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Methodology Responses to recommendations ▬▬

This document presents the methodology followed to process our documents "Responses to recommendations and pledges" and how we classify a recommendation as "Accepted" or "Noted". Please kindly note that UPR Info's methodology changed as of UPR Working Group session 17 in 2014 in order to be consistent with the new wording of the Reports of the Working Group and Resolution 5/1 §32:

> *Recommendations that enjoy the support of the State concerned will be identified as such. Other recommendations [...] will be noted.*

According to the practice and the rule, State cannot reject recommendations at the UPR and all recommendations that are not accepted or not responded to are now considered as "Noted".

1.1. 2RPs

Our documents "2RPs" (standing for "Responses to recommendations and voluntary pledges"), list all recommendations as contained in the Report of the Working Group. The paragraph headers as written in the report, below which recommendations are listed in groups according to the response given, are also included. Where the response to the recommendation (as indicated by the colour key and letter code) does not correspond to its paragraph header, this indicates that the response has

been subsequently changed by the State under Review (SuR). Changes to responses made during the adoption in plenary will appear in this document if and when they occur.

Responses to recommendations evolved drastically over the first cycle, and States under Review created new categories of responses to recommendations, which included "Accepted in Part", "Accepted in principle" "Noted" and "Already implemented or in the process of implementation." These categories have been included within the two main classifications abovementioned, "accepted" and "noted".

1.2. Categories of response

Accepted:

A recommendation is considered as "Accepted" when the SuR clearly uses the word "accept". On the other hand, remarks made by the SuR that appear, but are not clearly expressed as an acceptance to a recommendation are considered as "Noted".

When a recommendation is accepted *in part*, we consider it as noted. However, when the part accepted and the part not accepted are clearly explained, the recommendation is split into two recommendations, one accepted and one noted. In case the official response is not clear, we rely on the classification of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

When a recommendation is accepted *in principle*, we also consider it as noted.

Noted (1):

All recommendations that are not clearly identified as "Accepted" are considered "Noted".

Noted (2):

A recommendation is considered as "Noted" when the SuR clearly uses the word "reject" or similar expressions such as "does not enjoy its support", "does not accept", "is not in a position to accept".

Pending:

A recommendation is considered as "Pending" when no response is given by the SuR during the review. The SuR has then until the adoption of the report during the Human Rights Council plenary session to provide its final response. After that time, a pending recommendation which remains unaddressed is considered as "Noted".

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