zealand);
130.121 (Oman);
130.119 (Ireland);
130.118 (Ireland);
130.122 (United States of America).

C. Combating trafficking in persons, torture and discrimination

1. Combating trafficking in persons, including contemporary forms of slavery

130.135 (Burundi);
130.144 (Ethiopia);
130.40 (Finland);
130.136 (France);
130.148 (Holy See);
130.134 (India);
130.150 (Iran (Islamic Republic of));
130.138 (Lesotho);
130.205 (Liechtenstein);
130.145 (Malaysia);
130.140 (Malaysia);
130.147 (Mozambique);

130.110 (Netherlands);
130.111 (New Zealand);
130.149 (Nigeria);
130.113 (Norway);
130.146 (Philippines);
130.139 (Serbia);
130.137 (Sudan);
130.74 (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);
130.105 (United States of America);
130.130 (Argentina);
130.131 (Armenia);
130.132 (Australia);
130.133 (Bahrain);
130.143 (Belarus);
130.141 (Botswana);
130.142 (Italy).

2. Elimination of torture

130.102 (Denmark);
130.101 (France);
130.106 (Switzerland).

3. Elimination of discrimination

130.57 (Georgia);
130.260 (Ghana);
130.50 (Mexico);
130.71 (Serbia);
130.73 (Spain);
130.72 (Togo);
130.62 (Uganda);
130.70 (Angola);
130.66 (Brazil);
130.68 (Bulgaria);
130.69 (Italy).

D. Protection of the rights of special groups (women, children, persons with disabilities, migrants)

130.169 (Argentina).

1. Promotion of women's rights

130.222 (Cameroon);
130.56 (Canada);

130.213 (Canada);
130.223 (China);
130.51 (Chile);
130.233 (Cuba);
130.54 (Democratic Republic of the Congo);
130.215 (Finland);
130.196 (France);
130.193 (Gabon);
130.216 (Gabon);
130.108 (Germany);
130.192 (Germany);
130.212 (Iceland);
130.173 (Iceland);
130.228 (Indonesia);
130.52 (Ireland);
130.224 (Japan);
130.163 (Jordan);
130.209 (Kenya);
130.217 (Kenya);
130.219 (Lebanon);
130.164 (Libya);
130.229 (Libya);
130.129 (Liechtenstein);
130.198 (Maldives);
130.200 (Marshall Islands);
130.199 (Montenegro);
130.207 (Morocco);
130.227 (Morocco);
130.210 (Mozambique);
130.225 (Myanmar);
130.208 (Myanmar);
130.231 (Nepal);
130.174 (New Zealand);
130.204 (Norway);
130.165 (Oman);
130.221 (Pakistan);
130.218 (Philippines);
130.63 (Saudi Arabia);
130.166 (Saudi Arabia);
130.234 (Somalia);

130.109 (Spain);
130.232 (Sudan);
130.194 (Switzerland);
130.67 (Switzerland);
130.230 (Tunisia);
130.201 (Uruguay);
130.85 (Yemen);
130.203 (Zambia);
130.195 (Argentina);
130.235 (Bangladesh);
130.226 (Barbados);
130.175 (Belgium);
130.211 (Botswana);
130.214 (Burkina Faso);
130.206 (Italy);
130.202 (Senegal);
130.197 (Djibouti).

2. Promotion of the rights of the child

130.55 (Chad);
130.239 (Chile);
130.244 (Gabon);
130.252 (Germany);
130.243 (Holy See);
130.23 (Japan);
130.242 (Kazakhstan);
130.247 (Kenya);
130.248 (Kenya);
130.241 (Mexico);
130.53 (Montenegro);
130.251 (Norway);
130.246 (Tunisia);
130.250 (Ukraine);
130.240 (Zambia);
130.249 (Angola);
130.245 (Belarus).

3. Promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities

130.259 (Fiji);
130.257 (India);
130.254 (State of Palestine);

130.255 (Sudan);
130.258 (Algeria);
130.256 (Bulgaria).

4. Protection of the rights of migrants

130.262 (Ghana);
130.263 (Holy See);
130.266 (Somalia);
130.264 (Sri Lanka);
130.261 (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

E. Fulfilment of economic, social and cultural rights

1. Right to development

130.157 (Democratic People's Republic of Korea);
130.153 (Egypt);
130.152 (Ethiopia);
130.161 (Holy See);
130.84 (Iraq);
130.87 (Jordan);
130.89 (Jordan);
130.155 (Kuwait);
130.88 (Libya);
130.168 (Maldives);
130.167 (Tunisia);
130.162 (Barbados);
130.86 (Lebanon).

2. Poverty reduction

130.158 (China);
130.154 (Cuba);
130.160 (Iran (Islamic Republic of));
130.159 (Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)).

3. Promotion of access to health care

130.171 (Fiji);
130.170 (Bahrain).

4. Promotion of access to education

130.238 (India);
130.177 (Indonesia);
130.176 (Iran (Islamic Republic of));
130.183 (Kazakhstan);

130.265 (Lesotho);
130.187 (Malaysia);
130.190 (Myanmar);
130.180 (Sri Lanka);
130.186 (Sri Lanka);
130.189 (State of Palestine);
130.182 (Algeria);
130.191 (Algeria);
130.178 (Angola);
130.184 (Bangladesh);
130.179 (Barbados);
130.185 (Djibouti).

5. Environmental protection

130.81 (Fiji);
130.83 (Georgia);
130.82 (Philippines).

II. Noted recommendations

130.3 (Armenia);
130.4 (Slovenia);
130.6 (Chile);
130.7 (Kazakhstan);
130.8 (Norway);
130.9 (Argentina);
130.10 (Nepal);
130.11 (Rwanda);
130.12 (Ukraine);
130.13 (Côte d'Ivoire);
130.14 (Liechtenstein);
130.15. (Finland);
130.16 (Iceland);
130.17 (Poland);
130.18 (Germany);
130.19 (Latvia);
130.20 (New Zealand);
130.21 (Honduras);
130.22 (Honduras);
130.24 (Ukraine);
130.25 (Togo);

130.26 (Honduras);
130.28 (France);
130.29 (Poland);
130.30 (Latvia);
130.31 (Liechtenstein);
130.39 (Latvia);
130.43 (Marshall Islands);
130.45 (Australia);
130.48 (Switzerland);
130.64 (New Zealand);
130.65 (Spain);
130.75 (Italy);
130.76 (Norway);
130.77 (Belgium);
130.78 (France);
130.79 (Iceland);
130.80 (Netherlands);
130.92 (France);
130.93 (Portugal);
130.94 (Brazil);
130.95 (Italy);
130.96 (Switzerland);
130.97 (Fiji);
130.98 (Uruguay);
130.99 (Australia);
130.100 (Namibia);
130.107 (Côte d'Ivoire);
130.112 (Belgium);
130.123 (Italy);
130.124 (Holy See);
130.125 (Latvia);
130.126 (Netherlands);
130.127 (Argentina);
130.128 (Ukraine);
130.172 (Denmark);
130.220 (Portugal);
130.32 (Liechtenstein);
130.2 (Rwanda);
130.1 (Uruguay);
130.91 (Chad);

130.236 (Ghana);
130.151 (Somalia);
130.237 (Canada);
130.44 (Mexico).
