

## United Nations - Universal Periodic Review – UPR

The UPR is a mechanism of the UN Human Rights Council. It is intended to be a cooperative mechanism, designed to assess states in fulfilling their international commitments and improving their human rights situation. The human rights records of all UN Member States are regularly reviewed on a four-year cycle, with no less than 48 States reviewed per year, in 3 annual sessions.

The review is conducted by Member States, and it is an opportunity to raise awareness and get governments to commit to concrete recommendations. NGOs have a number of opportunities to be involved throughout the UPR process. NGOs can submit information concerning countries under review. Their submissions are summarised by the Office of the UN High Commissioner on Human Rights in reports that are considered in the review process. Later in the process, NGOs can also make public interventions at the Human Rights Council prior to the adoption of a country report.

The second UPR cycle will begin with the 13<sup>th</sup> UPR session in May 2012. For that purpose, NGOs of the relevant countries are invited to submit their contributions as early as November 2011.

Calendar 2011 - 2013		
<p>Submissions can be sent to: <a href="mailto:UPRsubmissions@ohchr.org">UPRsubmissions@ohchr.org</a>            For more general inquiries on the UPR, write to: <a href="mailto:civilsocietyunit@ohchr.org">civilsocietyunit@ohchr.org</a></p>		
<p>To propose joint submissions with ILGA-Europe, contact ILGA-Europe's office:  <a href="mailto:joel@ilga-europe.org">joel@ilga-europe.org</a></p> <p>To propose a joint submission on the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, FYR Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia) or Turkey, please contact <a href="mailto:lilit@ilga-europe.org">lilit@ilga-europe.org</a> too</p>		
SESSION	DEADLINES	COUNTRIES
13 <sup>th</sup> session – May/June 2012	Submissions to be sent by:  21 November 2011	<i>Finland, the United</i>

	28 November 2011	<i>Kingdom Poland, Netherlands</i>
14 <sup>th</sup> session – October /November 2012	Submissions to be sent by:  19 March 2012  26 March 2012	<i>Czech Republic  Switzerland, Ukraine</i>
15 <sup>th</sup> session – January/February 2013	Submissions to be sent by:  9 July 2012  16 July 2012	<i>France, Romania  Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Serbia</i>
16 <sup>th</sup> session – May/June 2013	Submissions to be sent by:  5 November 2012  12 November 2012	<i>Germany, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan  Azerbaijan, Russian Federation</i>
17 <sup>th</sup> session – October/November 2013	Submissions to be sent by:  11 March 2013	<i>Malta, Monaco</i>
18 <sup>th</sup> session – January/February 2014	Submissions to be sent by:  15 July 2013	<i>Cyprus, FYR Macedonia, Slovakia</i>