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INTRODUCTION

This submission was prepared for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Samoa in March 2021. In it, Amnesty International evaluates the implementation of recommendations made to Samoa in its previous UPR, including in relation to the independence of the judiciary, right to a fair trial, access to justice, gender equality, the rights of persons based on sexual orientation and gender identity, the rights of persons with disabilities, the right to adequate health care and the climate crisis.

It also assesses the national human rights framework with regard to recent reforms that impact on the independence of the judiciary. It highlights the need for further legal reform to realise rights to equality and non-discrimination.

With regards to the human rights situation on the ground, Amnesty International raises concerns about emerging threats to the independence of judges and lawyers and responses to the Covid-19 pandemic. It also raises ongoing human rights issues such as gender equality and discrimination against people based on their sexual orientation and gender identity.

FOLLOW UP TO THE PREVIOUS REVIEW

1. Amnesty International welcomes the positive steps taken by the Samoan government to implement the recommendations it committed to at the last UPR session.
2. Samoa acceded to the International Convention Against Torture or Other Cruel Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT), the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and the Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.¹
3. In May 2016, the Ombudsman's Office received 'A' status as a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.² Further resources are required to enhance the investigative powers and functions of the Ombudsman and ensure awareness and accessibility by the public.
4. Samoa has yet to fulfil its commitments to accede to additional human rights treaties made at the last review,³ as well as addressing emerging challenges to the independence of judges and lawyers. Ongoing areas in need of further human rights protection include

¹ Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review: Samoa, UN Doc. A/HRC/33/6, Recommendations 95.1-14 (Georgia, Italy, Portugal, Ukraine, Guatemala, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Turkey, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Argentina, Australia, Ghana, France, Republic of Korea, Uruguay, Guatemala, Germany)

² A/HRC/33/6, Recommendations 95.24-28 (Indonesia, Spain, Honduras, Tukey and Timor Leste)

³ A/HRC/33/6 – Para. 95.10-.14 (Ghana, France, Republic of Korea, Uruguay, Guatemala, Germany) and Para 96.1-.30 (Germany, Ghana, Costa Rica, Netherlands, Algeria, Montenegro, Portugal, Guatemala, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Namibia, France, Uruguay, New Zealand, Chile, Honduras, Denmark, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Timor-Leste, Turkey, Ukraine, Argentina, Armenia, Brazil, Philippines, Cabo Verde, Cyprus, Egypt).

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gender equality, the rights of persons based on their sexual orientation and gender identity, access to health care and the climate crisis.

5. Despite committing to do so, Samoa has not yet ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women⁴ or the Optional Protocol to the Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities.⁵
6. Annex 2 is a matrix of recommendations from Samoa's last review. Of the accepted recommendations, implemented recommendations are highlighted in green, and partly implemented or not yet implemented recommendations are highlighted in yellow.

THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS FRAMEWORK

7. Samoa's Ombudsman Office serves as a national human rights institution and is compliant with the Paris Principles.
8. The Supreme Court is the superior court in Samoa and the ultimate appellate court on all matters except land disputes. Previously, appeals to the Supreme Court had upheld constitutional rights to freedom of religion in village (known as Fono) decisions, and were widely recognised as leading human rights jurisprudence in the Pacific.
9. Abortion is illegal unless there is serious danger to the life, physical or mental health of the woman. The Crimes Act 2013 (ss112-115) makes abortion punishable by up to seven years imprisonment.
10. The Crimes Act 2013 criminalizes 'prostitution' and related offences (ss70-75). Laws criminalising sex work can be harmful to women and increase the violence and stigma they are likely to experience, as well as creating barriers to access adequate health care.
11. Sexual activity between consenting adult males carries a prison sentence of up to five years. Under the Crimes Act 2013 (ss67, 68 and 71) sodomy, attempted sodomy and keeping a place of resort for homosexual acts is criminalized.

HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION ON THE GROUND

INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY, RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE

12. On 4 June 2020, Amnesty International expressed its concerns about newly proposed

⁴ A/HRC/33/6 – Para. 95.15 (Costa Rica)

⁵ A/HRC/33/6 – Para. 95.5 (Uruguay)

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laws which would allow greater executive powers to dismiss and discipline judicial officers, remove the bill of rights application to land matters, and create separate land courts which are not subject to same appellate jurisdiction as other cases.⁶ On 26 May 2020, the Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers wrote to the government of Samoa expressing concern and making recommendations to strengthen the independence of the judiciary.⁷ These laws passed in December 2020⁸ and were also criticised by the Samoa Law Society and other legal experts.⁹

13. In the new laws, the Land and Titles Court is retained, but appeals to the Supreme Court of Samoa and the Court of Appeal are prohibited, and instead handled by a new Land and Titles High Court and Land and Titles Court of Appeal and Review. The bill of rights under the Constitution also no longer applies to matters before the land courts, even though a decision to remove someone from their land could amount to a violation of the right to adequate housing and freedom from discrimination.
14. These law reforms were proposed when the Prime Minister has several cases before the courts in which he has a vested interest in the outcome. This includes a case where extradition is being sought of a person living in Australia, Talalelei Pauga, for alleged conspiracy to murder the Prime Minister. Amnesty International remains concerned that the extradition may be politically motivated and that the accused may not receive a fair trial because of ongoing interference with the independence of judges and lawyers. A vocal opponent of the Prime Minister's policies, Pauga has been detained in Australia since 20 August 2020, pending the extradition hearing and it is not clear what evidence, if any, the Samoan government has in this case.¹⁰
15. In 2020, Amnesty International received reports that three lawyers have received threats, harassment and intimidation for speaking out on law reforms, for the clients they represent or for their political opinions and beliefs.

GENDER EQUALITY

16. Despite accepting recommendations to address violence against women and girls and violence based on sexual orientation and gender identity,¹¹ gender inequality is pervasive and there are high rates of violence against women.¹² The following laws

⁶ Amnesty International, *Samoa: State of Emergency exploited to rush through laws that weaken the judiciary*, 4 June 2020, <https://www.amnesty.org/download/Documents/ASA4524742020ENGLISH.PDF>

⁷ Communication of the Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers to the Government of Samoa on Amendments to the Constitution, the Judicature Ordinance and the Lands and Titles Act, 26 May 2020, https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/IJudiciary/Communications/OL_WSM_26_05_2020.pdf

⁸ Radio New Zealand, *Samoa passes much criticised constitutional reforms*, 15 December 2020, <https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/432909/samoa-parliament-passes-much-criticised-constitutional-reforms>

⁹ International Bar Association, *IBAHRI condemns Samoan Government's proposed legislation as a disruption of the rule of law*, 18 June 2020, <https://www.ibanet.org/Article/NewDetail.aspx?ArticleUid=bb5ffd28-869e-4235-90d6-b2a1ded8052a>; Law Council of Australia, *Proposed constitutional amendments in Samoa concerning*, 8 May 2020, <https://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/media/media-releases/proposed-constitutional-amendments-in-samoa-concerning>; New Zealand Law Society, *Serious concerns raised about constitutional law changes in Samoa*, 4 May 2020, <https://www.lawsociety.org.nz/news/legal-news/serious-concerns-raised-about-constitutional-law-changes-in-samoa/>;

¹⁰ ABC, *Samoa's AG defends extradition request to Australia*, 12 October 2020, <https://www.abc.net.au/radio-australia/programs/pacificbeat/samoa-ag-defends-extradition-request-to-australia/12753500>

¹¹ A/HRC/33/6, Recommendations 95.52 (Haiti), 95.54-5 (Italy), 95.57 (Maldives), 95.59 (Mexico), 95.62-63 (Spain), 95.65 (Uruguay), 95.69 (Guatemala) and 96.37 (Slovenia)

¹² The Guardian, Eleanor Ainge Roy, *The silence is suffocating: family abuse 'epidemic' uncovered in Samoa*, 3 September 2019, <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2019/sep/03/family-abuse-epidemic-uncovered-in-samoa>; and Samoa Office of the Ombudsman and National Human Rights Institute, *Report into Family Violence in Samoa*, June 2018, <https://ombudsman.gov.ws/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/National-Inquiry-Report-into-Family-Violence-State-of-Human-Rights-Report-2018-English.pdf>

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disproportionately impact on women.

17. Girls can marry at 16 years of age, and boys can marry at 18 years of age, if they have the consent of a parent or guardian; otherwise, the age of consent is 19 years old for women and 21 years old for men (Marriage Ordinance 1961). The minimum age for marriage should be 18 years of age for both men and women.
18. Samoa's criminalization of abortion violates its duty to respect and protect women and girl's rights, including their rights to life, health, privacy, and freedom from torture and other ill-treatment.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY

19. Samoa has a large community known as Fa'afafine and Fa'afatama that are culturally unique to Samoa and would be described as transgender in Western societies. In spite of this cultural recognition, they still face discrimination and harassment in the community. While being transgender is tolerated in Samoan culture, consensual adult same sex sexual conduct is condemned and criminalized. All people, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, should have their human rights protected and respected.
20. The Samoan Prime Minister has cited Christian beliefs in his refusal to amend discriminatory laws that deny the right to freedom of expression, the right to privacy, the right to bodily autonomy and the right to family for LGBTI people.¹³
21. Amnesty International notes the clear link between criminalization and levels of violence, discrimination and stigma against people based on their sexual orientation and gender identity.

RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

22. Amnesty International acknowledges that the government of Samoa has established the mobility device unit, under the Ministry of Health. However, we are concerned with the lack of access of persons with disabilities to specific health services and support, limited health specialists and lack of disability diagnostics resources that will hinder the full realization of human rights for people with disabilities.¹⁴

ADEQUATE HEALTH CARE AND PANDEMIC RESPONSE MEASURES

23. In 2019, Samoa had a serious outbreak of measles that resulted in 83 deaths with children being disproportionately impacted (87% of deaths were reported as children under five years old).¹⁵ Samoa needs to address health care challenges that lead to the outbreak, including inadequate health care, low vaccination rates and misinformation on

¹³ A/HRC/33/6, Recommendations 96.31-.35 (New Zealand, Slovenia, Spain, United States of America, Canada)

¹⁴ Samoa Office of the Ombudsman and National Human Rights Institute, State of Human Rights Report: Persons with Disabilities, 2016, https://ombudsman.gov.ws/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2016_State-of-Human-Rights-Report-Disability_-English.pdf; and Hyunsook Siutaia, *Ombudsman addresses disability discrimination*, Samoa Observer, 25 April 2020, <https://www.samoaoobserver.ws/category/article/61869>

¹⁵ The Lancet, Adam T Craig, Anita E Heywood and Heather Worth, *Measles epidemic in Samoa and other Pacific islands*, VOLUME 20, ISSUE 3, pp273-275, 1 March 2020,

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/article/PIIS1473-3099\(20\)30053-0/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/article/PIIS1473-3099(20)30053-0/fulltext)

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vaccines.¹⁶ Protecting the right to adequate health care and improving the provision of health information are both important measures in light of the COVID-19 pandemic but also to protect the right to health more broadly.

24. In response to the COVID-19 global pandemic, Samoa implemented hard border closures and a state of emergency¹⁷ which restricted freedom of movement and business trading hours.¹⁸ Only two confirmed cases had been reported in the country by the end of 2021.
25. While much of the response to the pandemic has been timely and appropriate, some measures constitute an overreach of state powers, or have hindered other processes including consultations on the legal reforms to the judiciary mentioned above. Samoa's Prime Minister used the state of emergency to ban certain business and leisure activities on Sunday (trading and swimming) without any clear link to the health situation.¹⁹
26. In March 2020, the private details of a hospital patient with symptoms was leaked by Health officials. The person was later found not to have COVID-19, but she and her family experienced harassment and vilification.²⁰

CLIMATE CRISIS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

27. Reducing carbon emissions to net zero well before 2050 to keep global temperature rise below 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels is an obligation under human rights law to protect human rights from the adverse effects of the climate crisis.
28. Samoa, as a small island state, is facing such adverse impacts, including through rising sea levels and increased severe weather events such as cyclones, that threaten people's way of life, livelihoods and security.
29. In 2015, Samoa committed to reaching 100% renewable energy targets by 2025.²¹ In 2018 it was noted Samoa reached 60% renewable energy for the country.²² In spite of being behind on its targets, commendable efforts have been made to reach the ambitious goals.

¹⁶ BBC, *How a wrong injection helped caused Samoa's measles epidemic*, 2 December 2019, <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-50625680>; WHO and UNICEF, Samoa: WHO and UNICEF estimates of immunization coverage: 2019 revision, https://www.who.int/immunization/monitoring_surveillance/data/wsm.pdf

¹⁷ Garda World, Samoa: Authorities extend state of emergency until December 23 /update 14, 21 November 2020, <https://www.garda.com/crisis24/news-alerts/402316/samoa-authorities-extend-state-of-emergency-until-december-23-update-14> and Samoa Government website, *State of Emergency Declared*, 20 March 2020, <https://www.samoagovt.ws/2020/03/state-of-emergency-declared/>

¹⁸ Amnesty International, *Public Statement: Pacific countries must not use Covid-19 to regress on human rights*, 15 April 2020, <https://www.amnesty.org/download/Documents/ASA0521442020ENGLISH.pdf>; and Amnesty International, *Samoa: State of Emergency exploited to rush through laws that weaken the judiciary*, 4 June 2020, <https://www.amnesty.org/download/Documents/ASA4524742020ENGLISH.PDF>

¹⁹ Talenei, *Samoa PM wants to ban Sunday trading*, 8 June 2020, <https://www.talane.com/2020/06/08/samoa-pm-wants-to-ban-sunday-trading/>

²⁰ Stuff NZ, *Coronavirus: First suspected case in Samoa returns negative test*, 22 March 2020, <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/health/coronavirus/120477710/coronavirus-first-suspected-case-in-samoa-returns-a-negative-test>

²¹ Samoa's Intended Nationally determined contribution, submitted to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change at COP 21 in Paris, available at https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/ndcstaging/PublishedDocuments/Samoa%20First/Samoa%20INDC_Submission%20to%20UNFCCC.pdf

²² Radio New Zealand, *Samoa making progress on renewable energy goal*, 24 May 2020, <https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/358097/samoa-making-progress-on-renewable-energy-goal>

RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION BY THE STATE UNDER REVIEW

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CALLS ON THE GOVERNMENT OF SAMOA TO:

THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS FRAMEWORK

- Accede to the remaining core human rights treaties, including the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and incorporate these into domestic law.
- Accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities and incorporate these into domestic law.
- Ensure that Samoa meets its international human rights commitments, including by ensuring human rights apply to land disputes and that customary law is interpreted consistently with human rights obligations.

THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY, RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE

- Invite the Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers to investigate, visit or report on the situation in the country and implement the recommendations which have already been communicated by the Special Rapporteur to the Samoan government.
- Amend or repeal the reforms to the legal and land titles system passed in December 2020 to ensure they comply with international human rights laws and standards on the independence of judges and lawyers, that they ensure the right to a fair trial, a right to appeal to an independent and impartial tribunal and equality before the law, and that there is a right to a remedy for all human rights violations.
- Publicly commit to and refrain from any acts of intimidation or threats to judges and lawyers, particularly as a result of their conduct in cases that relate to the Prime Minister, or because of any opinion or belief expressed on the new legal reforms.
- The Prime Minister should remove himself from exercising executive authority in any case where there is an actual or perceived conflict of interest, namely in the extradition case of Pauga whose extradition is being sought from Australia.

GENDER EQUALITY

- Address gender inequality by the removal of barriers, whether cultural, economic, institutional or religious, preventing women from having an equal opportunity to gain access to positions of power at all levels (including in politics); the elimination of

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disempowering stereotypes, misogyny and violence against women in public and private spheres; parity for women in decision-making forums; and gender-sensitive mainstreaming of policymaking processes, including budgeting.

- Ensure the minimum age of consent for marriage is 18 years of age for both men and women.
- Protect universal access to safe abortion and related care and information, including through full decriminalization of abortion.
- Decriminalize sex work and related activities.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY

- Immediately repeal all laws that criminalize consensual same sex sexual activity for adults and strengthen anti-discrimination laws to ensure people are not discriminated against based on their sexual orientation or gender identity.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

- Invest in the development and implementation of a free medical health scheme for all persons with disabilities. Train more health professionals, strengthen the work of organisations working with persons with disabilities to provide physical and mental health services and improve access to specific health services.

THE RIGHT TO ADEQUATE HEALTH CARE AND PANDEMIC RESPONSES

- Conduct a prompt, impartial, independent and effective inquiry into the causes of the measles outbreak in 2019, which disproportionately impacted on children and ensure that recommendations on right to a remedy and improving access to adequate health care and access to health information are implemented.
- Ensure the right to privacy is protected for all persons regardless of their health status and ensure that patients and health care workers are free from reprisals, intimidation, and threats.
- Ensure that COVID-19 responses only impose such restrictions on freedoms that conform with the principles of legality, necessity, proportionality and non-discrimination and not use the State of Emergency to implement policies which are designed to undermine human rights.
- Empower and support people to comply with public health regulations, including by ensuring access to public health information and by enabling people who are marginalised to satisfy their essential needs, and ensure that penalties are only imposed after other alternatives have proven, or are clear to be, unsuccessful.
- Develop a plan to ensure that the public health system is adequately funded and staffed and increase budgetary allocations to the public health sector as necessary.
- Ensure that economic recovery packages protect the right to an adequate standard of living of all persons, including people on lower incomes, those working in the informal sector, and others who may be at risk and most affected by the COVID-19 crisis and set up monitoring and review mechanism to assess their impact and amend them as necessary.

- Prioritise cooperation with international mechanisms aiming to ensure global access to vaccines and treatments.
- Ensure national and international criteria to guides the allocation of vaccines are consistent with human rights standards, pay attention to the needs of marginalised groups, and reflect the WHO's Equitable Allocation Framework. Civil society should be represented in any national and international decision-making process.

THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

- Adopt and implement human rights-consistent adaption and disaster risk reduction measures that allow to adequately protect people from the foreseeable and unavoidable impacts of the climate crisis.
- Respect, protect and fulfil the right to information, participation and to effective remedies, as well as to freedom of expression and assembly in all climate policies and strategies in line with human rights law and Sustainable Development Goal 16 (peace, justice and strong institutions).
- Ensure that gender equality and the rights of members of marginalized groups receive adequate consideration in all climate and just transition policies and that people can participate in decisions affecting them.
- Ensure any COVID-19 response measures facilitate the transition away from fossil fuels and towards human rights consistent renewable energy and a zero-carbon economy and also provide for greater social protection and the creation of green and other new jobs that deliver sustainable and decent employment for all workers without discrimination of any kind.
- Seek international co-operation and assistance to continue to work towards its 100% renewable electricity goals by 2025.

ANNEX 1- AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTS FOR FURTHER REFERENCE

Public Statement: Pacific countries must not use Covid-19 to regress on human rights, 15 April 2020, <https://www.amnesty.org/download/Documents/ASA0521442020ENGLISH.pdf>

Samoa: State of Emergency exploited to rush through laws that weaken the judiciary, 4 June 2020, <https://www.amnesty.org/download/Documents/ASA4524742020ENGLISH.PDF>

ANNEX 2 – MATRIX OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM LAST REVIEW

Recommendation	Recommending state/s	Amnesty International's comments on progress	Full list of themes/affected persons
Theme: A12 Acceptance of international norms			
95.10 Continue with ongoing efforts to ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, in line with recommendations it accepted during its first review in 2011 (Ghana); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Ghana	Supported Implemented (CRPD was acceded to on 2 Dec 2016) Not yet implemented for International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance	A12 Acceptance of international norms D32 Enforced disappearances F4 Persons with disabilities Affected persons: - persons with disabilities
95.15 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Costa Rica); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Costa Rica	Supported implementation in process	A12 Acceptance of international norms F12 Discrimination against women B51 Right to an effective remedy Affected persons: - women
95.14 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (Germany); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Germany	Supported implemented	A12 Acceptance of international norms F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection F33 Children: protection against exploitation Affected persons: - children
95.11 Ratify the three optional protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child: the Optional Protocol on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography; the Optional Protocol on the involvement of children in armed conflict; and the Optional Protocol on a communications procedure (France); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	France	Supported implemented	A12 Acceptance of international norms F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection F33 Children: protection against exploitation F35 Children in armed conflict Affected persons: - children

Recommendation	Recommending state/s	Amnesty International's comments on progress	Full list of themes/affected persons
95.12 Sign the Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (Republic of Korea); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Republic of Korea	Supported implemented	A12 Acceptance of international norms F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection F33 Children: protection against exploitation F35 Children in armed conflict Affected persons: - children
95.13 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (Uruguay) (Guatemala); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Uruguay Guatemala	Supported implemented	A12 Acceptance of international norms F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection F33 Children: protection against exploitation F35 Children in armed conflict Affected persons: - children
95.1 Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Georgia) (Italy) (Portugal) (Ukraine) (Guatemala); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Georgia Italy Portugal Ukraine Guatemala	Supported implemented	A12 Acceptance of international norms F4 Persons with disabilities Affected persons: - persons with disabilities
95.2 Consider ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Pakistan) (Republic of Korea); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Pakistan Republic of Korea	Supported implemented	A12 Acceptance of international norms F4 Persons with disabilities Affected persons: - persons with disabilities
95.3 Ratify and implement the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (New Zealand); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	New Zealand	Supported implemented	A12 Acceptance of international norms F4 Persons with disabilities Affected persons: - persons with disabilities
95.6 Complete ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Turkey); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Turkey	Supported implemented	A12 Acceptance of international norms F4 Persons with disabilities Affected persons: - persons with disabilities
95.7 Continue developing its successful programmes for the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Supported implementation in process	A12 Acceptance of international norms F4 Persons with disabilities Affected persons: - persons with disabilities
95.8 Deepen actions and measures intended to accede to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and guarantee the full exercise of human rights of persons with disabilities (Argentina); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Argentina	Supported implementation in process	A12 Acceptance of international norms F4 Persons with disabilities Affected persons: - persons with disabilities

Recommendation	Recommending state/s	Amnesty International's comments on progress	Full list of themes/affected persons
95.9 Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to ensure the rights of people with disabilities are safeguarded (Australia); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Australia	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	A12 Acceptance of international norms F4 Persons with disabilities Affected persons: - persons with disabilities
95.5 Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol (Uruguay); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Uruguay	Supported implemented (acceded to CPRD in 2016) <i>implementation in process – Optional Protocol not yet acceded to.</i>	A12 Acceptance of international norms F4 Persons with disabilities B51 Right to an effective remedy Affected persons: - persons with disabilities
95.4 Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and, in so doing, ensure adequate education for children with mental and physical disabilities (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Supported implemented (acceded to CPRD in 2016) <i>implementation in process for ensuring effective compliance with the treaty.</i>	A12 Acceptance of international norms F4 Persons with disabilities E51 Right to education - General Affected persons: - persons with disabilities - children
Theme: A21 National Mechanisms for Reporting and Follow-up (NMRF)			
95.36 Establish an interministerial committee responsible for the implementation of its international obligations, inter alia, for coordinating the drafting of the national reports to the treaty bodies and for organizing country visits by the Council's special procedures (Portugal); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Portugal	Supported <i>implemented (the Ombudsman's Office carried out these functions).</i>	A21 National Mechanisms for Reporting and Follow-up (NMRF) A22 Cooperation with treaty bodies A24 Cooperation with special procedures Affected persons: - general
Theme: A22 Cooperation with treaty bodies			
95.37 Submit its overdue reports to the Human Rights Committee and the Committee on Enforced Disappearances (Sierra Leone) (Ukraine); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Sierra Leone Ukraine	Supported <i>implementation in process – report due in 2014 has not yet been submitted.</i>	A22 Cooperation with treaty bodies D1 Civil & political rights - general measures of implementation D32 Enforced disappearances Affected persons: - disappeared persons - general
Theme: A24 Cooperation with special procedures			
95.38 Enhance cooperation with the special procedures by encouraging visits by the working groups and special rapporteurs (Turkey); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Turkey	Supported <i>Implemented – Samoa has a standing invitation with special rapporteurs but should enhance cooperation and implement recommendations made by Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers in May 2020.</i>	A24 Cooperation with special procedures Affected persons: - general
Theme: A28 Cooperation with other international mechanisms and institutions			

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95.91 Continue the cooperation with OHCHR, including on identifying and developing programmes for capacity building and technical assistance (Egypt). Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Egypt	Supported implemented	A28 Cooperation with other international mechanisms and institutions Affected persons: - general
Theme: A41 Constitutional and legislative framework			
95.16 Adopt the necessary measures in the legislative sphere as well as policy measures and allocation of resources to incorporate and effectively implement the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in its domestic law (Honduras); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Honduras	Supported implementation in process – submission highlights laws which continue to discriminate against women.	A41 Constitutional and legislative framework A42 Institutions & policies - General F12 Discrimination against women Affected persons: - women
95.50 Investigate and prosecute all allegations and incidents of acts of violence against women and girls, including domestic violence. Implement targeted training for law enforcement, and engage with community leaders in the development of public education campaigns (Canada); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Canada	Supported implementation in process – much more needs to be done to address rates of violence against women	A41 Constitutional and legislative framework D29 Domestic violence E51 Right to education - General F13 Violence against women B51 Right to an effective remedy A53 Professional training in human rights A61 Cooperation with civil society A54 Awareness raising and dissemination Affected persons: - women - girls - law enforcement / police officials
95.18 Take positive steps to implement the Family Safety Act among law enforcement agencies (Fiji); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Fiji	Supported implementation in process	A41 Constitutional and legislative framework D29 Domestic violence F13 Violence against women Affected persons: - law enforcement / police officials - general - women - children
95.19 Amend the Family Safety Act to provide anonymity and protection for those who make complaints of family violence under the Act (Fiji); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Fiji	Supported implementation in process	A41 Constitutional and legislative framework D29 Domestic violence F13 Violence against women Affected persons: - general - women - children

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95.21 Harmonize national laws with the international regulations on the rights of women and children (Ukraine); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Ukraine	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	A41 Constitutional and legislative framework F11 Advancement of women F12 Discrimination against women F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection Affected persons: - women - children
95.22 Increase efforts in the process of reconciling internal legislation with Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women norms through the inclusion of a specific definition of discrimination against women, consistent with article 1 of the Convention (Chile); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Chile	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	A41 Constitutional and legislative framework F12 Discrimination against women Affected persons: - women
95.20 Enforce the 2013 Family Safety Act, especially ensuring the full prohibition of sexual harassment and spousal rape (United States of America); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	United States of America	Supported <i>implementation in process – spousal rape is prohibited in the Crimes Act 2013 (s49(4), however rape is defined as ‘the act of a male who rapes a female’ and is not gender neutral.</i>	A41 Constitutional and legislative framework F13 Violence against women Affected persons: - women
Theme: A45 National Human Rights Institution (NHRI)			
95.26 Consider establishing an independent national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles (Timor-Leste); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Timor-Leste	Supported <i>implemented - the Ombudsman's Office fulfils this role but requires ongoing funding and support to continue its operations independently.</i>	A45 National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) Affected persons: - general
95.27 Establish an independent national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles (Turkey); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Turkey	Supported <i>implemented</i>	A45 National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) Affected persons: - general
95.28. Redouble efforts to strengthen its national human rights institution, in accordance with the Paris Principles (Honduras); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Honduras	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	A45 National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) Affected persons: - general

Recommendation	Recommending state/s	Amnesty International's comments on progress	Full list of themes/affected persons
95.24 Continue supporting the work of the National Human Rights Institution, in line with the Paris Principles and in collaboration with civil society and other relevant stakeholders, to raise awareness on human rights and conduct more human rights activities in Samoa (Indonesia); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Indonesia	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	A45 National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) A54 Awareness raising and dissemination A61 Cooperation with civil society Affected persons: - general
95.25 Allocate adequate human and material resources to the national human rights commission (Spain); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Spain	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	A45 National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) A63 Budget and resources (for human rights implementation) Affected persons: - general
Theme: A52 Human rights education - in schools			
95.81 Continue efforts aiming at enhancing human rights education, especially for children (Egypt); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Egypt	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	A52 Human rights education - in schools Affected persons: - children
Theme: A53 Professional training in human rights			
95.30 Enhance efforts to provide human rights training for law enforcement agencies (Malaysia); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Malaysia	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	A53 Professional training in human rights Affected persons: - law enforcement / police officials
Theme: A54 Awareness raising and dissemination			
95.29 Continue to expand human rights awareness as being complementary to the Samoan way of life (Jamaica); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Jamaica	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	A54 Awareness raising and dissemination Affected persons: - general
95.31 Conduct public awareness campaigns and education programmes on human rights issues, targeting all sectors of the population (Sierra Leone); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Sierra Leone	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	A54 Awareness raising and dissemination Affected persons: - general
95.46 Implement awareness-raising and training programmes for school staff and students to create safe educational environments free from discrimination (Maldives); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Maldives	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	A54 Awareness raising and dissemination B31 Equality & non-discrimination Affected persons: - children - educational staff
Theme: B31 Equality & non-discrimination			
95.47 Prohibit discrimination on the ground of gender identity in employment legislation, such as by amending the Labour and Employment Relations Act, 2013 (Netherlands); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Netherlands	Supported <i>implementation in process – submissions cover the need for greater legal protection against discrimination, particularly the lack of legal protection for LGBTI people..</i>	B31 Equality & non-discrimination A41 Constitutional and legislative framework E31 Right to work Affected persons: - lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI)
Theme: B41 Right to development			

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95.89 Promote economic development, in a sustainable manner, to improve the quality of life of its population (China); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	China	Supported <i>implementation in process – noting that the economy has been hit by the global pandemic and travel bans, particularly through the tourism sector. Commitment to economic development, including women, those working in the informal sector and those living in poverty, needs to be address in post-pandemic recovery initiatives.</i>	B41 Right to development E21 Right to an adequate standard of living - general Affected persons: - general
Theme: B73 Human rights and climate change			
95.84 Adopt measures to address the adverse effects of climate change with a human rights-based approach, and strengthen the strategies for adjustment and management of disaster risk (Costa Rica); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Costa Rica	Supported <i>implementation in process – recommendations made on further climate change measures for Samoa.</i>	B73 Human rights and climate change C13 SDG 13 - climate change Affected persons: - general
95.85 Strengthen adaptation measures to curb the long-term effects of climate change (Maldives); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Maldives	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	B73 Human rights and climate change C13 SDG 13 - climate change Affected persons: - general
95.86 Continue efforts in terms of climate change mitigation strategy, including through assistance to the Samoan population in case of natural disasters and with the support of the international community (Morocco); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Morocco	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	B73 Human rights and climate change C13 SDG 13 - climate change Affected persons: - general
95.87 Monitor and evaluate the long-term effects of climate change (Sierra Leone); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Sierra Leone	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	B73 Human rights and climate change C13 SDG 13 - climate change Affected persons: - general
95.83 Promote climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies and disseminate these to the entire Samoan society and in the school curriculum (Haiti); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Haiti	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	B73 Human rights and climate change C13 SDG 13 - climate change A54 Awareness raising and dissemination A52 Human rights education - in schools Affected persons: - general
95.88 Continue to strengthen 15 sectors identified for effective implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (Pakistan); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Pakistan	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	C Sustainable Development Goal implementation Affected persons: - general

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95.90 Apply a national development policy which incorporates the Sustainable Development Goals, the creation of an enabling environment for economic growth and improved services for the most marginalized communities (Cuba); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Cuba	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	C Sustainable Development Goal implementation B41 Right to development E21 Right to an adequate standard of living - general Affected persons: - vulnerable persons/groups
Theme: D26 Conditions of detention			
95.71 Provide members of the Samoa Police Service with training on the human rights of accused and detained persons, and ensure that provisions made for food, water and sanitation at detention facilities meet the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (Canada); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Canada	Supported <i>implementation in process – more needs to be done to improve the standard in prisons. Refer to Ombudsman's July 2019 report for further detail and noting that prison facilities only partly ensured adequate water and food..²³</i>	D26 Conditions of detention A53 Professional training in human rights Affected persons: - persons deprived of their liberty - law enforcement / police officials
Theme: D27 Prohibition of slavery, trafficking			
95.58 Develop a national action plan to combat trafficking in persons that includes measures for the rehabilitation of victims and training of the officials involved in investigating these crimes (Mexico); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Mexico	Supported <i>implementation in process – noting that Samoa should also ratify ILO Conventions on the protection of workers' rights to address the exploitation of migrant workers as well as implement a national action plan on trafficking. While trafficking is rare in the Pacific, both Fiji and Vanuatu have reported recent trafficking cases. Noting also a recent case in New Zealand of a Samoan chief charged with slavery and trafficking of Samoans, Samoa should work with regional countries to stop the exploitation of Pacific Islanders working in other countries in the Pacific.²⁴</i>	D27 Prohibition of slavery, trafficking A46 National Plans of Action on Human Rights (or specific areas) A53 Professional training in human rights Affected persons: - general - women - judges, lawyers and prosecutors - law enforcement / police officials
Theme: D29 Domestic violence			

²³ Available at: https://ombudsman.gov.ws/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/FINAL-REPORT_-DCIR-2019-No.-1.pdf

²⁴ See, for example: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/jul/27/samoan-chief-slavery-trafficking-sentenced-11-years-new-zealand>
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95.48 Conduct gender competence and domestic violence law training of its law enforcement agencies, including the police, prosecutors and the judiciary (Fiji); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Fiji	Supported <i>implementation in process – noting the Ombudsman's report into family violence 2018 found almost all families experience violence. In spite of improvements, much more needs to be done to reduce family violence including a multi-sector and intersectional approach.</i> ²⁵	D29 Domestic violence A53 Professional training in human rights F13 Violence against women Affected persons: - judges, lawyers and prosecutors - law enforcement / police officials
95.60 Put in place comprehensive measures to prevent and address domestic violence and ensure that women have access to immediate means of redress and protection and that the perpetrators are prosecuted (Portugal); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Portugal	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	D29 Domestic violence B51 Right to an effective remedy B53 Support to victims and witnesses Affected persons: - women
95.49 Take all necessary measures to prevent and stop domestic violence, including through providing shelters for persons under threat, in coordination with the "Samoa Victims Support Group" (Brazil); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Brazil	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	D29 Domestic violence B53 Support to victims and witnesses A61 Cooperation with civil society F13 Violence against women Affected persons: - general - women
95.51 Take active steps to further promote children's rights by spreading awareness about domestic violence and child labour and emphasizing the importance of students' school attendance (Germany); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Germany	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	D29 Domestic violence E51 Right to education - General F33 Children: protection against exploitation A54 Awareness raising and dissemination Affected persons: - children
Theme: E21 Right to an adequate standard of living - general			
95.33 Continue to consolidate its human rights policies, particularly in the sphere of economic, social and cultural rights, in order to continue enhancing the quality of life of its people, especially the most vulnerable sectors of the population (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Supported - implementation in process	E21 Right to an adequate standard of living - general Affected persons: - vulnerable persons/groups
Theme: E26 Human Rights & drinking water and sanitation			

²⁵ See: <https://ombudsman.gov.ws/ombudsman-launches-report/>
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95.72 Uphold the commitment as to the realization of the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation (Spain); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Spain	Supported <i>implementation in process – noting that recent legal reforms may reduced avenues of redress for access to safe drinking water and sanitation as human rights are not considered as part of land disputes, yet is integral to access an adequate standard of living.</i>	E26 Human Rights & drinking water and sanitation Affected persons: - general
Theme: E41 Right to health – General			
95.75 Adequately resource and implement the Mental Health Act of 2007 (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Supported <i>implementation in process – Samoa has inadequate access to mental health services, which is not treated on par with physical ailments.</i>	E41 Right to health - General F4 Persons with disabilities Affected persons: - persons with disabilities
Theme: E43 Access to sexual and reproductive health and services			
95.74 Step up efforts to promote sexual education, particularly oriented towards adolescents, paying special attention to the prevention of early pregnancy and to the control of sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS, as previously recommended (Mexico); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Mexico	Supported <i>implementation in process – education on sexual and reproductive health remains limited and stigmatised. Samoa should fully decriminalise abortion and same sex sexual activity to promote equal access to sexual and reproductive health services without discrimination.</i>	E43 Access to sexual and reproductive health and services A54 Awareness raising and dissemination A27 Follow-up to Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Affected persons: - persons living with HIV/AIDS
Theme: E51 Right to education - General			
95.78 Step up efforts to achieve universal basic education and implement specific measures to reduce and prevent the dropping out of school by girls (Mexico); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Mexico	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	E51 Right to education - General Affected persons: - girls
95.79 Enhance efforts to improve access to quality education for all at all levels (Philippines); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Philippines	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	E51 Right to education - General Affected persons: - children
95.77 Strengthen the implementation of policies to permit teenaged mothers to return to formal education and sit exams after giving birth, aimed at breaking cycles of poverty, teenage pregnancy and domestic abuse (Jamaica); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Jamaica	Supported <i>implementation in process – Samoa should ensure the minimum age for marriage is 18 years for both men and women.</i>	E51 Right to education - General E43 Access to sexual and reproductive health and services E25 Human rights & poverty D29 Domestic violence F13 Violence against women Affected persons: - girls

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95.80 Provide more school opportunities for children and strengthen education, vocational and technical training (China); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	China	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	E51 Right to education - General E54 technical and vocational education Affected persons: - children
95.76 Ensure effective implementation of the 2009 Education Act and also develop a national strategy to reduce dropout rates and to address cases of school-aged children working as street vendors (Italy); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Italy	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	E51 Right to education - General F33 Children: protection against exploitation Affected persons: - children - children in street situations
Theme: E6 Rights to protection of property; financial credit			
95.73 Take measures to facilitate access to credit for women in rural areas (Honduras); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Honduras	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	E6 Rights to protection of property; financial credit F11 Advancement of women Affected persons: - women - persons living in rural areas
Theme: F11 Advancement of women			
95.41 Continue efforts in promoting women's rights (Morocco); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Morocco	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	F11 Advancement of women F12 Discrimination against women Affected persons: - women
95.34 Pursue the recommendations outlined in the 2015 State of Human Rights Report, particularly those relating to women, children, people with disabilities and prisoners (Australia); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Australia	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	F11 Advancement of women F12 Discrimination against women F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection D26 Conditions of detention F4 Persons with disabilities Affected persons: - women - children - persons with disabilities - persons deprived of their liberty
95.39 Take the necessary measures to remove difficulties facing persons with disabilities, including improving access to public spaces and services and empowering children and women with disabilities to exercise their rights (Republic of Korea); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Republic of Korea	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	F11 Advancement of women F12 Discrimination against women F4 Persons with disabilities Affected persons: - women
Theme: F12 Discrimination against women			

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95.23 Further enhance national policies to promote the rights of women and children (Georgia); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Georgia	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	F12 Discrimination against women Affected persons: - women - children
95.43 Put in place a comprehensive strategy to eliminate patriarchal attitudes and stereotypes that discriminate against women (Namibia); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Namibia	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	F12 Discrimination against women Affected persons: - women
95.42 Strengthen efforts to eliminate patriarchal attitudes and stereotypes that discriminate against women, including through a comprehensive public awareness programme (Slovenia); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Slovenia	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	F12 Discrimination against women A54 Awareness raising and dissemination Affected persons: - women
95.17 Further promote gender equality by implementing the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in terms of access to employment (Cyprus); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Cyprus	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	F12 Discrimination against women E31 Right to work Affected persons: - women
95.45 Take concrete steps to improve access to decent work and other economic opportunities for women in achieving gender equality (Malaysia); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Malaysia	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	F12 Discrimination against women E31 Right to work Affected persons: - women
95.44 Review and reform all policies, laws and practices that restrict women's rights to equal employment, property and credit, as well as access to medical care and related services (Haiti); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Haiti	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	F12 Discrimination against women E31 Right to work E6 Rights to protection of property; financial credit E42 Access to health-care (general) Affected persons: - women
95.40 Exert concrete efforts to eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against women (Republic of Korea); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Republic of Korea	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	F12 Discrimination against women F13 Violence against women Affected persons: - women
Theme: F13 Violence against women			
95.62 Conclude the enactment of the bill to establish a policy against harassment in the public sector (Spain); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Spain	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	F13 Violence against women A41 Constitutional and legislative framework Affected persons: - public officials
95.55 Ensure that women victims of violence receive appropriate help and perpetrators are brought to justice (Italy); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Italy	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	F13 Violence against women B51 Right to an effective remedy B53 Support to victims and witnesses Affected persons: - women

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95.69 Continue national efforts for the establishment of specialized courts on violence against women, particularly domestic and sexual violence (Guatemala); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Guatemala	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	F13 Violence against women B51 Right to an effective remedy D51 Administration of justice & fair trial Affected persons: - women
95.52 Put in place measures to prevent and combat conjugal and sexual violence and provide appropriate assistance and protection to victims, particularly in rural areas (Haiti); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Haiti	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	F13 Violence against women B53 Support to victims and witnesses Affected persons: - persons living in rural areas - women
95.57 Set up a shelter for victims of sexual abuse and violence (Maldives); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Maldives	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	F13 Violence against women B53 Support to victims and witnesses Affected persons: - women
95.54 Promote awareness-raising campaigns aimed at preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Italy); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Italy	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	F13 Violence against women D29 Domestic violence A54 Awareness raising and dissemination Affected persons: - women
95.63 Ensure the application in the private sector of the provisions against sexual harassment of the Labour and Employment Relations Act (Spain); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Spain	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	F13 Violence against women E32 Right to just and favourable conditions of work Affected persons: - women
95.65 Apply harsher sentences for sexual violence and child abuse, with a view to strengthening laws on child protection, as well as developing new avenues for making complaints of child abuse, sexual aggression and incest which are adapted to children (Uruguay); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Uruguay	Supported <i>implementation in process</i>	F13 Violence against women F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection B51 Right to an effective remedy Affected persons: - children
95.59 Establish effective and transparent mechanisms to prevent violence, in particular against women, girls and boys, and ensure that these mechanisms are allocated with the necessary capacity and resources to be operational (Mexico); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Mexico	Supported - <i>implementation in process</i>	F13 Violence against women F33 Children: protection against exploitation A63 Budget and resources (for human rights implementation) Affected persons: - women - children - girls
Theme: F14 Participation of women in political and public life			

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95.32 Step up activities to increase participation of women in public life and decision-making (Turkey); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Turkey	Supported - <i>implementation in process</i> – noting that in 2016 Samoa introduced 5 reserved seats for women in Parliament. Whilst this has increased some of the women represented in parliament, Samoa is far from achieving gender parity in political participation.	F14 Participation of women in political and public life D7 Right to participation in public affairs and right to vote Affected persons: - women
Theme: F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection			
95.66 Strengthen measures to combat child abuse (Algeria); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Algeria	Supported - <i>implementation in process</i>	F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection F33 Children: protection against exploitation Affected persons: - children
95.67 Raise the level of protection for children, in particular against sexual abuse and child labour (Cabo Verde); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Cabo Verde	Supported - <i>implementation in process</i>	F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection F33 Children: protection against exploitation Affected persons: - children
Theme: F33 Children: protection against exploitation			
95.68 Continue progress in harmonizing its legislation on child labour with international standards (Chile); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Chile	Supported - <i>implementation in process</i>	F33 Children: protection against exploitation A41 Constitutional and legislative framework Affected persons: - children
95.61 Further protect children against violence and child labour through the strengthening of legislation, in order to safeguard their well-being and their right to education (Portugal); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Portugal	Supported - <i>implementation in process</i>	F33 Children: protection against exploitation A41 Constitutional and legislative framework E51 Right to education - General F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection Affected persons: - children
95.64 Establish a coordination mechanism to combat child labour, including in all its worst forms (United States of America); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	United States of America	Supported - <i>implementation in process</i>	F33 Children: protection against exploitation A44 Structure of the national human rights machinery Affected persons: - children
95.53 Consider, as soon as possible, compiling statistical data on sexual offences against children and putting in place a registry of persons convicted of such offences (Haiti); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Haiti	Supported - <i>implementation in process</i>	F33 Children: protection against exploitation A62 Statistics and indicators Affected persons: - children

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95.56 Establish effective child abuse reporting mechanisms and ensure the appropriate remedy and rehabilitation for child victims (Malaysia); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Malaysia	Supported - <i>implementation in process</i>	F33 Children: protection against exploitation B51 Right to an effective remedy B53 Support to victims and witnesses Affected persons: - children
Theme: F34 Children: Juvenile justice			
95.70 Accelerate the procedure for the adoption of the bill reviewing the age of criminal responsibility (Turkey); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Turkey	Supported - <i>implementation in process</i>	F34 Children: Juvenile justice A41 Constitutional and legislative framework Affected persons: - children
Theme: F4 Persons with disabilities			
95.35 Continue applying measures to improve the rights of persons with disabilities, in particular through the implementation of the policy on disability 2016-2020 (Cuba); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Cuba	Supported - <i>implementation in process</i>	F4 Persons with disabilities Affected persons: - persons with disabilities
Theme: G3 Indigenous peoples			
95.82 Protect land rights for indigenous communities (Cabo Verde); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6 - Para. 95	Cabo Verde	Supported - <i>implementation in process – see submissions on reforms to land courts which some have criticised as weakening protection of land rights by excluding human rights protection under the Constitution and by strengthening the powers of matais (chiefs) and undermining legal protection.</i>	G3 Indigenous peoples E23 Right to adequate housing E6 Rights to protection of property; financial credit Affected persons: - indigenous peoples
Theme: A12 Acceptance of international norms			
96.27 Consider ratifying international human rights treaties to which it is not yet a State party (Philippines); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 3-4, 13-14	Philippines	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms Affected persons: - general
96.28 Ratify those core international human rights instruments not yet ratified (Cabo Verde); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 3-4	Cabo Verde	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms Affected persons: - general
96.29 Take all necessary measures towards becoming a State party to more core human rights treaties (Cyprus); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 3-4	Cyprus	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms Affected persons: - general
96.30 Consider ratification of all core human rights conventions (Egypt); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 3-4	Egypt	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms Affected persons: - general
96.22 Accede to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Armenia); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 9	Armenia	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms B13 Genocide Affected persons: - general

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<p>96.6 Ratify the remaining core human rights treaties, in particular the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, as well as the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Ireland);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 9, 13-14</p>	Ireland	Noted	<p>A12 Acceptance of international norms B13 Genocide B32 Racial discrimination D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment E1 Economic, social & cultural rights - general measures of implementation</p> <p>Affected persons: - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups - general</p>
<p>96.25 Accede to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and to the two optional protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, with particular reference to the abolition of the death penalty in all circumstances, (Honduras);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 13-14</p>	Honduras	Noted	<p>A12 Acceptance of international norms B3 Equality and non-discrimination D23 Death penalty</p> <p>Affected persons: - general</p>
<p>96.21 Consider ratifying the international instruments to which the country is not yet party, in particular the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination; the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (Argentina);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 7-8, 13-14</p>	Argentina	Noted	<p>A12 Acceptance of international norms B32 Racial discrimination D23 Death penalty D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment G4 Migrants</p> <p>Affected persons: - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups - general - children</p>
<p>96.9 Ratify the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and its Optional Protocol (Portugal) (Guatemala);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 13-14</p>	Portugal Guatemala	Noted	<p>A12 Acceptance of international norms B32 Racial discrimination D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment</p> <p>Affected persons: - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups - general - persons deprived of their liberty</p>

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<p>96.19 Accede to other fundamental international instruments, particularly the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Turkey);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 13-14</p>	Turkey	Noted	<p>A12 Acceptance of international norms B32 Racial discrimination D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment</p> <p>Affected persons: - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups - general</p>
<p>96.7 Sign and ratify the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Italy);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 13-14</p>	Italy	Noted	<p>A12 Acceptance of international norms B32 Racial discrimination D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment E1 Economic, social & cultural rights - general measures of implementation</p> <p>Affected persons: - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups - general</p>
<p>96.17 Ratify the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Slovenia);</p> <p>Comments: No position was indicated in the Report of the Working Group or its addendum. Samoa confirmed to the Secretariat that the recommendation had been noted via an email.</p>	Slovenia	Noted	<p>A12 Acceptance of international norms B32 Racial discrimination D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment E1 Economic, social & cultural rights - general measures of implementation</p> <p>Affected persons: - general - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</p>
<p>96.24 Ratify international human rights instruments to which it has not yet adhered, such as the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, as well as their protocols (Brazil);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 13-14</p>	Brazil	Noted	<p>A12 Acceptance of international norms B32 Racial discrimination D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment E1 Economic, social & cultural rights - general measures of implementation B51 Right to an effective remedy</p> <p>Affected persons: - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups - persons deprived of their liberty - general</p>

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<p>96.20 Consider ratifying other key international human rights treaties, including the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, as well as Optional Protocols to the Convention against Torture and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (Ukraine);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 5-6, 13-14</p> <p>Comments: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 states at para. 5.: Samoa was the first Pacific Island Nation to ratify the following three Optional protocols of the CRC on (i) the involvement of children in armed conflict ii) on the sale of children and iii) child prostitution of children in May and April 2016. And at para. 6.: This shows Samoa's strong commitment in the protection of children from harmful practices that may affect their rights and freedoms. As such, Samoa accepts this recommendation. And at para. 13.: With respect to the accession to ICESCR and its Optional Protocol, ICERD, the Government will continue its assessment of the implications of membership to make sure it is able to deliver on prescribed obligation upon becoming a state party. Thus far, Samoa notes this recommendation. And at para. 14.: ... Samoa notes this recommendation to ratify CAT and its Optional Protocol.</p>	Ukraine	Supported/Noted	<p>A12 Acceptance of international norms B32 Racial discrimination D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment E1 Economic, social & cultural rights - general measures of implementation F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups - general - children - persons deprived of their liberty

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<p>96.2 Take steps to ratify the remaining five core United Nations human rights treaties, namely the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Ghana);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 7-8, 10, 13</p> <p>Comments: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 states at para. 8.: Samoa undertakes to consider and assess its accession to the Convention on the protection of Migrant workers and their families. And at para. 10.: Samoa has recently completed the CRPD legislative compliance review so that Government is able to establish legal frameworks that will support full implementation of the Convention. Samoa will ratify CRPD by December 2016. The Government of Samoa recognizes that people with disabilities should be empowered, their rights recognized and that they should be included in the mainstream of civil, political, social, cultural and economic life, therefore Samoa accepts this recommendation. And at para. 13.: With respect to the accession to ICESCR and its Optional Protocol, ICERD, the Government will continue its assessment of the implications of membership to make sure it is able to deliver on prescribed obligation upon becoming a state party. Thus far, Samoa notes this recommendation.</p>	Ghana	Supported/Noted	<p>A12 Acceptance of international norms B32 Racial discrimination D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment E1 Economic, social & cultural rights - general measures of implementation F4 Persons with disabilities G4 Migrants</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - migrants - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups - general - persons with disabilities
<p>96.16 Ratify or accede to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Sierra Leone);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 7-8, 13-14</p>	Sierra Leone	Noted	<p>A12 Acceptance of international norms B32 Racial discrimination D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment E1 Economic, social & cultural rights - general measures of implementation G4 Migrants</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - migrants - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups - general

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96.8 Consider ratification of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Namibia); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 13-14	Namibia	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms B32 Racial discrimination E1 Economic, social & cultural rights - general measures of implementation Affected persons: - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups - general
96.15 Ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (France) (Uruguay) (Montenegro) (Portugal); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 15	France Uruguay Montenegro Portugal	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms D23 Death penalty Affected persons: - general
96.11 Ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, Degrading Treatment or Punishment (France) (Uruguay); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 13-14	France Uruguay	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment Affected persons: - general
96.12 Take steps to ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (New Zealand); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 13-14	New Zealand	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment Affected persons: - general
96.13 Accede to the Convention against Torture and its Optional Protocol (Chile) (Honduras); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 13-14	Chile Honduras	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment Affected persons: - general
96.14 Intensify efforts to ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Denmark); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 13-14	Denmark	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment Affected persons: - general
96.1 Ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and its Optional Protocol and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights by the third universal periodic review at the latest (Germany); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 13-14	Germany	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment E1 Economic, social & cultural rights - general measures of implementation Affected persons: - general - persons deprived of their liberty

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96.18 Consider ratifying, as soon as possible, fundamental international human rights instruments such as the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Timor-Leste); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 13-14	Timor-Leste	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment E1 Economic, social & cultural rights - general measures of implementation Affected persons: - general
96.26 Ratify international instruments on the prevention of trafficking in persons (Costa Rica); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 12	Costa Rica	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms D27 Prohibition of slavery, trafficking Affected persons: - general
96.3 Ratify the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Costa Rica) (Netherlands) (Algeria) (Montenegro) (Portugal) (Guatemala); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 13-14	Costa Rica Netherlands Algeria Montenegro Portugal Guatemala	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms E1 Economic, social & cultural rights - general measures of implementation Affected persons: - general
96.23 Accede to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Armenia) (Honduras); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 13-14	Armenia Honduras	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms E1 Economic, social & cultural rights - general measures of implementation Affected persons: - general
96.10 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (France); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 15	France	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms E1 Economic, social & cultural rights - general measures of implementation B51 Right to an effective remedy Affected persons: - general
96.4 Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Guatemala); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 8	Guatemala	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms G4 Migrants Affected persons: - migrants
96.5 Consider accession to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families to strengthen further its national legal framework (Indonesia); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 8	Indonesia	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms G4 Migrants Affected persons: - migrants
Theme: A41 Constitutional and legislative framework			

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96.38 Amend its laws to prohibit corporal punishment of children in all settings and circumstances, and take further steps to eradicate child labour and guarantee the right to education of all children (Ireland). Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 16	Ireland	Noted	A41 Constitutional and legislative framework E51 Right to education - General F32 Children: family environment and alternative care F33 Children: protection against exploitation Affected persons: - children
Theme: B31 Equality & non-discrimination			
96.31 Take steps to address inequalities affecting human rights in the area of discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity (New Zealand); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 19-21	New Zealand	Noted	B31 Equality & non-discrimination Affected persons: - lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI)
96.32 Repeal all provisions criminalizing same-sex relations between consenting adults (Slovenia); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 19-21	Slovenia	Noted	B31 Equality & non-discrimination A41 Constitutional and legislative framework Affected persons: - lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI)
96.33 Complete the updating of legislation by decriminalizing homosexual relations between consenting adults (Spain); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 19-21	Spain	Noted	B31 Equality & non-discrimination A41 Constitutional and legislative framework Affected persons: - lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI)
96.34 Combat discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity by decriminalizing "sodomy" and "indecent between males", which currently constitute crimes punishable by prison sentencing for up to seven years (United States of America); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 19-21	United States of America	Noted	B31 Equality & non-discrimination A41 Constitutional and legislative framework Affected persons: - lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI)
96.35 Repeal laws that criminalize consensual same-sex conduct, and prohibit discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity in all areas of public life, including employment, health and education, bringing the legislation of Samoa into conformity with its commitment to equality (Canada); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 19-21	Canada	Noted	B31 Equality & non-discrimination A41 Constitutional and legislative framework E31 Right to work E41 Right to health - General E51 Right to education - General F12 Discrimination against women Affected persons: - lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI)

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96.36 Adopt measures to prevent violence and discrimination against persons on the basis of their sexual orientation and gender identity (Chile); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 19-21	Chile	Noted	B31 Equality & non-discrimination D31 Liberty and security - general Affected persons: - lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI)
Theme: F13 Violence against women			
96.37 Adopt measures to reduce violence against women and girls and violence based on sexual orientation and gender identity (Slovenia); Source of position: A/HRC/33/6/Add.1 - Para. 22 -25	Slovenia	Supported Partly implemented	F13 Violence against women D31 Liberty and security - general Affected persons: - lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI)

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