The Universal Periodic Review and Cambodia
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The Universal Periodic Review

The Universal Periodic Review (“UPR”) is a United Nations (“UN”) mechanism to review the human rights practices of all UN Member States every five years. The first cycle started in 2008.

For more information about the UPR, see CCHR Leaflet on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and Cambodia in July 2014 at: http://cchrcambodia.org/uprleaflet2014en and UPR Info’s factsheet on the Universal Periodic Review: Information for NGOs at: https://goo.gl/FfP7pY

Cambodia and the UPR

- During its first review in 2009, Cambodia accepted all 91 recommendations made by other States, but did not implement most of them.

- During its second review in 2014, Cambodia received 205 recommendations.

- Cambodia received recommendations from countries in Europe, South-America, and North Africa, on a number of key areas such as the judicial system, children’s rights, rights to education and women’s rights.

- In addition, Cambodia was encouraged to ratify a number of international instruments.

Top 10 Member States That Made Recommendations To Cambodia in 2014

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For more information, see CCHR Post-UPR National Consultation Outcome Report in 2014 at http://cchrcambodia.org/uproutcomereport2014en

Top 5 Thematic Overviews of Key Recommendations Made To Cambodia During the 2nd UPR Review

- Justice 33
- Rights of the child 32
- International instruments 22
- Right to education 19
- Women’s rights 16

For more information, see the UPR Info database at https://www.upr-info.org/database/
Mid-term Cambodia’s UPR Consultation in June 2017


Invitees were predominantly from NGOs focused on economic, social and cultural rights, freedom of expression and freedom of assembly, land rights, legal and judicial reform, and women’s and children’s rights.

The objective of the consultation is to review Cambodia’s progress in respect of its second UPR in January 2014.

Despite the fact that the Royal Government of Cambodia (“RGC”) chose not to submit a mid-term UPR report, the RGC nevertheless participated in this mid-term UPR Consultation Workshop, via the CHRC and the Ministry of Justice.

For more information, please see the CCHR Outcome Report on the Mid-term UPR National Consultation at: http://cchrcambodia.org/uproutcomereport2017en

The Next Cycle of Cambodia’s UPR Review: The 3rd Cycle of the Review

- Cambodia will be undertaking a 3rd UPR review at the UN Human Rights Council in January 2019.

Timeline for Engagement in the Upcoming UPR Process

- July 2017 to March 2018: National Consultation Stage
- 21 June 2018: Submission of NGO Report to the HRCC
- January 2019: 3rd Cycle of Cambodia’s UPR Review
- Post 3rd UPR Review: Advocacy & Strategies


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