

# BELGIUM: FAILING TO HONOUR COMMITMENTS

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## SUMMARY

This submission was prepared for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Belgium in April-May 2026. In it, Amnesty International evaluates the implementation of recommendations made to Belgium in its previous review, including in relation to commitments to establish a National Human Rights Institution, to establish a national preventative mechanism that can monitor all places where people are deprived of their liberty (or several visiting bodies for the prevention of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment for all places of detention) and to respect the rights of asylum seekers and migrants.

It also assesses the national human rights framework including the status of international treaty ratifications.

With regard to the human rights situation on the ground, Amnesty International raises concern about violations of asylum seekers' right to adequate reception conditions, overcrowding and poor conditions in prisons, violations of the right of peaceful assembly, irresponsible arms transfers and barriers for people seeking abortions.

It ends with a set of recommendations to Belgium which, if implemented, would contribute to improving the human rights situation.

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## FOLLOW UP TO THE PREVIOUS REVIEWS

1. The state published a report following a dialogue meeting with stakeholders by way of mid-term-evaluation of progress.<sup>1</sup>
2. Belgium has still not finalised the establishment of a National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) in full compliance with the Paris Principles.<sup>2</sup>
3. Belgium has not ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture (OPCAT), nor has it finalised the establishment of a national preventative mechanism, though progress was made.<sup>3</sup>
4. Federal and regional actions against racism were presented, but no National Action Plan Against Racism was adopted.<sup>4</sup>
5. No laws were adopted requiring companies to conduct human rights due diligence.<sup>5</sup> Belgium also failed to ban trade and business with Israel's illegal settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, as it is obligated to do under international humanitarian law and as laid out by the International Court of Justice.<sup>6</sup>
6. The federal government blatantly and persistently violated the human rights of thousands asylum seekers by ignoring its legal obligations, court orders and commitments made during the previous review.<sup>7</sup>
7. Poor detention conditions due to overcrowding in prisons worsened, in spite of commitments to take action against overcrowding and to end the violation of human rights of detainees.<sup>8</sup>
8. Most of the preceding examples reflect failures to live up to commitments that Belgium repeated in all three previous UPR-cycles and thus illustrate how the state's follow-through on key recommendations has been slow, incomplete and insufficient.
9. Belgium did, however, take important steps to combat sexual violence and to implement the provisions of the Istanbul Convention.<sup>9</sup> Other positive developments include Belgium's prohibition of the detention of (families with) children for migration purposes<sup>10</sup>, some positive though insufficient steps to combat ethnic profiling by police<sup>11</sup> and a landmark decision by the Brussels Court of Appeals recognising crimes committed during colonial times as crimes against humanity<sup>12</sup>.

## THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS FRAMEWORK

10. The Federal Institute for the protection and promotion of Human Rights (FIRM-IFDH) – which became operational in 2021 – was accredited with B-status in 2023.<sup>13</sup> The current mandate of FIRM-IFDH is not “as broad a mandate as possible”, as required by the Paris Principles<sup>14</sup> but restricted to cover “fundamental rights that fall under federal competency” and to issues that are not “dealt with by sectoral institutions for the promotion and the protection of human rights”.<sup>15</sup>
11. Amnesty International regrets that the FIRM-IFDH has not been mandated to establish an individual complaints procedure.<sup>16</sup>
12. In 2021, the Flemish region withdrew from Unia (Belgium's inter-federal equality body), a decision which was widely criticized by civil society organizations.<sup>17</sup> A new Flemish Human Rights Institute was established to take over all ‘Flemish’ tasks of Unia. This institute was given a general – as far as Flemish competencies are concerned – mandate to promote and protect human rights and an innovative complaint procedure.<sup>18</sup> Though this institute offers opportunities and could prove to be an effective mechanism, the unilateral Flemish exit from Unia and the fragmentation of the human rights landscape pose challenges for the effectiveness, coherence and coordination of discrimination and human rights monitoring throughout the country.

13. During the previous cycle, Belgium stated about the establishment of a NHRI: “Whatever happens, the federated entities and the federal Government need to agree on a shared vision”.<sup>19</sup> Amnesty International has seen no evidence of government efforts to articulate such a vision.
14. With the law of 21 April 2024<sup>20</sup>, a federal preventive mechanism against torture and other ill-treatment was established as an autonomous body within the FIRM-IFDH. The new mechanism is an important step towards the establishment of a national preventive mechanism as stipulated in OPCAT. However, since this mechanism is limited to the federal level, several more legislative steps will be needed to ensure coverage of all places where people are deprived of their liberty and access to those locations and people.<sup>21</sup>
15. Belgium has made progress in efforts to strengthen international law and legal instruments with regards to preventing impunity for crimes under international law. Its role in the adoption of the Ljubljana-The Hague Convention on International Cooperation in the Investigation and Prosecution of Genocide, Crimes against Humanity, War Crimes and other International Crimes and the fact that Belgium will act as this Convention’s depository, are testament to these efforts. However, the state has not yet ratified this important Convention.

## THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION ON THE GROUND

### Asylum and migration

16. Amnesty International observes a severe deterioration in the protection of the rights of asylum seekers in Belgium. Since October 2021, Belgian authorities have failed to provide reception to thousands of people seeking international protection, and to protect their human rights, including access to healthcare and hygiene facilities to all people applying for asylum on an equal basis. Since then, thousands of people – mainly racialized male individuals – have been placed on a waiting list to receive reception.<sup>22</sup>
17. In this context, between October 2021 and April 2025, Belgian courts issued over 10,000 rulings ordering the state to provide reception, with daily penalties for non-compliance.<sup>23</sup> These court orders were not fully implemented: in most cases, Belgium failed to immediately provide reception and the state has not paid a single penalty. In 2023, the ECtHR also condemned Belgium for failing to execute one such court order, noting the authorities’ “systemic failure” to enforce those decisions.<sup>24</sup> In July 2024, the Committee of Ministers found that the steps taken by the government were insufficient.<sup>25</sup>
18. The successive governments’ flagrant disregard for legal obligations and court orders displays an alarming erosion of respect for the rule of law.
19. The current federal coalition agreement states that the new government will ‘evaluate’ the legal ban<sup>26</sup> on the detention of (families with) children, which was passed in May 2024.<sup>27</sup> Amnesty International is concerned that Belgium could overturn the prohibition.<sup>28</sup> Government plans also point to an increased use of immigration detention to facilitate returns, including the establishment of additional closed detention centres.<sup>29</sup>
20. Amnesty International documented how the government sought to rely on diplomatic assurances against torture or other ill-treatment to allow the transfer of a person to a state where she/he would be at risk of such abuse.<sup>30</sup>

### Prison conditions

21. Overcrowding in dilapidated prisons continued and worsened, with insufficient access to essential services, including healthcare and sanitary facilities. Although international and national monitoring bodies have repeatedly raised alarm, the situation has continued to deteriorate, and Belgium has failed to take appropriate measures to address these urgent issues.<sup>31</sup>
22. The number of people imprisoned continued to rise to an unprecedented number. In July 2025 there were 13,001 prisoners for 11,040 available places. The Central Prison Supervisory Council warned that an additional 676 prisoners

were on extended leave and that 3,345 sentences were still to be enforced - totalling 17,022 prison sentences to be served with 11,040 places available.<sup>32</sup>

### Freedom of expression and right of peaceful assembly

23. The right to freedom of peaceful assembly is unduly restricted. An authorization regime incompatible with the full enjoyment of the right to freedom of peaceful assembly exists in most municipalities, requiring citizens to make an application for an official permit.<sup>33</sup> In several municipalities examined by Amnesty International, police laws consider demonstrations or public gatherings to be forbidden unless authorized through prior written permission from the municipal authorities.<sup>34</sup> As the Human Rights Committee has stated: “Having to apply for permission from the authorities undercuts the idea that peaceful assembly is a basic right.”<sup>35</sup>
24. In federal legislation, as well as in municipal police regulations and in practice, ‘neutral’ or ‘protest-free’ zones are set-out and enforced.<sup>36</sup> Such blanket bans – including in this case on locations around buildings hosting political institutions and around tourist attractions - are a sweeping one-size-fits-all restriction that preclude an individualized assessment of the specific circumstances and are intrinsically disproportionate .
25. Belgium’s new Criminal Code, adopted in 2024 and entering into force in April 2026, introduces an offence that punishes “malicious interference with the authority of the State”.<sup>37</sup> The lack of clarity and overbroad nature of this offence risks leading to undue restrictions on the right of peaceful assembly and criminalizing legitimate forms of protest, in particular peaceful acts of, or calls for, civil disobedience and have a chilling effect on the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

### Policing

26. Amnesty International and other civil society organisations have documented instances of excessive, arbitrary, abusive or otherwise unlawful use of force by police officers in the context of peaceful demonstrations, notably against pro-Palestinian demonstrators protesting near the Israeli embassy in Brussels.<sup>38</sup> Civil society organizations have warned against increasing repression against pro-Palestinian demonstrators.<sup>39</sup>
27. Some positive steps to combat ethnic profiling by police were taken<sup>40</sup> but Belgium still has no explicit legal prohibition of ethnic profiling<sup>41</sup> nor a mandatory system for recording identity checks, using stop forms.<sup>42</sup> Furthermore, no legislative changes have been introduced to allow for the collection of disaggregated data by ethnicity.<sup>43</sup>

### Sexual and other gender-based violence

28. Belgium made considerable progress to implement the Istanbul Convention with regard to measures to combat rape and sexual violence, including by the adoption of a consent-based definition of rape in its Criminal Code<sup>44</sup> and by the establishment of sexual violence care centres throughout the country.<sup>45</sup>
29. Women and girls who experience sexual violence still face multiple barriers to filing complaints. There is also a need to improve the collection of reliable data and for research on different forms of sexual violence. Further action is also needed to ensure adequate training of law enforcement forces regarding sexual violence.<sup>46</sup>

### Arms Transfers

30. Amnesty International continued to express concerns over irresponsible arms transfers to places where the weapons have a substantial risk of being used to commit or facilitate serious human rights violations or serious violations of international humanitarian law.<sup>47</sup>
31. Civil society actions and court cases showed that control over transit of weapons through Belgian territory was lacking and allowed for the transit of weaponry which may subsequently have been used to commit serious human rights or international humanitarian law violations.<sup>48</sup>

### Abortion

32. Access to safe and legal abortions is not guaranteed for all women, girls and people who can get pregnant. According to Belgian law, voluntary pregnancy termination is limited to 12 weeks after conception and requires a compulsory six-day reflection period and the legal obligation to inform any person requesting an abortion about adoption and the various 'care options' available. If these provisions are not respected, the law provides for criminal punishment.<sup>49</sup>
33. As a result, every year around 400 people who have the necessary resources to do so and are in need of abortion care outside of the overly restrictive legal framework, are compelled to travel to neighbouring countries, in particular the Netherlands.<sup>50</sup>
34. People seeking abortions in Belgium continue to face other barriers, such as the shortage of abortion care providers.<sup>51</sup> Notably undocumented people and people facing homelessness are subjected to additional obstacles, often impeding access to timely abortion care.<sup>52</sup>

### **Rights of intersex individuals**

35. Despite recommendations from the Children's Rights Committee and the Human Rights Committee, Belgian law does not protect intersex children from non-consensual surgical interventions.<sup>53</sup>

### **Climate**

36. In November 2023, the Brussels Court of Appeal ruled that the federal, the Flemish and the Brussels Capital Region's authorities had failed to implement adequate policies to tackle the climate emergency.<sup>54</sup>
37. The government's annual inventory shows that the federal government in 2022 (the most recent year) spent over 17,7 billion in fossil fuels subsidies.<sup>55</sup>

### **Rights of people with disabilities**

38. Amnesty International is concerned about the many barriers people with disabilities in Belgium face to exercising their right to participate fully and on an equal basis in an inclusive society. These concerns are further underpinned by the findings of disability rights organizations, representative bodies of people with disabilities, and human rights oversight bodies.<sup>56</sup>

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION BY THE STATE UNDER REVIEW**

### **Amnesty International calls on the governments of Belgium to:**

#### **Follow up to the previous review**

39. Elaborate, adopt, and implement in close consultation with civil society stakeholders, a National Action Plan against racism and related forms of discrimination, as Belgium had committed to do in the previous reviews.
40. Adopt legal and policy reforms to require business enterprises domiciled or headquartered in Belgium to respect human rights and to carry out human rights due diligence throughout their global operations and supply chains.
41. Adopt legislation ensuring all imports and exports of goods and services from and to Israel's illegal settlements in the OPT are banned, as well as investments therein.

#### **National Human Rights Framework**

42. Finalize the establishment of a National Human Rights Institution that is fully compliant with the Paris Principles, as Belgium had committed to do in previous reviews.
43. Require that the Federal Human Rights Institute establish an individual complaints procedure, as Belgium had committed to do in the previous review.

44. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, without further delays and without any reservations, as Belgium had committed to do in the previous reviews.
45. Finalise the establishment of a National Preventative Mechanism that can monitor all places where people are deprived of their liberty, as Belgium had committed to do in the previous reviews.
46. Ratify the Ljubljana-The Hague Convention on international cooperation in the investigation and prosecution of the crime of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and other international crimes.

### **Asylum and Migration**

47. Ensure that all those who request international protection in Belgium are provided with reception, including accommodation and housing in line with the right to an adequate standard of living.
48. Fully implement domestic and international rulings pertaining to the human rights of people seeking international protection.
49. Maintain the prohibition on detaining children, as well as families with children, for migration purposes.
50. Take further legislative steps to prohibit the detention for migration related purposes of people with specific needs, including recognized refugees, families, pregnant people, people with disabilities and survivors of trafficking.
51. Widen and expedite safe and legal migration routes, including humanitarian visas, resettlement, student visas, work visas and family reunification.
52. Observe the principle of non-refoulement by not forcibly returning any person to a country where they would be at real risk of serious human rights violations

### **Prison conditions**

53. End prison overcrowding and ensure all prison facilities and detention conditions are in line with international standards.
54. Safeguard detainees' security and rights, including the right to health care.
55. Establish a binding regulation aimed at reducing the prison population to the available capacity.

### **Right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly**

56. Ensure municipalities fully respect, protect and facilitate the right of peaceful assembly.
57. Ensure municipalities do not subject assemblies to prior authorization.
58. Repeal provisions in law and municipal regulations setting out blanket bans that unduly curtail the right of peaceful assembly.
59. Amend the 2024 Penal Code to repeal the offence of "malicious interference with the authority of the State" and ensure full compliance with the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

### **Policing**

60. Take steps in policy and practice to combat ethnic profiling.
61. Amend the Police Act by incorporating an explicit prohibition of direct and indirect discrimination, and by explicitly prohibiting ethnic profiling.

- 62. Require the registration of identity checks by police and collect data to monitor and research their use.
- 63. Ensure that prompt, thorough, and transparent investigations are conducted into all incidents involving injuries due to or following contact with the police.

#### **Sexual and other gender-based violence**

- 64. Continue to prioritise combatting sexual and other gender-based violence, including by ensuring adequate training of law enforcement forces regarding sexual violence.

#### **Arms transfers**

- 65. Halt all arms transfers, including transit and transshipment, when there is a substantial risk that the weapons will be used to commit or facilitate serious violations of international human rights law or humanitarian law.

#### **Abortion**

- 66. Fully decriminalise abortion and remove all obstacles that restrict access to safe and legal abortion.
- 67. Ensure that access to abortion care is in line with international human rights obligations on the right to health, including access to timely and appropriate healthcare for everyone without discrimination.

#### **Rights of intersex individuals**

- 68. Take the necessary legislative and other steps to end the performance of irreversible medical acts, especially surgical operations, on intersex children who are not yet capable of giving their free and informed consent, except in cases where such interventions are absolutely necessary for medical reasons.

#### **Climate**

- 69. Substantially increase Belgium's funding and support for human rights-compliant measures to tackle the climate crisis in less wealthy countries.
- 70. Immediately end fossil fuel subsidies and phase out fossil fuels use and production by 2030 or as soon as possible after that.

#### **Rights of people with disabilities**

- 71. Implement policies to ensure that persons with disabilities can access the full range of their rights and remove barriers hindering the full inclusion and participation of people with disabilities in society.

## ANNEX 1

### KEY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTS FOR FURTHER REFERENCE

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*Belgium: Submission to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 103rd session, 19-30 April 2021*, 29 March 2021, [www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur14/3919/2021/en/](http://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur14/3919/2021/en/)

*Belgium: Oral statement on ethnic profiling by the Belgian police to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination*, 18 April 2021, [www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur14/4008/2021/en/](http://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur14/4008/2021/en/)

*Belgium: Submission to the UN Committee against Torture 71st Session, 12-30 July 2021*, 14 June 2021, [www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur14/4290/2021/en/](http://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur14/4290/2021/en/)

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*Belgium: Asylum seekers denied shelter*, 14 December 2023, [www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur14/7512/2023/en/](http://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur14/7512/2023/en/)

*Europe: Under Protected and Over Restricted: The state of the right to protest in 21 European countries*, 8 July 2024, [www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur01/8199/2024/en/](http://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur01/8199/2024/en/)

*Belgium: Submission to the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: 31st Session, 12 August – 5 September 2024*, 11 July 2024, [www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur14/8313/2024/en/](http://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur14/8313/2024/en/)

*Global: Africans and people of African descent call on Europe to reckon with their colonial legacies*, 18 November 2024, [www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2024/11/global-africans-and-people-of-african-descent-call-on-europe-to-reckon-with-their-colonial-legacies/](http://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2024/11/global-africans-and-people-of-african-descent-call-on-europe-to-reckon-with-their-colonial-legacies/)

*Belgium: Amnesty International's Submission to the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO) on Belgium's Sex Workers' Rights Laws*, 7 March 2025, [www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur14/9108/2025/en/](http://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur14/9108/2025/en/)

*'Systematically abducting and deporting children is a crime against humanity'*, 21 March 2025, [www.amnesty.org/en/latest/campaigns/2025/03/systematically-abducting-and-deporting-children-is-a-crime-against-humanity/](http://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/campaigns/2025/03/systematically-abducting-and-deporting-children-is-a-crime-against-humanity/)

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*Belgium: Submission to the UN Human Rights Committee 145th session, 6-10 October 2025, List of Issues Prior to Reporting*, 26 July 2025, <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur14/0144/2025/en/>

## ANNEX 2

### MATRIX OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS CYCLE, WITH COMMENTS ON PROGRESS

Recommendation	Position	Full list of themes	Assessment/comments on level of implementation
<p>35.1 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Australia) (Denmark) (Finland) (France) (Greece) (Iceland) (Luxembourg) (Maldives) (Mauritius) (Montenegro) (Poland) (Portugal);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ratification of &amp; accession to international instruments</li> <li>- Prohibition of torture &amp; ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	<p><b>Not implemented.</b></p> <p>Progress was made on the establishment of a national preventative mechanism (or several visiting bodies for the prevention of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment for all places of detention) – see submission for further details.</p>
<p>35.2 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, signed in 2005 (Italy);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ratification of &amp; accession to international instruments</li> <li>- Prohibition of torture &amp; ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	<p><b>Not implemented</b></p>
<p>35.3 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, as soon as possible (Switzerland);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ratification of &amp; accession to international instruments</li> <li>- Prohibition of torture &amp; ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	<p><b>Not implemented</b></p>

Recommendation	Position	Full list of themes	Assessment/comments on level of implementation
<p>35.4 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, without further delays and without any reservations (Cyprus) (Czechia);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ratification of &amp; accession to international instruments</li> <li>- Reservations</li> <li>- Prohibition of torture &amp; ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	Not implemented
<p>35.5 Finalize the process of ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (Georgia);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ratification of &amp; accession to international instruments</li> <li>- Prohibition of torture &amp; ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	Not implemented
<p>35.6 Expedite the process of ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Malawi);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ratification of &amp; accession to international instruments</li> <li>- Prohibition of torture &amp; ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	Somewhat implemented

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<p>35.7 Continue its efforts to promptly accede to the United Nations Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Ghana);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ratification of &amp; accession to international instruments</li> <li>- Prohibition of torture &amp; ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	Somewhat implemented
<p>35.8 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and establish an effective national preventive mechanism (Lithuania);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ratification of &amp; accession to international instruments</li> <li>- Prohibition of torture &amp; ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)</li> <li>- National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	Not implemented though progress was made on the establishment of a national preventive mechanism. See submission for further info and references.
<p>35.9 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and establish a national preventive mechanism to ensure the monitoring of all places where people are deprived of their liberty (Netherlands);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ratification of &amp; accession to international instruments</li> <li>- Prohibition of torture &amp; ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)</li> <li>- Conditions of detention</li> <li>- National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	Not implemented. See above

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<p>35.10 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and establish a preventive mechanism in accordance with the Optional Protocol (Norway);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ratification of &amp; accession to international instruments</li> <li>- Prohibition of torture &amp; ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)</li> <li>- National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	<p><b>Not implemented.</b></p> <p>See above</p>
<p>35.11 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment in accordance with Sustainable Development Goal 16 and establish a national mechanism for the prevention of torture that reflects the realities of the country (Paraguay);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ratification of &amp; accession to international instruments</li> <li>- Prohibition of torture &amp; ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)</li> <li>- National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	<p><b>Not implemented.</b></p> <p>See above</p>
<p>35.12 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and take forward consultations to establish a national preventive mechanism (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ratification of &amp; accession to international instruments</li> <li>- Prohibition of torture &amp; ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)</li> <li>- National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	<p><b>Not implemented.</b></p> <p>See above</p>

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<p>35.13 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture, and establish a national preventive mechanism with sufficient resources to ensure independent, impartial and external monitoring, in line with the principles of the Convention (Costa Rica );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ratification of &amp; accession to international instruments</li> <li>- Prohibition of torture &amp; ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)</li> <li>- Conditions of detention</li> <li>- National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	<p><b>Not implemented.</b></p> <p>See above</p>
<p>35.14 Finalize the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Romania); Finalize the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and set up an effective national preventive mechanism (Ukraine);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ratification of &amp; accession to international instruments</li> <li>- Prohibition of torture &amp; ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)</li> <li>- National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	<p><b>Not implemented.</b></p> <p>See above</p>
<p>35.15 Accelerate efforts for the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and establish a national preventive mechanism (North Macedonia );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ratification of &amp; accession to international instruments</li> <li>- Prohibition of torture &amp; ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)</li> <li>- National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	<p><b>Somewhat implemented.</b></p> <p>See above</p>

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<p>35.17 Establish a national preventive mechanism to prevent torture with a view to ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Albania );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ratification of &amp; accession to international instruments</li> <li>- Prohibition of torture &amp; ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)</li> <li>- National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	<p><b>Partly implemented</b></p> <p>See above</p>
<p>35.22 Step up the process of establishing a national human rights institution that is fully compliant with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (the Paris Principles), by ensuring comprehensive human rights mandates and the necessary resources (Republic of Korea);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> <li>- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public officials</li> </ul>	<p><b>Partly implemented</b></p> <p>(see segment on NHRI in submission and below)</p>
<p>36.22 Adopt an inclusive national strategy on persons of African descent (Angola );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.3</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> <li>- National Human Rights Action Plans (or specific areas) / implementation plans</li> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	<p><b>Not implemented</b></p>

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35.23 Step up efforts to establish the national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles (Nepal ); <b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35	Supported	- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform <b>SDGs:</b> - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS <b>Affected persons:</b> - Public officials	Partly implemented
35.24 Accelerate the creation of a national institute that is in line with the Paris Principles (Qatar ); <b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35	Supported	- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform <b>SDGs:</b> - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS <b>Affected persons:</b> - Public officials	Partly implemented
35.25 Establish a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) (Denmark) (Rwanda) (Spain) (Ukraine ); <b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35	Supported	- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform <b>SDGs:</b> - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS <b>Affected persons:</b> - Public officials	<b>Not implemented</b> – the establishment of a <u>Federal</u> Human Rights Institute (FIRM-IFDH) in 2019 (operational since 2021) can be seen as a <b>partial</b> implementation of these (and similar) recommendations. However, the FIRM-IFDH is not fully compliant with the Paris Principles as it has not been given “as broad a mandate as possible.” See submission for further details and references.
35.26 Establish a national human rights institution that is compliant with the Paris Principles (Jordan ); <b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35	Supported	- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform <b>SDGs:</b> - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS <b>Affected persons:</b> - Public officials	<b>Not implemented</b> See above
35.27 Enhance its ongoing efforts for establishing a fully functioning independent national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles (Turkmenistan ); <b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35	Supported	- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform <b>SDGs:</b> - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS <b>Affected persons:</b> - Public officials	Partly implemented See above

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35.28 Take the final steps towards the establishment of the national human rights institution based on the Paris Principles (Costa Rica ); <b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35	Supported	- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform <b>SDGs:</b> - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS <b>Affected persons:</b> - Public officials	Not implemented
35.29 Complete the process of having a national human rights institution in compliance with the Paris Principles (Bangladesh ); <b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35	Supported	- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform <b>SDGs:</b> - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS <b>Affected persons:</b> - Public officials	Not implemented
35.30 Complete the process of putting in place a national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles (Greece ); <b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35	Supported	- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform <b>SDGs:</b> - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS <b>Affected persons:</b> - Public officials	Not implemented
35.31 Expedite the process of establishing a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles (India ); <b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35	Supported	- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform <b>SDGs:</b> - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS <b>Affected persons:</b> - Public officials	Not implemented
35.32 Provide a comprehensive mandate for its national human rights commission in compliance with the Paris Principles (Indonesia ); <b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35	Supported	- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform <b>SDGs:</b> - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS <b>Affected persons:</b> - Public officials	Partly implemented

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<p>35.33 Continue efforts to establish a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles (Iraq);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI)</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public officials</li> </ul>	Partly implemented
<p>35.34 Accelerate the implementation of a national human rights institution (A status) (Canada);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI)</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public officials</li> </ul>	Partly implemented
<p>35.35 Pursue A status accreditation under the Paris Principles for its national human rights institution (Australia);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI)</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public officials</li> </ul>	Partly implemented
<p>35.36 Speed up the establishment of the Federal Institute for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights, in accordance with the Paris Principles, providing it with a comprehensive mandate and with sufficient resources (Slovenia);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI)</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> <li>- National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public officials</li> </ul>	Partly implemented

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<p>35.37 Speed up the establishment of the Federal Institute for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights, in accordance with the Paris Principles (Senegal) (Mongolia );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI)</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> <li>- National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public officials</li> </ul>	Partly implemented
<p>35.38 Establish and operationalize the federal human rights institute in accordance with Belgium’s intention for a high-performance institute that is fully compliant with the Paris Principles (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI)</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> <li>- National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public officials</li> </ul>	Not implemented
<p>35.39 Establish the Federal Institute for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights in accordance with the Paris Principles with a mandate and all the necessary resources to carry out its functions (Kazakhstan );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI)</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> <li>- National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public officials</li> </ul>	Not implemented
<p>35.40 Undertake further steps for the full compliance of the federal human rights institute with the Paris Principles (North Macedonia );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI)</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> <li>- National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public officials</li> </ul>	Partly implemented

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<p>35.41 Redouble efforts so that the Federal Institute for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights can serve as an independent human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles (Uruguay);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI)</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> <li>- National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public officials</li> </ul>	Partly implemented
<p>35.42 Step up efforts to effectively launch the work of the Federal Institute for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights, the law establishing which was adopted back in 2019 (Russian Federation );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI)</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> <li>- National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public officials</li> </ul>	Implemented
<p>35.43 Accelerate the establishment of the Federal Institute for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights so as to bring it into full compliance with the Paris Principles (Djibouti );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI)</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> <li>- National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public officials</li> </ul>	Partly implemented
<p>35.44 Accelerate the establishment of the Federal Institute for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights in line with the Paris Principles, give it a comprehensive mandate and the resources necessary to enable it to carry out its mandate (Luxembourg );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI)</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> <li>- National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public officials</li> </ul>	Implemented

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<p>35.45 Concretize the functioning of the Federal Institute for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights, with a broad mandate and resources to fulfil its objectives, including the possibility of receiving individual complaints (Ecuador );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI)</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> <li>- National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public officials</li> </ul>	Implemented
<p>35.46 Expedite the establishment of the Federal Institute for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights, in compliance with the Paris Principles (Ireland );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI)</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> <li>- National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public officials</li> </ul>	Implemented
<p>36.6 Ensure that the Federal Institute for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights is allocated all competencies in line with the Paris Principles (Germany );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.3</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI)</li> <li>- National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul>	Implemented

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<p>35.61 Continue the ongoing efforts to prevent and tackle discrimination on any ground, including by improving data disaggregation (Republic of Korea);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Data collection &amp; research</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> <li>- 17 - PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> <li>- Persons with disabilities</li> </ul>	<p><b>Not implemented</b> – data collection and disaggregation remains insufficient.</p> <p>See for instance remarks made by CERD about this issue - points 5-6 of <a href="#">CERD/C/BEL/CO/20-22</a></p>
<p>35.63 Continue efforts in combating all forms of discrimination and ensure that corrective disciplinary and other accountability measures are in place to combat racial profiling and incidents of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (State of Palestine );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> <li>- Rule of law &amp; impunity</li> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Access to justice &amp; remedy</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	<p><b>Partly implemented</b></p> <p>Some positive steps to combat ethnic profiling by police were taken (see above), but Belgium largely failed to implement key recommendations by the CERD on the subject. For instance, Belgium has no explicit legal prohibition of ethnic profiling nor a mandatory system for recording identity checks. Furthermore, no legislative changes have been introduced to allow for the collection of disaggregated data by ethnicity.</p> <p>See submission for further references and points 15-16 of <a href="#">CERD/C/BEL/CO/20-22</a></p>

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<p>35.72 Take further steps to ensure a simplified and accessible mechanism for reporting acts of discrimination and intolerance (Botswana );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<p>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</p> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <p>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</p> <p>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</p> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <p>- Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</p> <p>- Migrants</p> <p>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</p>	<p><b>Not implemented</b></p> <p>UNIA, the state’s interfederal equality body, was substantially weakened (see above on NHRI). Its tasks were taken up by the Flemish Human Rights Institute. Though its innovative complaint mechanism offers opportunities, we cannot (yet) assess its effectiveness and overall, “simplicity and accessibility” for reporting would appear to have decreased.</p>
<p>35.76 Strengthen non-discrimination and equality measures, guaranteeing that the appropriate mechanisms for citizen participation are in place (Costa Rica);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<p>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</p> <p>- Right to participate in public affairs &amp; right to vote</p> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <p>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</p> <p>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</p> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <p>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</p>	<p><b>Unclear – partially implemented</b></p> <p>(see segment on HR-architecture and NAPAR)</p>
<p>36.17 Adopt and implement a comprehensive national action plan against racism and all related forms of discrimination based on racial, ethnic, national or religious stereotypes (Democratic People’s Republic of Korea );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.3</p>	Supported	<p>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</p> <p>- National Human Rights Action Plans (or specific areas) / implementation plans</p> <p>- Freedom of thought, conscience &amp; religion</p> <p>- Racial discrimination</p> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <p>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</p> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <p>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</p>	<p><b>Not implemented.</b></p> <p>Belgium has still no National Action Plan Against Racism (NAPAR). In July 2022 the federal government adopted the “Federal measures of the National Action Plan against Racism 2021-2024” which included measures only at the federal level.</p> <p>See submission for further information and references.</p>

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<p>36.56 Guarantee the right to employment of persons with disabilities by ensuring vocational training, adequate levels of accessibility and effective protection against discrimination (Cuba);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.3</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> <li>- Labour rights and right to work</li> <li>- Persons with disabilities: accessibility, mobility</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 - QUALITY EDUCATION</li> <li>- 8 - DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons with disabilities</li> </ul>	<p><b>Unclear – partially implemented</b></p> <p>Amnesty International is concerned about the many barriers people with disabilities in Belgium face to exercising their right to participate fully and on an equal basis in an inclusive society. These concerns are further underpinned by the findings of disability rights organizations, representative bodies of people with disabilities, and human rights oversight bodies. (see: <a href="http://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur14/8313/2024/en/">www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur14/8313/2024/en/</a>)</p> <p>See submission for further details.</p>
<p>35.57 Step up measures to combat all forms of discrimination, particularly racial discrimination, with a particular focus on combating hate speech and racist and xenophobic rhetoric (Djibouti );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI)</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	See segment on NAPAR
<p>35.58 Intensify its efforts to combat hate crimes, investigate these cases and bring the perpetrators to justice (Ghana );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	See segment on NAPAR

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<p>35.59 Take further measures to prevent hate crimes and hate speech, especially COVID-19-related hate incidents, as well as hate speech and hate crimes against people with migrant backgrounds, including through investigation of allegations of police violence against migrants (Japan );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> <li>- Non-citizens</li> </ul>	See segment on NAPAR and elsewhere on police violence
<p>35.64 Continue strengthening the implementation of policies to combat racism and discrimination as envisaged by the interfederal anti-racism plan (Dominican Republic);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> <li>- National Human Rights Action Plans (or specific areas) / implementation plans</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	See above on NAPAR

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<p>35.65 Continue its efforts to raise awareness among the public, judicial authorities and social workers to promote tolerance and respect for cultural diversity and to combat discrimination, racism and xenophobia (Turkmenistan );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	Hard to assess but see segment on NAPAR
<p>35.66 Strengthen efforts to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, in order to ensure the full enjoyment of human rights by all (Nigeria);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	Hard to assess but see segment on NAPAR

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<p>35.67 Redouble its efforts in combating racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia by expediting the assessment process of respective laws and continuing training for law enforcement officers (Thailand );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> <li>- Human rights education, trainings &amp; awareness raising</li> <li>- Constitutional &amp; legislative framework</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</li> <li>- Law enforcement / police &amp; prison officials</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	Hard to assess but see segment on NAPAR and on ethnic profiling
<p>35.68 Enhance efforts to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance with a view to promoting social integration and cohesion (Viet Nam );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	Hard to assess but see segment on NAPAR

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<p>35.69 Intensify the efforts carried out in order to confront all manifestations of racism and discrimination (Argentina );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	Hard to assess but see segment on NAPAR
<p>35.70 Take all steps to eliminate discrimination based on racial stereotypes (Togo );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	Hard to assess but see segment on NAPAR and on ethnic profiling
<p>35.71 Take effective measures to eliminate discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity and religion (Malaysia );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> <li>- Freedom of thought, conscience &amp; religion</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	Hard to assess but see segment on NAPAR and on ethnic profiling

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<p>35.73 Take all measures necessary to prevent xenophobia, racism and hate crimes in society, and investigate incidents, including those experienced by the Asian community in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic (Indonesia );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<p>- Racial discrimination</p> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	Hard to assess but see segment on NAPAR and on ethnic profiling
<p>35.78 Pursue the adoption and implementation of any measure aimed at the elimination of persistent racism (Mauritius );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<p>- Racial discrimination</p> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	Hard to assess but see segment on NAPAR and on ethnic profiling
<p>35.79 Work with civil society to finalize and implement the national action plan against racism and related forms of discrimination (Australia );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<p>- Racial discrimination</p> <p>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</p> <p>- Cooperation &amp; consultation with civil society</p> <p>- National Human Rights Action Plans (or specific areas) / implementation plans</p> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Human rights defenders &amp; activists</li> <li>- Civil society</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	See above - not implemented

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<p>35.80 Adopt a comprehensive national action plan against racial discrimination and related intolerance, in cooperation with civil society, including action to eliminate discriminatory practices (Portugal)</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> <li>- National Human Rights Action Plans (or specific areas) / implementation plans</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Human rights defenders &amp; activists</li> <li>- Civil society</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	See above – not implemented
<p>35.81 Adopt a comprehensive national action plan against racism (Burkina Faso );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> <li>- National Human Rights Action Plans (or specific areas) / implementation plans</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	See above – not implemented

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<p>35.82 Adopt and implement a national anti-racism plan, including measures to prevent ethnic profiling by law enforcement and online hate speech (Canada );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> <li>- National Human Rights Action Plans (or specific areas) / implementation plans</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Law enforcement / police &amp; prison officials</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	See above <b>not implemented</b>
<p>35.83 Continue to make progress towards the drafting of a comprehensive plan of action against racism and related intolerance and discrimination (Chile );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> <li>- National Human Rights Action Plans (or specific areas) / implementation plans</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	See above <b>not implemented</b>

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<p>35.84 Draw up, adopt and implement a plan of action against racism, discrimination and related forms of intolerance, ensure that this process involves the participation of civil society (Cuba );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> <li>- Cooperation &amp; consultation with civil society</li> <li>- National Human Rights Action Plans (or specific areas) / implementation plans</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Human rights defenders &amp; activists</li> <li>- Civil society</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	See above - not implemented
<p>35.85 Pursue efforts to combat racism, xenophobia and hate speech by, inter alia, adopting a comprehensive national action plan against racism by its next universal periodic review (Czechia );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> <li>- National Human Rights Action Plans (or specific areas) / implementation plans</li> <li>- Cooperation &amp; follow up with the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	See above - not implemented

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<p>35.86 Elaborate, adopt and implement a national action plan against racism and related forms of discrimination as soon as possible (Finland );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> <li>- National Human Rights Action Plans (or specific areas) / implementation plans</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	See above <b>not implemented</b>
<p>35.87 Develop and implement a national anti-racism plan (France );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> <li>- National Human Rights Action Plans (or specific areas) / implementation plans</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	See above <b>not implemented</b>

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<p>35.88 Implement fully and expeditiously the national plan against racism (Singapore );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> <li>- National Human Rights Action Plans (or specific areas) / implementation plans</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	See above <b>- not implemented</b>
<p>35.89 Report transparently on the progress made towards achieving the strategic objectives of the national plan against racism (Singapore );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> <li>- National Human Rights Action Plans (or specific areas) / implementation plans</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	See above <b>- not implemented</b>

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<p>35.90 Finalize without delay the inter-federal plan to combat racism (Singapore );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> <li>- National Human Rights Action Plans (or specific areas) / implementation plans</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	See above <b>not implemented</b>
<p>35.91 Expedite the development of an inter-federal plan to combat racism and ensure its effective implementation in close consultation with civil society and other stakeholders (Malaysia );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> <li>- Cooperation &amp; consultation with civil society</li> <li>- Cooperation with international organizations</li> <li>- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Human rights defenders &amp; activists</li> <li>- Civil society</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	See above <b>not implemented</b>

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<p>35.92 Prepare and execute a national action plan against racism, in line with the commitment made at the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (Brazil );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> <li>- National Human Rights Action Plans (or specific areas) / implementation plans</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	See above <b>- not implemented</b>
<p>35.93 Adopt a national plan to combat racism in accordance with the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (Syrian Arab Republic );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> <li>- National Human Rights Action Plans (or specific areas) / implementation plans</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	See above <b>- not implemented</b>

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<p>35.94 Adopt a comprehensive national action plan against racism in keeping with commitments made at the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (Guyana );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> <li>- Legal &amp; institutional reform</li> <li>- National Human Rights Action Plans (or specific areas) / implementation plans</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	See above - not implemented
<p>35.117 Continue efforts to combat racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia, strengthen the mechanism for monitoring and follow-up of police services, and increase the effectiveness and enforcement of legislation (Libya);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	Hard to assess but see segment on NAPAR and on ethnic profiling
<p>35.118 Continue various measures to stop ethnic profiling by the police and other law enforcement agencies (Malawi );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Law enforcement / police &amp; prison officials</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	<p>Partially implemented</p> <p>See submission for further details and references</p>

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<p>36.15 Amend laws and adopt a national action plan to combat racism and Islamophobia and ensure accountability for racially motivated acts (Pakistan);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.3</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- Constitutional &amp; legislative framework</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	See above – not implemented
<p>36.16 Take the steps necessary for the development of a national strategy against racial discrimination, xenophobia and Islamophobia with a view to facilitating the protection of the human rights of migrants and refugees (Turkey);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.3</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- National Human Rights Action Plans (or specific areas) / implementation plans</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	See above – not implemented
<p>36.23 Adopt a national strategy for the inclusion of people of African descent in Belgium, including migrants (Rwanda);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.3</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> <li>- National Human Rights Action Plans (or specific areas) / implementation plans</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	See above – not implemented

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<p>35.95 Adopt new policy measures to encourage enterprises headquartered in Belgium to respect human rights and carry out human rights due diligence throughout their global operations and supply chains (Netherlands );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Business &amp; Human Rights</li> <li>- Good governance &amp; corruption</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 12 - RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public officials</li> </ul>	<p><b>Partially implemented</b></p> <p>An action plan was presented but there is no human rights due diligence obligation in domestic legislation. See submission.</p>
<p>35.96 Strengthen efforts to further promote business and human rights, including through the drafting of its second plan of action (Japan );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Business &amp; Human Rights</li> <li>- National Human Rights Action Plans (or specific areas) / implementation plans</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 12 - RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public officials</li> </ul>	<p><b>Partially implemented</b></p>
<p>35.97 Continue implementing the national action plan on business and human rights (Luxembourg );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Business &amp; Human Rights</li> <li>- National Human Rights Action Plans (or specific areas) / implementation plans</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 12 - RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public officials</li> </ul>	<p><b>Implemented and new one adopted</b></p>
<p>36.28 Strengthen the implementation of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, including at the legislative level, by requiring companies to conduct human rights due diligence (France );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.3</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Business &amp; Human Rights</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 12 - RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public officials</li> </ul>	<p><b>Not implemented</b></p>

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<p>35.16 Continue efforts towards the establishment of an effective national preventive mechanism for the prevention of torture, in accordance with the standards set forth in the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Chile);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prohibition of torture &amp; ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)</li> <li>- National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	Partially implemented (see above)
<p>36.37 Establish mechanisms guaranteeing the human rights of prisoners and detainees at all times, as highlighted by the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Norway);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.3</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prohibition of torture &amp; ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)</li> <li>- Conditions of detention</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	Not implemented though progress was made on the establishment of a preventive mechanism in line with OPCAT (see above)
<p>35.121 Take action against overcrowding and serious prison conditions and put an end to the violation of inmates' human rights (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conditions of detention</li> <li>- Right to an adequate standard of living</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	Not implemented
<p>35.122 Take additional measures to improve conditions in prisons and detention facilities, including overcrowding (Republic of Korea );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conditions of detention</li> <li>- Right to an adequate standard of living</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	Not implemented

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<p>35.123 Continue working to reduce overcrowding in prisons and improve living conditions in places of detention (Iraq);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conditions of detention</li> <li>- Right to an adequate standard of living</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	Not implemented
<p>35.124 Continue efforts to reduce prison overcrowding and improve conditions in places of detention (Uzbekistan);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conditions of detention</li> <li>- Right to an adequate standard of living</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	Not implemented
<p>35.125 Continue efforts to reduce prison overcrowding and to ensure that detention conditions are in line with international norms and standards (Austria);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conditions of detention</li> <li>- Right to an adequate standard of living</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	Not implemented
<p>35.126 Further implement further reforms aimed at improving conditions of detention, by reducing overcrowding and offering adequate physical, sanitary and psychological conditions to all prisoners (Brazil);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conditions of detention</li> <li>- Right to an adequate standard of living</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3 - GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING</li> <li>- 6 - CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	Not implemented

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<p>35.127 Enhance efforts to alleviate prison overcrowding and ensure that all prison facilities and detention conditions are in line with international standards (Czechia );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conditions of detention</li> <li>- Right to an adequate standard of living</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	Not implemented
<p>36.60 Continue its efforts to strengthen measures and strategies to improve detention procedures, including prohibiting the practice of immigration detention of families with children (Ghana);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.3</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conditions of detention</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</li> <li>- Children</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	Not implemented
<p>35.105 Investigate promptly and thoroughly all cases of police abuse and brutality and hold accountable all perpetrators of crimes (Slovakia );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Access to justice &amp; remedy</li> <li>- Liberty &amp; security of the person</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Law enforcement / police &amp; prison officials</li> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	Hard to assess – concerns remain

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<p>35.106 Investigate the reports of unlawful use of force and racially motivated violence by law enforcement officials and bring those responsible to justice (Azerbaijan );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	<p>Supported</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Access to justice &amp; remedy</li> <li>- Liberty &amp; security of the person</li> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Law enforcement / police &amp; prison officials</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Judges, lawyers and prosecutors</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	<p><b>Hard to assess</b></p> <p>Concerns remain</p>
<p>35.107 Raise awareness, in particular, against racial profiling by law enforcement bodies and maintain police training in order to address the issues of excessive use of force (Turkey );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	<p>Supported</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Access to justice &amp; remedy</li> <li>- Human rights education, trainings &amp; awareness raising</li> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</li> <li>- Law enforcement / police &amp; prison officials</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	<p><b>Partially implemented</b> (see submission)</p>

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<p>35.116 Take measures to ensure impartial investigations into all allegations of racist incidents caused by or involving the police (Islamic Republic of Iran);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Access to justice &amp; remedy</li> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</li> <li>- Law enforcement / police &amp; prison officials</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	<p><b>Partially implemented</b> (see submission)</p>
<p>35.166 Take steps to improve the situation of persons experiencing homelessness (Bahamas );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Right to adequate housing</li> <li>- Human rights &amp; poverty</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons living in poverty</li> </ul>	<p><b>Not implemented</b></p> <p>See submission, in particular the segment on asylum and migration,</p>
<p>35.111 Take further policy steps and provide appropriate training to police to combat racial and ethnic profiling (Croatia );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Human rights education, trainings &amp; awareness raising</li> <li>- Arbitrary arrest &amp; detention</li> <li>- Rights related to name, identity &amp; nationality</li> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 - QUALITY EDUCATION</li> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Law enforcement / police &amp; prison officials</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	<p><b>Partially implemented</b></p> <p>See segment on ethnic profiling in the submission.</p>

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<p>35.112 Prohibit ethnic profiling in identity checks and strengthen human rights training for police officers (Ecuador);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Human rights education, trainings &amp; awareness raising</li> <li>- Arbitrary arrest &amp; detention</li> <li>- Rights related to name, identity &amp; nationality</li> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 - QUALITY EDUCATION</li> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Law enforcement / police &amp; prison officials</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	<p><b>Not implemented</b> – there is a general prohibition on discrimination which should cover ethnic profiling in practice, but an explicit prohibition of ethnic profiling by police, as recommended by among others civil society organisations and by CERD, is still absent.</p> <p>See segment on ethnic profiling in the submission.</p>
<p>35.191 Ensure adequate training of the authorities involved in addressing gender-based violence and stricter punishment for perpetrators (Malaysia);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Human rights education, trainings &amp; awareness raising</li> <li>- Violence against women</li> <li>- Sexual &amp; gender-based violence</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public officials</li> <li>- Women &amp; girls</li> </ul>	Partially implemented
<p>35.176 Ensure that combating gender-based violence remains a key priority (Cyprus);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Violence against women</li> <li>- Sexual &amp; gender-based violence</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Women &amp; girls</li> </ul>	Implemented

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<p>35.202 Intensify ongoing efforts to improve the living conditions of persons with disabilities (Cyprus );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons with disabilities: independence, inclusion</li> <li>- Persons with disabilities: definition, general principles</li> <li>- Right to an adequate standard of living</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons with disabilities</li> </ul>	Hard to assess – but see segment on rights of people with disabilities.
<p>35.211 Intensify efforts so that the best interests of the child prevail in State decisions regarding migrant and refugee children (Argentina );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children: definition; general principles; protection</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</li> <li>- Children</li> <li>- Migrants</li> </ul>	<b>Partly implemented</b> – see segment in submission about detention of children.
<p>35.213 Continue efforts to develop procedures for responding to immigrants who are minors and unaccompanied children, in order to achieve their best interests (Tunisia );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children: definition; general principles; protection</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</li> <li>- Children</li> <li>- Migrants</li> </ul>	<b>Partly implemented</b> – see segment in submission about detention of children.
<p>35.215 Guarantee the protection of the human rights of migrant children, respecting their integrity and dignity (Nicaragua );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children: definition; general principles; protection</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children</li> <li>- Migrants</li> </ul>	<b>Partly implemented</b> – see segment in submission about detention of children.

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<p>35.48 Regularly cooperate with civil society on follow-up to the recommendations from the universal periodic review (Malaysia);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cooperation &amp; follow up with the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)</li> <li>- Cooperation with human rights mechanisms &amp; requests for technical assistance</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul>	Partly implemented – see paragraph 1 of the submission
<p>36.21 Adopt a national action plan against racism, as well as a national strategy for the inclusion of people of African descent (Cote d'Ivoire);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.3</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Human Rights Action Plans (or specific areas) / implementation plans</li> <li>- Racial discrimination</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	Not implemented – see segment on NAPAR above and in the submission
<p>35.18 Establish a national preventive mechanism that reflects the country's specific institutional arrangements (Kazakhstan);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)</li> <li>- Prohibition of torture &amp; ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul>	Partly implemented – see above and segment on OPCAT in submission.
<p>35.19 Establish a national preventive mechanism that can monitor all places where people are deprived of their liberty (Croatia);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)</li> <li>- Prohibition of torture &amp; ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)</li> <li>- Conditions of detention</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	Partly implemented – see above and segment on OPCAT in submission.

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<p>35.103 Refrain from transferring arms when there is a risk that they could be used to commit or facilitate serious violations of international human rights law or international humanitarian law (Panama );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Human rights &amp; counter-terrorism</li> <li>- International criminal &amp; humanitarian law (including crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul>	<p><b>Not implemented</b> – see submission and references for further info</p>
<p>35.104 Refrain from transferring weapons when there is a risk that they could be used to commit or facilitate serious violations or abuses of human rights or international humanitarian law (Mexico );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Human rights &amp; counter-terrorism</li> <li>- International criminal &amp; humanitarian law (including crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul>	<p><b>Not implemented</b> – see submission and references for further info</p>
<p>35.109 Prevent ethnic profiling for identity checks by the police and provide responses to discriminatory practices (Bahrain );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rule of law &amp; impunity</li> <li>- Rights related to name, identity &amp; nationality</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</li> </ul>	<p><b>Partly implemented</b> – see submission for further details</p>
<p>35.110 Ensure that all allegations of police violence are independently and thoroughly investigated (Czechia );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rule of law &amp; impunity</li> <li>- Liberty &amp; security of the person</li> <li>- Access to justice &amp; remedy</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Law enforcement / police &amp; prison officials</li> </ul>	<p>Hard to assess but concerns remain (see submission)</p>

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<p>35.113 Conduct investigations by impartial and independent entities into the excessive violence committed by the security forces during demonstrations, and bring those responsible to justice (Egypt );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rule of law &amp; impunity</li> <li>- Right to peaceful assembly</li> <li>- Prohibition of torture &amp; ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Law enforcement / police &amp; prison officials</li> <li>- Military personnel</li> </ul>	Concerns remain – see submission and references for concerns in the context of protests.
<p>35.119 Ensure adequate training for police, judicial and health-care actors involved in the fight against gender-based violence (Malta );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sexual &amp; gender-based violence</li> <li>- Violence against women</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> <li>- Human rights education, trainings &amp; awareness raising</li> <li>- Right to health</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Law enforcement / police &amp; prison officials</li> <li>- Medical staff / health professionals</li> <li>- Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI)</li> <li>- Women &amp; girls</li> <li>- Judges, lawyers and prosecutors</li> </ul>	Partially implemented

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<p>35.184 Adopt a national action plan against gender-based violence with adequate financial resources and an efficient system to collect disaggregated data (Spain );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sexual &amp; gender-based violence</li> <li>- Violence against women</li> <li>- National Human Rights Action Plans (or specific areas) / implementation plans</li> <li>- Data collection &amp; research</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY</li> <li>- 17 - PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Women &amp; girls</li> </ul>	Implemented
<p>35.185 Continue efforts to combat all forms of gender-based violence (France );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sexual &amp; gender-based violence</li> <li>- Violence against women</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Women &amp; girls</li> </ul>	Implemented
<p>35.187 Continue its efforts to raise awareness among the public, the police, the judicial authorities and social workers at support centres on all forms of violence against women and on the mechanisms available for victims (Iceland );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sexual &amp; gender-based violence</li> <li>- Violence against women</li> <li>- Support to victims &amp; witnesses</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Law enforcement / police &amp; prison officials</li> <li>- Social workers</li> <li>- Women &amp; girls</li> </ul>	Partially implemented – see above, further efforts needed to ensure mandatory training for police.
<p>35.189 Ensure the establishment of care centres for survivors of sexual violence and their accessibility all over the country (Islamic Republic of Iran );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sexual &amp; gender-based violence</li> <li>- Violence against women</li> <li>- Support to victims &amp; witnesses</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Women &amp; girls</li> </ul>	Implemented

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<p>35.190 Ensure the establishment of care centres for victims of sexual violence in places that are easily accessible from all over the country and ensure that all such centres receive structural support and sufficient financing (Bulgaria);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sexual &amp; gender-based violence</li> <li>- Violence against women</li> <li>- Support to victims &amp; witnesses</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Women &amp; girls</li> </ul>	Implemented
<p>35.192 Improve the systematic collection and analysis of data on violence against women and ensure low-threshold access for victims to justice and specialized support centres (Austria);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sexual &amp; gender-based violence</li> <li>- Violence against women</li> <li>- Access to justice &amp; remedy</li> <li>- Data collection &amp; research</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> <li>- 17 - PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Women &amp; girls</li> </ul>	Partially implemented – important progress realized on support centres but further progress needed on collection of disaggregated data (see submission)
<p>35.193 Collect and publish disaggregated data on gender-based violence, and fully implement the Istanbul Convention through a sufficiently funded and detailed national action plan on gender-based violence (Finland);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sexual &amp; gender-based violence</li> <li>- Violence against women</li> <li>- National Human Rights Action Plans (or specific areas) / implementation plans</li> <li>- Data collection &amp; research</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY</li> <li>- 17 - PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Women &amp; girls</li> </ul>	Partially implemented – further progress needed on collection of disaggregated data (see submission)

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<p>36.58 Eliminate and prohibit the practice of detaining migrant families with children and develop less coercive measures (Paraguay);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.3</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Arbitrary arrest &amp; detention</li> <li>- Conditions of detention</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	<p><b>Implemented</b> but under threat (see points 9 &amp; 19 in submission)</p>
<p>36.61 Stop the detention of children for immigration-related reasons (Philippines);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.3</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Arbitrary arrest &amp; detention</li> <li>- Children: family environment &amp; alternative care</li> <li>- Conditions of detention</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	<p><b>Implemented</b> but under threat (see points 9 &amp; 19 in submission)</p>
<p>35.203 Strengthen efforts to increase integration of persons with disabilities into public life, including by ensuring the accessibility of all educational facilities, public transport and health centres (Sudan );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons with disabilities: accessibility, mobility</li> <li>- Right to health</li> <li>- Right to education</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3 - GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING</li> <li>- 4 - QUALITY EDUCATION</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons with disabilities</li> </ul>	<p>Hard to assess – see submission for concerns on the rights of people with disabilities</p>
<p>35.216 Adopt measures to ensure that an individual assessment is carried out for each case of asylum, deportation or expulsion, with full respect for the principle of non-refoulement (Afghanistan );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</li> <li>- Prohibition of torture &amp; ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</li> <li>- Migrants</li> </ul>	<p><b>Not implemented</b></p> <p>Since the previous review, Amnesty International has documented new instances of violations to the principle of non-refoulement.</p>

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<p>35.217 Take concrete action for the international legal protection of the human rights of refugees and asylum seekers (El Salvador );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</li> <li>- Equality &amp; non-discrimination</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</li> </ul>	<p><b>Regression</b></p> <p>Since the previous review, Amnesty International has documented a severe backsliding in respect for the human rights of asylum seekers, including by denying thousands of them the reception conditions they are legally entitled to, leading to violations of their human rights to asylum, non-discrimination, health, access to legal remedy and protection from ill-treatment.</p>
<p>35.218 Continue to strengthen and improve the processes for accommodating asylum seekers with an independent and thorough examination of their asylum applications and an effective appeal process (Fiji).</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</li> <li>- Administration of justice &amp; fair trial</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</li> </ul>	<p><b>Regression</b></p> <p>Since the previous review, Amnesty International has documented a severe backsliding in respect for the human rights of asylum seekers, including by denying thousands of them the reception conditions they are legally entitled to, leading to violations of their human rights to asylum, non-discrimination, health, access to legal remedy and protection from ill-treatment.</p>
<p>36.1 Ratify the core human rights treaties, including the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (Kazakhstan );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.6</p>	Supported/Noted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ratification of &amp; accession to international instruments</li> <li>- Prohibition of torture &amp; ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	See above.
<p>36.2 Become a party to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Azerbaijan );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.6</p>	Supported/Noted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ratification of &amp; accession to international instruments</li> <li>- Prohibition of torture &amp; ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8 - DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	<p>Not accepted – Amnesty continues to advocate the ratification of the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families.</p> <p>For update on OPCAT – see above.</p>

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<p>36.3 Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, and establish a national preventive mechanism as a matter of priority (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.6</p>	Supported/Noted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ratification of &amp; accession to international instruments</li> <li>- Prohibition of torture &amp; ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)</li> <li>- National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8 - DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	<p>Not accepted – Amnesty continues to advocate the ratification of the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families.</p> <p>For update on OPCAT – see above.</p>
<p>36.4 Consider ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Argentina );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.6</p>	Supported/Noted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ratification of &amp; accession to international instruments</li> <li>- Prohibition of torture &amp; ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8 - DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	<p>Not accepted – Amnesty continues to advocate the ratification of the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families.</p> <p>For update on OPCAT – see above.</p>
<p>37.1 Consider ratifying the core human rights instruments to which it is not yet a party, including the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Malawi);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.37</p>	Noted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ratification of &amp; accession to international instruments</li> <li>- Migrants</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8 - DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Migrants</li> </ul>	<p>Not accepted – Amnesty continues to advocate the ratification of the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families.</p>

Recommendation	Position	Full list of themes	Assessment/comments on level of implementation
<p>37.2 Consider ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Cote d'Ivoire) (Somalia) (Timor-Leste );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.37</p>	Noted	<p>- Ratification of &amp; accession to international instruments</p> <p>- Migrants</p> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <p>- 8 - DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</p> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <p>- Migrants</p>	Not accepted – Amnesty continues to advocate the ratification of the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families.
<p>37.3 Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families to move forward with Sustainable Development Goals 5 (targets 5.4), 8, 10 and 16 (Paraguay );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.37</p>	Noted	<p>- Ratification of &amp; accession to international instruments</p> <p>- Migrants</p> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <p>- 8 - DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</p> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <p>- Migrants</p>	Not accepted – Amnesty continues to advocate the ratification of the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families.
<p>37.4 Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Chile) (El Salvador) (Philippines) (Rwanda);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.37</p>	Noted	<p>- Ratification of &amp; accession to international instruments</p> <p>- Migrants</p> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <p>- 8 - DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</p> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <p>- Migrants</p>	Not accepted – Amnesty continues to advocate the ratification of the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families.
<p>37.5 Sign and ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Egypt );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.37</p>	Noted	<p>- Ratification of &amp; accession to international instruments</p> <p>- Migrants</p> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <p>- 8 - DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</p> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <p>- Migrants</p>	Not accepted – Amnesty continues to advocate the ratification of the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families.
<p>37.6 Accede to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Congo) (Senegal );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.37</p>	Noted	<p>- Ratification of &amp; accession to international instruments</p> <p>- Migrants</p> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <p>- 8 - DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</p> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <p>- Migrants</p>	Not accepted – Amnesty continues to advocate the ratification of the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families.

Recommendation	Position	Full list of themes	Assessment/comments on level of implementation
<p>36.7 Reform the federal human rights institution so that it is fully compliant with the Paris Principles and all human rights issues are within its mandate, including regional competencies and cross-cutting issues (Lithuania );</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8/Add.1</p>	Noted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI)</li> <li>- National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</li> </ul>	Not accepted but see above for developments
<p>36.65 Prohibit by law the detention of children on the basis of their immigration status, using non-custodial solutions instead, and strengthen immediate protection measures for all unaccompanied children, guaranteeing their systematic and timely referral to the guardianship bodies (Uruguay);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.9</p>	Noted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children: definition; general principles; protection</li> <li>- Children: family environment &amp; alternative care</li> <li>- Conditions of detention</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</li> <li>- Children</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	Though not accepted, partially implemented
<p>36.59 Avoid the detention of families with children in the process of expulsion and establish by law the absolute prohibition of the detention of children for reasons related to migration (Mexico);</p> <p><b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.9</p>	Noted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children: family environment &amp; alternative care</li> <li>- Conditions of detention</li> </ul> <p><b>SDGs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</li> </ul> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</li> <li>- Children</li> <li>- Migrants</li> <li>- Persons deprived of their liberty &amp; detainees</li> </ul>	see points 9 & 19 in submission

Recommendation	Position	Full list of themes	Assessment/comments on level of implementation
37.9 Cease arms supplies to countries that commit violations of human rights and of international humanitarian law (Islamic Republic of Iran); <b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.37	Noted	- International criminal & humanitarian law (including crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide) <b>SDGs:</b> - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS <b>Affected persons:</b> - Persons affected by armed conflict	See also 35.103 - Not supported, not implemented.
36.62 Provide in its legislation for an absolute ban on the detention of children for migration-related reasons (Niger); <b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.9	Noted	- Arbitrary arrest & detention - Constitutional & legislative framework - Conditions of detention <b>SDGs:</b> - 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES <b>Affected persons:</b> - Children - Migrants - Persons deprived of their liberty & detainees	Not accepted but partially implemented (see points 9 & 19 in submission)
37.19 Strengthen protection for migrants, including through ratification of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Sri Lanka); <b>Source of Position:</b> A/HRC/48/8 - Para.37	Noted	- Migrants - Ratification of & accession to international instruments <b>SDGs:</b> - 8 - DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH <b>Affected persons:</b> - Migrants	Not accepted, nor implemented

<sup>1</sup> Troisième Évaluation périodique universelle de la Belgique : évaluation à mi-parcours 22 juin 2023, 10:00 – 14:00, Palais d’Egmont, Bruxelles - *Rapport de la session d’information et de dialogue avec les parties prenantes*. See also: UN Human Rights Council. Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review: Belgium, UN Doc A/HRC/48/8, recommendation 35.48 (Malaysia).

<sup>2</sup> UN Human Rights Council. Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review: Belgium, UN Doc A/HRC/48/8, recommendations 35.22 (Republic of Korea), 35.23 (Nepal), 35.24 (Qatar), 35.25 (Venezuela, Denmark, Rwanda, Spain, Ukraine), 36.26 (Jordan), 35.27 (Turkmenistan), 35.28 (Costa Rica), 35.29 (Bangladesh), 35.30 (Greece), 35.31 (India), 35.32 (Indonesia), 35.33 (Iraq), 35.34 (Canada), 35.35 (Australia), 35.36 (Slovenia), 35.37 (Senegal, Mongolia), 35.38 (UK), 35.39 (Kazakhstan), 35.40 (North Macedonia), 35.41 (Uruguay), 35.43 (Djibouti).

<sup>3</sup> UN Doc A/HRC/48/8, previously cited, recommendations 35.1 (Australia, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Iceland, Luxembourg, Maldives, Mauritius, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal), 35.2 (Italy), 35.3 (Switzerland), 35.4 (Cyprus, Czechia), 35.5 (Georgia), 36.6 (Malawi), 35.7 (Ghana), 35.8 (Lithuania), 35.9 (Netherlands), 35.10 (Norway), 35.11 (Paraguay), 35.12 (UK), 35.13 (Costa Rica), 35.14 (Ukraine), 35.15 (North Macedonia), 35.16 (Chile), 35.17 (Albania), 36.1 (Kazakhstan). 36.7 (Lithuania).

<sup>4</sup> UN Doc A/HRC/48/8, previously cited, recommendations 35.79 (Australia), 35.80 (Portugal), 35.81 (Burkina Faso), 35.82 (Canada), 35.83 (Chile), 35.84 (Cuba), 35.85 (Czechia), 35.86 (Finland), 35.87 (France), 35.88 (Singapore), 35.89 (Singapore), 35.90 (Singapore), 35.91 (Malaysia), 35.92 (Brazil), 35.93 (Syria), 35.94

(Guyana), 36.15 (Pakistan), 36.16 (Türkiye), 36.17 (DPRK), 36.21 (Côte d'Ivoire); see also 'noted' recommendations 36.18 (Jordan), 36.19 (Ecuador), 36.24 (Sierra Leone).

<sup>5</sup> UN Doc A/HRC/48/8, previously cited 36.28 (France)

<sup>6</sup> ICJ Advisory Opinion, *Legal consequences arising from the policies and practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem*, 19 July 2024, <https://www.ici-cij.org/sites/default/files/case-related/186/186-20240719-adv-01-00-en.pdf>. During the previous review, Belgium had 'noted' a recommendation that is closely related to this issue: UN Doc A/HRC/48/8, previously cited, 36.27 (Palestine).

<sup>7</sup> UN Doc A/HRC/48/8, previously cited, 35.217 (El Salvador), 35.218 (Fiji).

<sup>8</sup> UN Doc A/HRC/48/8, previously cited, 35.121 (Venezuela), 35.122 (Republic of Korea), 35.123 (Iraq), 35.124 (Uzbekistan), 35.125 (Austria), 35.126 (Brazil), 35.127 (Czechia).

<sup>9</sup> UN Doc A/HRC/48/8, previously cited, 35.119 (Malta).

<sup>10</sup> UN Doc A/HRC/48/8, previously cited. 36.59 (Mexico), 36.60 (Ghana), 36.61 (Philippines), 36.62 (Niger), 36.64 (Zambia), 36.65 (Uruguay).

<sup>11</sup> UN Doc A/HRC/48/8, previously cited. 35.63 (Palestine); 35.82 (Canada), 35.118 (Malawi), 35.107 (Türkiye), 35.111 (Croatia), 35.115 (Indonesia), 35.109 (Bahrain). See also: 36.12 (Poland).

A positive step was the adoption of the federal anti-racism action plan in July 2022, which includes over 70 measures, some directly targeting ethnic profiling. See Sarah Schlitz, *Mesures fédérales du Plan d'Action National contre le Racisme 2021 – 2024* [Federal measures under the National Action Plan against Racism 2021–2024] (in French), 15 July 2022, [https://equal.belgium.be/sites/default/files/actieplannen/1287310327\\_1657904935134.pdf](https://equal.belgium.be/sites/default/files/actieplannen/1287310327_1657904935134.pdf), pp. 78-80.

Several initiatives have also been taken by policymakers and police forces to address ethnic profiling. In 2020, the local police zones of Ghent, Antwerp, Brussels-North, and Mechelen-Willebroek signed a 'professional profiling framework' to guide officers in conducting identity checks lawfully, effectively, and fairly. See Bruzz, "Politiezone Noord werkt samen met drie andere zones rond professioneel profileren" ["Police zone North collaborates with three other zones on professional profiling"] (in Dutch), 8 July 2020, <https://www.bruzz.be/samenleving/politiezone-noord-werkt-samen-met-drie-andere-zones-rond-professioneel-profileren-2020>.

In 2023, former Interior Minister Verlinden issued a circular encouraging all Belgian police zones to widely implement the professional profiling framework. See Service Public Fédéral Intérieur, *Circulaire CP 5 fixant le cadre de référence relatif au profilage et au contrôle professionnel* [Circular CP 5 establishing the reference framework for profiling and professional checks] (in French), 7 July 2023, [https://etaamb.openjustice.be/fr/circulaire-du-07-juillet-2023\\_n2023043797](https://etaamb.openjustice.be/fr/circulaire-du-07-juillet-2023_n2023043797)

12 Amnesty International, *Belgium: Submission to the UN Human Rights Committee 145th session, 6-10 October 2025, List of Issues Prior to Reporting, 26 July 2025*, <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur14/0144/2025/en/>

<sup>13</sup> FIRM-IFDH, "FIRM-IFDH internationally recognized as a national human rights institution", 5 March 2023, <https://federalinstitutehumanrights.be/en/news/firmifdh-internationally-recognized-as-a-national-human-rights-institution>. See also the SCA's recommendations on the subject in: GANHRI. *Report and Recommendations of the Session of the Sub-Committee on Accreditation (SCA)*, February & March 2023, <https://ganhri.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/SCA-Report-First-Session-2023-EN.pdf>

For further information on Belgium's Federal Human Rights Institute, see Amnesty International, *Belgium: Submission to the United Nations Human Rights Committee* (Index 14/1041/2019), 13 September 2019, <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur14/1041/2019/en/>, Amnesty International, *Belgium: Submission to the UN Committee Against Torture, 71st Session, 12-30 July 2021* (Index 14/4290/2021), 15 June 2021, <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur14/4290/2021/en/> and *Belgium: Submission to the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: 31st Session, 12 August – 5 September 2024*, 11 July 2024, [www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur14/8313/2024/en/](http://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur14/8313/2024/en/)

<sup>14</sup> Point 2 of the Principles relating to the Status of National Institutions (The Paris Principles). Adopted by General Assembly resolution 48/134 of 20 December 1993, <https://www.ohchr.org/en/professionalinterest/pages/statusofnationalinstitutions.aspx>

<sup>15</sup> Belgium – Federal, Law of 12 May 2019 (previously cited), Article 4 §1.

The law does not specify the intended institutions nor which rights would thus fall outside of the mandate of the FHRI. The preparatory works indicatively list: (1) the inter-federal equality body Unia (with B-status NHRI-accreditation); (2) the federal migration centre (Myria), (3) the national Combat Poverty, Insecurity and Social Exclusion Service; (4) the federal Institute for the Equality between Women and Men; (5) the (federal) Data Protection Entity (DPA); (6) the (inter-federal) National Commission on the Rights of the Child; (7) the (federal) Standing Intelligence Agencies Review Committee (Committee I); (8) the (federal) Central Monitoring Council for the Penitentiary System; (9) the Flemish Children's Rights Commissioner and (10) General 'Délégué' for the rights of the child for French speaking Belgium, (11) Ombuds-services at Federal, (12) French Speaking Community and Walloon region and (13) German Speaking Community level. Source: La Chambre, *Preparatory works to the Law of 12 May 2019* (DOC 543670/001), <http://www.dekamer.be/FLWB/PDF/54/3670/54K3670001.pdf>

<sup>16</sup> See also: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35.

<sup>17</sup> For instance: De Standaard, “Een waakhond zonder tanden kan niet bijten” [A toothless guard dog can’t bite], 16 December 2021, [https://www.standaard.be/cnt/dmf20211215\\_98150376](https://www.standaard.be/cnt/dmf20211215_98150376); PAL NWS, “Middenveldorganisaties hekelen Vlaamse spoedexit uit Unia: “Opnieuw een punt uit 70-puntenplan gerealiseerd”” [Civil Society organisations criticise hasty Flemish exit from Unia: “Another point from the 70-point plan realised”], 6 July 2022, <https://palnws.be/2022/07/middenveldorganisaties-hekelen-vlaamse-spoedexit-uit-unia-opnieuw-een-punt-uit-70-puntenplan-gerealiseerd/>; Vlaamse Jeugdraad, *Advies Vlaams Mensenrechteninstituut*, 2 February 2022, <https://vlaamsejeugdraad.be/nl/adviezen/advies-vlaams-mensenrechteninstituut>; SERV-Commissie Diversiteit, *Advies oprichtingsdecreet Vlaams Mensenrechteninstituut*, 1 February 2022, <https://www.serv.be/diversiteit/publicatie/advies-oprichtingsdecreet-vlaams-mensenrechteninstituut>; NOOZO, *Advies Vlaams Mensenrechteninstituut*, 1 February 2022, <https://www.noozo.be/nl/adviezen/advies-vlaams-mensenrechteninstituut>; See also: LEVL, *Middenveld geeft juridische mogelijkheden nieuw Vlaams Mensenrechteninstituut een dikke onvoldoende*, <https://levl.be/press/middenveld-geeft-juridische-mogelijkheden-nieuw-vlaams-mensenrechteninstituut-een-dikke-onvoldoende/> (accessed 9 July 2024); UNIA, “Personeel van Unia schrijft open brief: “Als experts inzake mensenrechten zijn we zeer bezorgd””, 14 March 2022, <https://www.dewereldmorgen.be/artikel/2022/03/14/het-personeel-van-unia-spreekt/>

<sup>18</sup> Belgium – Flemish Region, Decree of 28 October 2022 establishing a Flemish Human Rights Institute (Decreet tot oprichting van een Vlaams Mensenrechteninstituut), [https://etaamb.openjustice.be/nl/decreet-van-28-oktober-2022\\_n2022042669.html](https://etaamb.openjustice.be/nl/decreet-van-28-oktober-2022_n2022042669.html)

<sup>19</sup> Addendum to the Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review: Views on conclusions and/or recommendations, commitments and replies presented by the State under review, UN Doc A/HRC/48/8/Add.1, see point 11 in response to recommendation 36.7 (Lithuania).

20 Loi du 21 Avril 2024 modifiant la loi du 12 mai 2019 portant création d'un Institut fédéral pour la protection et la promotion des droits humains [Law of 21 April 2024 modifying the Law of 12 May 2019 on the establishment of a Federal Institute for the protection and promotion of human rights.]

<sup>21</sup> These steps include a change to the Cooperation Agreement that established Unia; the adoption of new cooperation agreements with the federated entities (probably excluding Flanders) to ‘inter-federalise’ the scope of the mechanism and a sui generis solution for the Flemish competencies which will likely require changes to the decree of the Flemish Human Rights Institute and a form of collaboration between the Flemish Human Rights Institute and FIRM-IFDH.

<sup>22</sup> Amnesty International, *Belgium: Unhoused and unheard – How Belgium’s persistent failure to provide reception violates asylum seekers’ rights*, 1 April 2025, [www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur14/9161/2025/en/](https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur14/9161/2025/en/).

<sup>23</sup> Myria and the Commission on Home Affairs, Security, Migration, and Administrative Affairs, PV réunion de contact protection internationale/Verslag contactvergadering internationale bescherming [Report of contact meeting ‘International Protection’], 23 April 2025, [https://www.myria.be/files/20250423\\_PV\\_r%C3%A9union\\_contact\\_-\\_contactvergadering.pdf](https://www.myria.be/files/20250423_PV_r%C3%A9union_contact_-_contactvergadering.pdf), p. 30.

<sup>24</sup> ECtHR, *Camara v. Belgium*, 18 July 2023, Application 49255/22, Chamber judgment, <https://hudoc.echr.coe.int/eng/#%7B%22itemid%22:%7B%22001-226093%22%7D%7D>, para. 118.

<sup>25</sup> Council of Europe: Committee of Ministers, *Camara v. Belgium* (Application No. 49255/22): Supervision of the Execution of the European Court’s Judgments, CM/Notes/1507/H46-6, 19 September 2024, <https://www.refworld.org/jurisprudence/coeministers/2024/en/148775>

<sup>26</sup> Belgium, Wet tot wijziging van de wet van 15 december 1980 betreffende de toegang tot het grondgebied, het verblijf, de vestiging en de verwijdering van vreemdelingen en van de wet van 12 januari 2007 betreffende de opvang van asielzoekers en van bepaalde andere categorieën van vreemdelingen inzake het aanklampend terugkeerbeleid [Law amending the Law of 15 December 1980 on Access to the Territory, Residence, Establishment and Removal of Foreigners (Aliens Act), and the Law of 12 January 2007 on the Reception of asylum-seekers and certain other categories of foreigners (Reception Act) regarding the persistent return policy], 12 May 2024, [https://www.stradalex.com/nl/sl\\_src\\_publ\\_leg\\_be\\_moniteur/toc/leg\\_be\\_moniteur\\_nl\\_10072024\\_1/doc/bs2024006654](https://www.stradalex.com/nl/sl_src_publ_leg_be_moniteur/toc/leg_be_moniteur_nl_10072024_1/doc/bs2024006654). However, the ban does not extend to the 29 “return houses” in Belgium, where families can still be held under a regime similar to that of closed detention, including accelerated procedures and limited appeal rights. Additionally, the law does not offer guarantees for family unity, allowing for the separate detention of adult family members, including in cases where families arrive at different times or are apprehended at the border. Moreover, unaccompanied minors intercepted at the border may still be detained if there is uncertainty about their age. For more information, see <https://www.vreemdelingenrecht.be/nieuws/nieuw-aanklampend-terugkeerbeleid> and <https://movecoalition.be/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Detentie-van-kinderen-om-migratieredenen-eindelijk-bij-wet-verboden-mei-24.pdf>.

<sup>27</sup> Belgian federal government, Accord de coalition fédérale 2025-2029 [Federal coalition agreement 2025-2029] (in French), 31 January 2025, [https://www.belgium.be/sites/default/files/resources/publication/files/accord\\_gouvernemental-Bart\\_De\\_Wever\\_fr.pdf](https://www.belgium.be/sites/default/files/resources/publication/files/accord_gouvernemental-Bart_De_Wever_fr.pdf), p. 180.

28 De Standaard, “Minister van Asiel en Migratie Anneleen Van Bossuyt: ‘We gaan verbod op opsluiten van gezinnen met kinderen misschien moeten herzien’” [“Minister for Asylum and Migration Anneleen Van Bossuyt: ‘We may have to review the ban on detaining families with children.’”] (in Dutch), 18 March 2025, <https://www.standaard.be/politiek/minister-van-asiel-en-migratie-anneleen-van-bossuyt-we-gaan-verbod-opopsluiten-van-gezinnen-met-kinderen-misschien-moeten-herzien/51338226.html>

<sup>29</sup> Belgische Kamer van volksvertegenwoordigers, Beleidsnota – *Asiel en migratie/Note de politique générale – Asile et migration* [Policy note on asylum and migration] (in French and Dutch), 24 April 2025, DOC 56 0856/038, <https://www.dekamer.be/doc/FLWB/pdf/56/0856/56K0856038.pdf> p.10.

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See, for instance, Amnesty International, Belgium – Submission to the UN Committee Against Torture, 71st Session, 12-30 July 2021 (Index: EUR 14/4290/2021), July 2021, <https://www.amnesty.org/ar/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/EUR1442902021ENGLISH.pdf> pp. 7-10.

<sup>31</sup> See, for instance, Committee against Torture (CAT), Concluding Observations on the fourth periodic report of Belgium, 25 August 2021, CAT/C/BEL/CO/4, paras 17-18. The Committee urges Belgium to reduce prison overcrowding by limiting admissions and expanding non-custodial measures, to restrict the use of pretrial detention and promote alternatives, to use prison sentences only as a last resort, to improve detention conditions in line with international standards, and to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture (OPCAT) to establish a national torture prevention mechanism. See also Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, 1514th meeting (3-5 December 2024) (DH) - H46-12 Vasilescu v. Belgium (Application No. 64682/12), CM/Del/Dec(2024)1514/H46-12, December 2024, <https://search.coe.int/cm?i=0900001680b29665> expressing deep concern about Belgium's continued detention of internees in inadequate prison conditions without proper mental health care; The Belgian Central Monitoring Council for Prisons also raised alarm in April 2025, noting that overcrowding had reached a critical level - with 13,689 detainees for 11,040 places - due in part to a 2022 policy requiring the execution of all short prison sentences, previously often served under electronic monitoring. See Belgian Central Monitoring Council for Prisons, "Les prisons craquent sous la surpopulation" ["Prisons bursting at the seams due to overcrowding"] (in French), 18 April 2025, [https://ccsp.belgium.be/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/CP\\_Les-prisons-craquent-sous-la-surpopulation.pdf](https://ccsp.belgium.be/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/CP_Les-prisons-craquent-sous-la-surpopulation.pdf)

<sup>32</sup> See: Conseil central de surveillance pénitentiaire, *Surpopulation carcérale : d'une loi d'urgence pour les prisons à l'urgence d'une réflexion au sujet de l'emprisonnement* [Prison overcrowding: from urgency legislation for prisons to urgency about the need for reflection on imprisonment]. 17 July 2025, [https://ccsp.belgium.be/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/CCSP\\_Tribune-loi-durgence-surpopulation.pdf](https://ccsp.belgium.be/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/CCSP_Tribune-loi-durgence-surpopulation.pdf)

<sup>33</sup> Federal Human Rights Institute (FHRI), *Rapport annuel 2024 – Le droit de manifester, sous pression* [Annual Report 2024 – The right to protest under pressure] (in French), 16 June 2025, <https://federaalinstituutmensrechten.be/sites/default/files/2025-06/Rapport-annuel-2024-IFDH.pdf>, pp. 8 and 9.

<sup>34</sup> See, for instance, City of Antwerp, Politiecodex [Police Code] (in Dutch), <https://www.antwerpen.be/assets-proxy/8ed55487-00ff-4494-a0d0-1f8d84d99a0f>, Article 102: "It is prohibited to set up public meetings and demonstrations outdoors and/or on public spaces, without written and prior permission from the mayor" (own translation); City of Brussels, Règlement general de police commun aux 19 communes bruxelloises/Gemeenschappelijk algemeen politiereglement voor alle 19 Brusselse gemeenten [Common general police regulations for all 19 municipalities in Brussels] (in French and Dutch), [https://www.brussel.be/sites/default/files/bxl/Reglement\\_de\\_police\\_-\\_Politiereglement.pdf](https://www.brussel.be/sites/default/files/bxl/Reglement_de_police_-_Politiereglement.pdf), Article 41: "Unless authorized by the competent authority, it is forbidden..." (own translation); City of Ghent, Codex politiereglementen Stad Gent gesanctioneerd met een gemeentelijke administratieve sanctie [Code of Police Regulations of the City of Ghent sanctioned with a municipal administrative penalty] (in Dutch), <https://apidg.gent.be/supporting/dss-public/v1/sharedfiles/ae085ab0-18a8-4287-90d1-81cbef3d9c83>, Article 1(1): "an open-air public meeting can only take place after prior authorization from the mayor" (own translation); City of Namur, Règlement général de police [General Police Regulation] (in French), <https://www.namur.be/fr/ma-ville/administration/services-communaux/service-juridique-general/reglements/reglement-general-de-police-rgp>, Article 2: "Any demonstration on the public highway is forbidden, except with written authorization from the mayor" (own translation); City of Liège, Règlement de police concernant l'organisation de manifestations ou de cortèges sur la voie publique ainsi que de manifestations en salle ou en plein air accessibles au public, [Police regulations concerning the organisation of demonstrations or processions on public roads and indoor or outdoor events open to the public] (in French), <https://www.liege.be/fr/vie-communale/services-communaux/securete/bureau-de-police-administrative/reglements/reglement-de-police-relatif-a-lorganisation-de-manifestations-ou-corteges-sur-la-voie-publique-et-manifestations-en-salle-ou-en-plein-air>, Article 2: "prior authorisation is required" (own translation).

<sup>35</sup> CCPR, General Comment 37 on Article 21 (Right of peaceful assembly), 17 September 2020, CCPR/C/GC/37, para. 70.

<sup>36</sup> Amnesty International, Europe: Under Protected and Over Restricted: The state of the right to protest in 21 European countries, 8 July 2024, [www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur01/8199/2024/en/](http://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur01/8199/2024/en/) p.90-91.

<sup>37</sup> Article 547 du Code pénal [Criminal code] [https://etaamb.openjustice.be/nl/wet-van-29-februari-2024\\_n2024002088](https://etaamb.openjustice.be/nl/wet-van-29-februari-2024_n2024002088)

<sup>38</sup> Amnesty International, Belgium, "Dispersion survenue à la manifestation devant l'ambassade d'Israël" ["Dispersion at protest outside Israeli embassy"] (in French), 29 May 2024, <https://www.amnesty.be/infos/actualites/manif-ambassade-israel-bruxelles>. Amnesty International, Europe: Under Protected and Over Restricted: The state of the right to protest in 21 European countries, 8 July 2024, [www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur01/8199/2024/en/](http://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur01/8199/2024/en/) p.118.

<sup>39</sup> Amnesty International, Belgium, « ONG et syndicats s'inquiètent des mesures répressives qui visent le mouvement propalestinien en Belgique » [NGO's and trade unions concerned about repressive measures targeting pro-Palestinian movement in Belgium] (in French), 20 September 2024, <https://www.amnesty.be/infos/actualites/article/60980>

<sup>40</sup> UN Doc A/HRC/48/8, previously cited. 35.63 (Palestine); 35.82 (Canada), 35.118 (Malawi), 35.107 (Türkiye), 35.111 (Croatia), 35.115 (Indonesia), 35.109 (Bahrain). See also: 36.12 (Poland), A positive step was the adoption of the federal anti-racism action plan in July 2022, which includes over 70 measures, some directly targeting ethnic profiling. See Sarah Schlitz, Mesures fédérales du Plan d'Action National contre le Racisme 2021 – 2024 [Federal measures under the National Action Plan against Racism 2021–2024] (in French), 15 July 2022, [https://equal.belgium.be/sites/default/files/actieplannen/1287310327\\_1657904935134.pdf](https://equal.belgium.be/sites/default/files/actieplannen/1287310327_1657904935134.pdf), pp. 78-80. Furthermore, several initiatives have been taken by policymakers and police forces to address ethnic profiling. In 2020, the local police zones of Ghent, Antwerp, Brussels-North, and Mechelen-Willebroek signed a 'professional profiling framework' to guide officers in conducting identity checks lawfully, effectively, and fairly. See Bruzz, "Politiezone Noord werkt samen met drie andere zones rond professioneel profileren" ["Police zone North collaborates with three other zones on professional profiling"] (in Dutch), 8 July 2020, <https://www.bruzz.be/samenleving/politiezone-noord-werkt-samen-met-drie-andere-zones-rond-professioneel-profileren-2020>. In 2021, Ecolo and

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<sup>41</sup> 35.112 (Ecuador) and see also 37.11 (Venezuela), 37.12 (Saudi Arabia).

<sup>42</sup> These recommendations have also been made by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the CAT. See Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), Concluding observations on the combined twentieth to twenty-second periodic reports of Belgium, 21 May 2021, CERD/C/BEL/CO/20-22, paras 15-16 and CAT, Concluding Observations on the fourth periodic report of Belgium, previously cited, paras 9-10. During Belgium’s last Universal Periodic Review in 2021, various countries formulated recommendations towards the state to prevent and combat ethnic profiling. See Human Rights Council, Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review Belgium, 14 July 2021, A/HRC/48/8.

<sup>43</sup> UN Doc A/HRC/48/8, previously cited, 35.61 (Republic of Korea) and related (noted) recommendations 36.9 (Australia), 36.24 (Sierra Leone).

<sup>44</sup> Art. 417/5 Code Pénale (1865) (this corresponds with Art. 132 in the new Criminal Code (2024)).

<sup>45</sup> These centres implement article 25 of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (the Istanbul Convention). In 2024, a legal basis for such care centres was established: la Loi de 26 avril 2024 relative aux Centres de Prise en charge des Violences Sexuelles [law of 26 April 2024 about Sexual Assault Centres]. See also: A/HRC/48/8, previously cited, 35.193 (Finland).

<sup>46</sup> See also: Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), Concluding observations on the eighth periodic report of Belgium, 1 November 2022, CEDAW/C/BEL/CO/8.

<sup>47</sup> See, for example: Observatoire des armes wallonnes. *Observatoire des Armes Wallonnes : rapport 2024*, 14 June 2024, [https://www.amnesty.be/IMG/pdf/observatoire-armes-wallonnes\\_2024\\_final.pdf](https://www.amnesty.be/IMG/pdf/observatoire-armes-wallonnes_2024_final.pdf); Amnesty International Belgique francophone, “Armes Wallonnes: des conséquences dramatiques dues à des pratiques irresponsables”, 13 March 2025, <https://www.amnesty.be/infos/actualites/armes-wallonnes-irresponsables>; Amnesty International Belgique francophone, Exportation d’armes wallonnes : « Il faut réformer le décret wallon pour plus de transparence et de contrôle ! », 12 March 2025, <https://www.amnesty.be/infos/blogs/blog-paroles-chercheurs-defenseurs-victimes/article/exportation-armes-wallonnes-faut-reformer-decret-wallon>; Amnesty International Belgique francophone, “Des éléments neufs sur l’exportation d’armes wallonnes aux Émirats arabes unis”, 8 January 2025, <https://www.amnesty.be/infos/actualites/suspension-armes-emirats>; Amnesty International Belgique francophone, « Armes wallonnes au Yémen : jusqu’où ira le gouvernement wallon ? », 10 February 2021, <https://www.amnesty.be/infos/blogs/blog-paroles-chercheurs-defenseurs-victimes/article/armes-wallonnes-yemen-gouvernement-wallon>

<sup>48</sup> Amnesty International Belgique francophone, « Transit d’armes : la Région wallonne doit réglementer au plus vite », 15 May 2025, <https://www.amnesty.be/infos/actualites/article/transit-armes-region-wallonne-reglementer-vite>; Amnesty International Belgique francophone, *Des preuves de transit d’armes vers Israël par l’aéroport de Liège*, 23 May 2024, <https://www.amnesty.be/infos/actualites/transit-armes-belgique-israel>; Amnesty International Belgium, Uitvoer van Waals buskruit naar Israël: verdere actie nodig om te voorkomen dat België bijdraagt tot Israëlische oorlogsmisdaden, 6 February 2024, <https://www.amnesty-international.be/nieuws/uitvoer-van-waals-buskruit-naar-israel-verdere-actie-nodig-om-te-voorkomen-dat-belgie>; Amnesty International Belgium Flemish, Verontrustende wapentransfers via Antwerpen [Worrying arms transfers via Antwerp], 15 October 2019, <https://www.amnesty-international.be/nieuws/verontrustende-wapentransfers-antwerpen>; Vredesactie, 11.11.11, Intal, Liga voor Mensenrechten, “Rechtbank verbiedt verdere doorvoer van alle militair materieel naar Israël met baanbrekend vonnis” [Court forbids further transit of military goods to Israel in groundbreaking decision], 28 July 2025, <https://11.be/impact/rechtbank-verbiedt-verdere-doorvoer-van-alle-militair-materieel-naar-israel-met-baanbrekend>

<sup>49</sup> Belgium, Loi relative à l’interruption volontaire de grossesse, abrogeant les articles 350 et 351 du Code pénal et modifiant les articles 352 et 383 du même Code et modifiant diverses dispositions législatives [Law on voluntary termination of pregnancy, repealing Articles 350 and 351 of the Penal Code and amending Articles 352 and 383 of the same Code and amending various legislative provisions], 15 October 2018, [https://etaamb.openjustice.be/fr/loi-du-15-octobre-2018\\_n2018014460.html](https://etaamb.openjustice.be/fr/loi-du-15-octobre-2018_n2018014460.html), Article 2 - 3.

<sup>50</sup> Commission nationale d’évaluation de l’application de la loi du 15.10.2018 relative à l’interruption de grossesse, Rapport à l’attention du Parlement – 1er Janvier 2022-31 Décembre 2023 [Report to Parliament – 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023] (in French), March 2025, [https://organesdeconcertation.sante.belgique.be/sites/default/files/documents/cie\\_ivg\\_-\\_rapport\\_2022-2023\\_mars\\_2025.pdf](https://organesdeconcertation.sante.belgique.be/sites/default/files/documents/cie_ivg_-_rapport_2022-2023_mars_2025.pdf), p. 19: “According to data from the Health Care Inspectorate (Ministry of Public Health, Welfare and Sport) in the Netherlands, specialised clinics performed 452 abortions in 2022 and 417 abortions in 2023 on women residing in Belgium”. The need to undertake such a journey entails costs, additional stress, holding the legal documents or status to travel abroad, among other obstacles that may deprive some people, most notably those living in poverty, entirely of access to abortion. See: Amnesty International, Belgium, “Nous devons encore avorter aux Pays-Bas” [“We still have to have abortions in the Netherlands”] (in French), 19 September 2024, <https://www.amnesty.be/infos/actualites/article/belgique-nous-devons-avorter-pays>

<sup>51</sup> See, for instance, RTBF, “Sans médecins formés aux IVG, l’accès à l’avortement est menacé” [“Without doctors trained in abortion, access to abortion is under threat”] (in French), 28 September 2023, <https://www.rtb.be/article/sans-medecins-formes-aux-ivg-l-acces-a-l-avortement-est-menace-11263108> and RTBF, “#Investigation : interruption volontaire de grossesse, l’enjeu d’une loi” [“#Investigation: voluntary termination of pregnancy, the challenge of a legislation”] (in French), 19 March 2025, <https://www.rtb.be/article/investigation-interruption-volontaire-de-grossesse-l-enjeu-d-une-loi-11516676>

<sup>52</sup> See Médecins du Monde Belgique, Note d’intention - Accès à l’interruption volontaire de grossesse (IVG) et à l’aide médicale urgente (AMU) pour les femmes sans accès aux soins en Belgique [Statement of intent - Access to voluntary termination of pregnancy (VTP) and emergency medical assistance (EMA) for women without access to healthcare in Belgium] (in French), June 2022, [https://medecinsdumonde.be/system/files/publications/downloads/Dossier\\_IVG\\_FR\\_DEF\\_WEB%28002%29.pdf](https://medecinsdumonde.be/system/files/publications/downloads/Dossier_IVG_FR_DEF_WEB%28002%29.pdf), pp. 8, 13 and 18.

<sup>53</sup> CRC/C/BEL/CO/5-6, 26.e. and CCPR/C/BEL/CO/6, 21-22.

<sup>54</sup> Cour d’appel Bruxelles, [Affaire Climat] contre l’état Belge et al. , Arrêt, 30 November 2023, [https://affaireclimat.cdn.prismic.io/affaireclimat/df045502-906f-4797-a46d-622dbfe03ec8\\_SP52019923113012320+fr.pdf](https://affaireclimat.cdn.prismic.io/affaireclimat/df045502-906f-4797-a46d-622dbfe03ec8_SP52019923113012320+fr.pdf)

<sup>55</sup> Service Public Fédérale (SPF) Finances & SPF Santé publique, *Inventaire fédéral des subventions aux énergies fossiles – 2025 Rapport*, 13 June 2025, <https://climat.be/actualites/2025/4e-inventaire-federal-des-subventions-aux-energies-fossiles>

<sup>56</sup> Examples of such barriers include how government systems and services which should enable people with disabilities to choose how, where and with whom to live in the community, are not adequate. People with disabilities and their organizations advocate for government investment in a broad, flexible, accessible range of services and support for people with disabilities, and for community services and facilities to be available on an equal basis. They also point to the need to remove barriers caused by attitudes on disability, and barriers to an adequate standard of living, the accessibility of public buildings, (social) housing, public transportation, access to information, including digital exclusion, inclusive education and the labour market. For further information see: Amnesty International, *Belgium: Submission to the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: 31st Session, 12 August – 5 September 2024*, 11 July 2024, <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur14/8313/2024/en/>; see also related recommendations that Belgium supported during the previous review: UN Doc A/HRC/48/8, previously cited, recommendations 35.202 (Cyprus), 36.56 (Cuba), 35.154 (Mozambique), 35.155 (Slovenia), 35.204 (Philippines), 35.205 (Zambia), 35.206 (Marshall Islands), 35.207 (India), 35.208 (Thailand), 36.55 (Spain), 36.57 (Montenegro), 35.203 (Sudan).