

Model letter for sharing advocacy letters/emails to governments re support of UPR recommendations with embassies of recommending states [after the UPR Working Group]

This letter/email is intended to serve as a template cover letter for civil society organizations to encourage the states who made particular recommendations [the reviewing states] to another state [the state under review] during its UPR to indicate its support of those recommendations. **The timing of these letters is crucial** – they have to reach the states during the period between the review in the UPR Working Group and the formal adoption by the Human Rights Council, usually about 4 months later.

You can reach these states through the relevant embassies in the state under review. Copies can be sent to Geneva missions, whose email contacts are available at: <https://www.ungeneva.org/en/blue-book/missions/member-states>

Text highlighted in yellow in brackets should be amended with appropriate names/dates/information. Text highlighted in green should be deleted.

A model letter to the government of the state reviewed, copies of which are intended to be sent with this cover letter, can be found [here](#).

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[date]

Dear [name of ambassador]

Re: Universal Periodic Review of [country]

Please find attached a copy of a letter sent by [name of your organization] to [insert name of addressee and position in the state under review] regarding follow up to its UPR. The letter highlights a number of important recommendations to [country] made by other States, including your government, during the review in the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council in [month year].

[optional paragraph if the letter to the state under review makes reference to specific recommendations made by the state addressed in this letter: In our letter we have highlighted recommendation[s] made by your government calling for [xxx]]

We welcome these recommendations which we consider to be of key importance to improving the human rights situation in [country]. [country] is still considering its position on these recommendations and in our letter, we are calling on the government to indicate its full support of the recommendations no later than at the adoption of the review outcome by the Human Rights Council at its [xx] session in [month year], and to ensure their prompt implementation in the period before the next review.

By sharing this letter, we hope to encourage you to follow-up with the government of [country] regarding the recommendation[s] made by your government during the UPR,

and to engage positively with [country] to help ensure these important recommendations are accepted and implemented without delay.

Yours sincerely,