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## **United Nations: Amnesty International oral and written statements to the 25<sup>th</sup> regular session of the Human Rights Council (3 - 28 March 2014)**

Amnesty International delivered the oral and written statements available at the links below at the 25<sup>th</sup> session of the UN Human Rights Council, which took place in Geneva from 3 – 28 March 2014. The links are organized by agenda item.

### *Item 1 – Organizational and procedural matters*

- High-level panel on the question of the death penalty

**Recent developments on the abolition of the death penalty and the establishment of moratoriums: Amnesty International oral statement to the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Human Rights Council (3 – 28 March 2014)** (AI Index: IOR 41/007/2014, 31 March 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/IOR41/007/2014/en>

### *Item 2 – Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Secretary-General*

- Interactive dialogue with the High Commissioner for Human Rights

**The Human Rights Council should establish a credible and independent investigation into allegations of human rights violations in Sri Lanka: Amnesty International oral statement to the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Human Rights Council (3 – 28 March 2014)** (AI Index: ASA 37/008/2014, 31 March 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/ASA37/008/2014/en>

- Introduction of country reports by the Secretary-General and High Commissioner followed by general debate

**Colombia: Amnesty International oral statement at the 25<sup>th</sup> session of the UN Human Rights Council** (AI Index: AMR 23/012/2014, 26 March 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AMR23/012/2014/en>

- OHCHR Report on promoting reconciliation and accountability in Sri Lanka followed by general debate

**An international investigation is essential for justice, reconciliation and ending the cycle of impunity in Sri Lanka: Amnesty International oral statement to the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Human Rights Council (3 – 28 March 2014)** (AI Index: ASA 37/009/2014, 01 April 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/ASA37/009/2014/en>

- Written statements

**Colombia: The Human Rights Situation in Colombia: Amnesty International's written statement to the 25th session of the UN Human Rights Council** (AI Index: AMR 23/008/2014, 13 February 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AMR23/008/2014/en>

*Item 3 – Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development*

- Interactive dialogue with the Independent Expert on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment

**30 years after the Bhopal disaster, ongoing environmental contamination must be addressed in India: Amnesty International oral statement to the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Human Rights Council (3 – 28 March 2014)** (AI Index: ASA 20/010/2014, 31 March 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/ASA20/010/2014/en>

- Panel discussion on the promotion and protection of civil society space

**Challenges and proposals for strengthening civil society space: International Service for Human Rights, Amnesty International and others' joint oral statement to the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Human Rights Council (3 – 28 March 2014)** (AI Index: IOR 41/005/2014, 31 March 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/IOR41/005/2014/en>

- General Debate

**Security of tenure is tantamount for the enjoyment of an adequate standard of living: Amnesty International oral statement to the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Human Rights Council (3 – 28 March 2014)** (AI Index: IOR 41/008/2014, 31 March 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/IOR41/008/2014/en>

**Human rights of prisoners: the process of Review of the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners: Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales, Amnesty International and others' joint oral statement to the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Human Rights Council (3 – 28 March 2014)** (AI Index: IOR 41/010/2014, 7 April 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/IOR41/010/2014/en>

- Written statements

**India: The Bhopal tragedy: 30 years of injustice for victims and survivors: Amnesty International written statement to the 25th session of the UN Human Rights Council** (AI Index: ASA 20/003/2014, 17 February 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/ASA20/003/2014/en>

**Mexico: Torture unchecked: Amnesty International's written statement to the 25th session of the UN Human Rights Council** (AI Index: AMR 41/006/2014, 21 February 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AMR41/006/2014/en>

**Nigeria: Torture, cruel inhuman and degrading treatment of detainees by Nigerian security forces: Amnesty International's written statement to the 25th session of the UN Human Rights Council** (AI Index: AFR 44/001/2014, 20 February 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AFR44/001/2014/en>

**Philippines must effectively implement its legislation on torture and other ill-treatment** (AI Index: ASA 35/001/2014, 20 February 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/ASA35/001/2014/en>

**Uzbekistan: Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment in Uzbekistan: Amnesty International's written statement to the 25th session of the UN Human Rights Council** (AI Index: EUR 62/001/2014, 20 February 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/EUR62/001/2014/en>

*Item 4 – Human rights situations that require the Council's attention*

- Interactive dialogue with the Commission of Inquiry on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

**The international community has given insufficient attention to flagrant human rights violations in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for too long: Amnesty International oral statement to the 25th Session of the UN Human Rights Council (3 – 28 March 2014)** (AI Index: ASA 24/004/2014, 31 March 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/ASA24/004/2014/en>

- General debate

**Egypt's security forces are getting away with murder: Amnesty International oral statement to the 25th Session of the UN Human Rights Council (3 – 28 March 2014)** (AI Index: MDE 12/017/2014, 31 March 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE12/017/2014/en>

- Written statements

**Egypt: The Human Rights Situation in Egypt: Amnesty International's written statement to the 25th session of the UN Human Rights Council** (AI Index: MDE 12/008/2014, 17 February 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE12/008/2014/en>

**Honduras: Deteriorating human rights situation needs urgent measures: Amnesty International's written statement to the 25th session of the UN Human Rights Council** (AI Index: AMR 37/003/2014, 14 February 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AMR37/003/2014/en>

**Iran: The Human Rights Situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran: Amnesty International's written statement to the 25th session of the UN Human Rights Council** (AI Index: MDE 13/010/2014, 14 February 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE13/010/2014/en>

**Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories: Amnesty International's written statement to the 25th session of the UN Human Rights Council: Still waiting for accountability for Gaza/Israel conflicts** (AI Index: MDE 02/001/2014, 14 February 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE02/001/2014/en>

**North Korea: The Human Rights Council must take action to ensure an end to crimes against humanity in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea: Amnesty International's written statement to the 25th session of the UN Human Rights Council** (AI Index: ASA 24/003/2014, 3 March 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/ASA24/003/2014/en>

**Sri Lanka: The Human Rights Council must help Sri Lankan victims of human rights violations; the Government is protecting the perpetrators: Amnesty International's written statement to the 25th session of the UN Human Rights Council** (AI Index: ASA 37/002/2014, 5 February 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/ASA37/002/2014/en>

**Ukraine: The Human Rights Council must exhort Ukraine to comply with UN Basic Principles on the use of force and overcome impunity for human rights violations in the context of the "EuroMaydan" demonstrations: Amnesty International's written statement to the 25th session of the UN Human Rights Council** (AI Index: EUR 50/011/2014, 24 February 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/EUR50/011/2014/en>

#### *Item 5 – Human rights bodies and mechanisms*

##### ■ General debate

**Sri Lanka must end its aggressive campaign against Ruki Fernando, Father Praveen and other human rights defenders, activists, journalists, lawyers and others: Amnesty International oral statement to the 25th Session of the UN Human Rights Council (3 – 28 March 2014)** (AI Index: ASA 37/007/2014, 31 March 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/ASA37/007/2014/en>

**Appointing a highly qualified and independent freedom of opinion and expression mandate holder: Article 19, Amnesty International and others' joint oral statement to the 25th Session of the UN Human Rights Council (3 – 28 March 2014)** (AI Index: IOR 41/006/2014, 31 March 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/IOR41/006/2014/en>

##### ■ Written statements

**Special Procedures: Proposed criteria for selection and appointment of a new mandate holder on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression: Amnesty International, Article 19 and others' joint written statement to the 25th session of the UN Human Rights Council** (AI Index: IOR 41/002/2014, 20 February 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/IOR41/002/2014/en>

#### *Item 6 – Universal Periodic Review*

**Central African Republic: Amnesty International calls for an end to the gross violations and abuses of human rights amid humanitarian crisis in the Central African Republic** (AI Index: AFR 19/005/2014, 21 March 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AFR19/005/2014/en>

**Chad: Amnesty International regrets Chad's failure to prevent, respect and protect fundamental human rights** (AI Index: AFR 20/001/2014, 21 March 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AFR20/001/2014/en>

**China blocks attempt to observe a moment's silence for human rights defender Cao Shunli** (AI Index: ASA 17/016/2014, 21 March 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/ASA17/016/2014/en>

**Israel: Return to Universal Periodic Review must be followed by action on recommendations** (AI Index: MDE 15/007/2014, 27 March 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE15/007/2014/en>

**Jordan: Amnesty International calls on Jordan to live up to its UPR commitments to end torture, other ill-treatment and administrative detention and guarantee the right to freedom of expression, association and assembly** (MDE 16/001/2014, 20 March 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE16/001/2014/en>

**Malaysia reneges on human rights commitments** (AI Index: ASA 28/003/2014, 20 March 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/ASA28/003/2014/en>

**Malta: Amnesty International urges Malta to abide by international obligations in search and rescue operations** (AI Index: EUR 33/001/2014, 21 March 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/EUR33/001/2014/en>

**Mexico must address dire human rights situation with concrete action not rhetoric: Human Rights Council adopts Universal Periodic Review outcome on Mexico** (AI Index: AMR/41/011/2014, 20 March 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AMR41/011/2014/en>

**Nigeria: Priorities for improving the human rights situation: Amnesty International's oral statement to the 25<sup>th</sup> session of the UN Human Rights Council** (AI Index: AFR 44/002/2014, 20 March 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AFR44/002/2014/en>

**Saudi Arabia: Grave human rights violations addressed with denial and more promises** (AI Index: MDE 23/006/2014, 19 March 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE23/006/2014/en>

**Senegal must review commitments to ratify Second Optional Protocol to ICCPR and commit to protecting the rights of LGBTI persons** (AI Index: AFR 49/001/2014, 19 March 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AFR49/001/2014/en>

*Item 8 – Follow-up to and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

■ General debate

**Dominican Republic should stop discriminatory practices against Dominicans of Haitian descent: Amnesty International oral statement to the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Human Rights Council (3 – 28 March 2014)** (AI Index: AMR 27/005/2014, 31 March 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AMR27/005/2014/en>

*Item 10 – Technical assistance and capacity-building*

■ Interactive Dialogue with the Independent Expert on the human rights situation in Haiti

**Haiti must take immediate action to prevent forced evictions and relocate internally-displaced persons: Amnesty International oral statement to the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Human Rights Council (3 – 28 March 2014)** (AI Index: AMR 36/008/2014, 31 March 2014) <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/AMR36/008/2014/en>