IRAQ:
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SUMMARY
This submission was prepared for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Iraq in January-February 2025. In it, Amnesty International evaluates the implementation of recommendations made to Iraq in its previous review, including in relation to women's rights, the rights of internally displaced persons (IDPs), investigation of allegations of torture and other ill-treatment in detention centres, the use of excessive force to quell protests, enforced disappearance, and the death penalty.

It also assesses the national human rights framework with regards to women's rights, LGBTI rights, and freedom of speech and peaceful assembly.

With regards to the human rights situation on the ground, Amnesty International raises concern about violence against women and girls, the ongoing use of the death penalty, fair trial concerns and horrific detention conditions, the situation of IDPs, the persecution against LGBTI persons, and the right to freedom of expression and assembly. It ends with a set of recommendations to Iraq which, if implemented, would contribute to improving the human rights situation in the country.
FOLLOW UP TO THE PREVIOUS REVIEW

1. During its third UPR in November 2019, Iraq supported 245 recommendations, noted 48 recommendations and partially supported 5 recommendations.¹

2. Amnesty International welcomes the steps taken by Iraq towards implementing recommendations related to improving the overall human rights situation. On 26 July 2021, the previous government set out a National Human Rights Action Plan for 2021-2025 to which the current government confirmed its commitment.

3. Regrettably, Iraq has failed to implement the majority of the recommendations it had supported in the previous review, including recommendations relating to adopting a law on gender-based violence (GBV),² adopting measures to ensure the protection of IDPs,³ investigating allegations of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment in detention facilities (‘ill-treatment’),⁴ investigating the use of unlawful force by security forces against protestors in the context of the October 2019 demonstrations,⁵ and investigating cases of enforced disappearance and adopting relevant legislation.⁶

4. Disappointingly, Iraq noted recommendations to becoming a party to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court,⁷ withdrawing reservations to the CEDAW,⁸ repealing discriminatory “marry your rapist provisions” in the Penal Code;⁹ and establishing a moratorium on the death penalty view a view to abolishing it entirely.¹⁰

THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS FRAMEWORK

5. Although Iraq is party to numerous international human rights conventions, its failure to uphold its human rights obligations seriously undermines the protection and promotion of human rights in the country. The Kurdistan Region of Iraq is bound by all regional and international treaties and conventions that bind Iraq.

Women’s rights

6. Despite previous steps taken by the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I) to improve legal protections for women and girls against GBV, such as passing legislation to discontinue the applicability of articles in the Penal Code and Personal Status Law which, respectively, provide that “honour” is a mitigating circumstance for violent crimes and allow for gender-based discrimination, and enacting Law No.8 in 2011 to Combat Domestic Violence (the Domestic Violence Law) which criminalizes domestic violence, access to protection and justice for survivors of GBV remain riddled with obstacles.

7. In Iraq, the central government has taken no steps to pass legislation criminalizing domestic violence or to adequately protect women and girls from GBV. The authorities took no steps to amend provisions of the Penal Code that allow a husband to punish his wife,¹¹ parents to discipline their children using corporal punishment,¹² and that provide for mitigated sentences for so-called “honour crimes.”¹³ The Penal Code also allows rapists to avoid prosecution by marrying their victims.¹⁴

LGBTI rights

8. On 27 April 2024, the Iraqi authorities passed amendments to the Anti-Prostitution Law which penalizes same-sex relations up to 15 years in prison. This legislation came amid increasing attacks against members of the LGBTI community and LGBTI rights. The law further criminalizes loosely defined acts and sets lengthy prison terms for “promoting” same-sex relations, for men who “intentionally” act “effeminate” and for “adultery with more than one person.”¹⁵

Freedom of speech and peaceful assembly

9. Several laws and overly broad articles in Iraq’s Penal Code unduly restrict the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly and allow the authorities to prosecute individuals for expressing their opinions. The
Penal Code criminalizes defamation, libel and insults, including against government officials. Further, the Penal Code criminalizes incitement, but the provisions are broad and vague. Article 403 criminalizes publishing material that “violates public integrity or decency” but does not define those terms.

THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION ON THE GROUND

Violence against women and girls

10. Survivors of GBV, including domestic violence, face significant obstacles in accessing justice and protection in the KR-I amid increasing reports of violent crimes committed against women, including killings. According to the Directorate for Combating Violence Against Women, at least 30 women and girls were killed in 2023 and 44 were killed in 2022. According to figures provided by the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG), in 2023 there were 18,620 cases in the prosecutor’s office based on incidents of domestic violence.\(^\text{16}\) Domestic violence in the KR-I is perpetuated by a criminal justice system that fuels impunity and exhibits a bias in favour of the male abuser, as well as a protection framework that is exhausted and underfunded. Slow court processes, lack of judicial capacity and the discretionary powers of judges founded in vague laws lead, at best, to punishments that are incommensurate with the gravity of the crimes committed and encourage impunity. Further, the law mandates that all survivors undergo a mandatory reconciliation process with their abuser before the case goes to trial.

11. Shelters for survivors of GBV are only accessible in the most critical cases where women and girls are at grave risk of death or serious injury and have filed a criminal complaint against their abuser. Only three permanent shelters and one temporary emergency shelter exist in the KR-I. Survivors living in shelters face oppressive conditions with restrictions on their ability to move and communicate freely, which may amount to deprivation of liberty. Women and girls require a court order in order to enter or leave the shelter, and while in the shelter, they do not have access to any form of education, training or psycho-social support.\(^\text{17}\)

Use of the death penalty amid fair trial concerns and horrific detention conditions

13. Since Iraq’s previous UPR in 2019, the authorities have continued to resort to the death penalty. Of additional concern are the serious flaws in the judicial system that violate defendants’ rights to due process and international fair trial standards, including the reliance on torture-tainted “confessions”. At least 189 individuals have been executed and at least 384 individuals have been sentenced to death between 2019 and 2023, including in the KR-I. While the KR-I courts have continued to impose death sentences, no executions have reportedly taken place in the past five years.\(^\text{19}\)

14. In December 2023, Iraqi authorities resumed mass executions specifically for individuals convicted of terrorism-related charges. Information available to Amnesty International indicates that between December 2023 and May 2024, the authorities executed at least 45 individuals held in Nasiriyah Central Prison, Thi Qar governorate in at least four mass executions. Those individuals were convicted and sentenced to death on overly broad and vague terrorism charges, including on the basis of their alleged affiliation with the IS. Activists and lawyers who represent prisoners on death row told Amnesty International that scores more have been executed. These mass executions are taking place amid a lack of transparency; the families and lawyers of those executed said they were not given advance notice of the executions, nor were the prisoners. The last mass executions in Iraq before this wave took place in November 2020 when the authorities executed 21 individuals, including individuals allegedly affiliated with the so-called Islamic State (IS) and convicted of terror-related offences.\(^\text{20}\)
15. Amnesty International has consistently documented flaws in Iraq’s judicial process that deny prisoners a fair trial. Iraq’s courts have routinely accepted torture-tainted “confessions” as evidence and sentenced individuals to death based on those confessions, and they have routinely failed to investigate allegations of torture. Defendants are often either denied legal representation or given a court-appointed lawyer whom they cannot meet with privately prior to the hearing. Thousands have been convicted on broad and vaguely worded terrorism-related offences. Furthermore, since January 2022, hundreds of Iraqi male detainees have been transferred from detention camps in north-east Syria into the custody of the Iraqi authorities, where they face a high risk of fair trial violations, detention in life threatening conditions and the death penalty.

16. Amnesty International is increasingly concerned about overcrowding and inhumane detention conditions in Nasiriya Central Prison, where individuals on death row are held, amid allegations of torture and other ill-treatment and delayed or denied medical care. There have been scores of deaths in custody at the prison which lawyers and relatives of those on death row told Amnesty International are a result of those conditions.

IDPs and camp closures

17. IDPs continue to live at serious risk of abuse and stigmatization nearly eight years since the Iraqi authorities declared the end of military operations to retake control of areas from the IS following an armed conflict that led to the displacement of millions of Iraqis. Iraqi and KRG security forces subjected thousands of IDPs, including children, to arbitrary arrest and detention, enforced disappearance and unfair trials based on their perceived affiliation to IS. As a result, thousands of Iraqis still do not know the fate and whereabouts of their loved ones who forcibly disappeared. The authorities continue to stigmatize displaced people with perceived ties to the IS, blocking or hindering their access to civil documentation essential for employment, education, access to state benefits and free movement.

18. These concerns are exacerbated by the planned closure of IDP camps across the KR-I by 30 July 2024. The closure of these camps will only worsen the range of obstacles to displaced peoples’ safe, dignified and sustainable return to their areas of origin.

LGBTI rights

19. In recent years, the Iraqi authorities have escalated attacks on LGBTI rights. Political factions, especially those linked to state-affiliated militias, have intensified their condemnation of LGBTI rights, often resorting to burning rainbow flags and propagating outlandish allegations linking homosexuality to the spread of diseases. In August 2023, Iraq’s Communication and Media Commission (CMC) mandated that media platforms substitute the term “homosexuality” with “sexual deviance” in their published and broadcast content.

20. LGBTI individuals face grave human rights violations at the hands of armed groups across Iraq. According to a report by Human Rights Watch, armed groups within the Popular Mobilization Units have abducted, raped, tortured and killed LGBTI people. Survivors reportedly faced obstacles in their access to justice due to poorly defined “morality” clauses in the Penal Code and the lack of a complaint system and legislation protecting LGBTI people from discrimination. Survivors also reported abuses during detention, including the denial of food, water and medical care, denial of legal representation or communication with family members, as well as sexual assault and physical abuse.

21. In the KR-I, on 6 September 2023, the authorities in Erbil city arrested and detained two well-known beauty experts for, respectively, cross-dressing and posting “indecent” images on social media, which the prosecution deemed to be “disrupting the order of society.” They were released the following week without charge, and one of them fled the country.

Freedom of expression and peaceful assembly

22. The Iraqi and KRG authorities continued to tighten their grip on civic space with almost total impunity for past and ongoing violations. Since the crackdown on the 2019 anti-government Tishreen [October] protests, in which Iraqi security forces used lethal forces against protestors and pursued a campaign of extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances, successive Iraqi governments have formed numerous committees to
investigate violations committed in the context of the protests, but these committees have failed to deliver on truth or justice.\textsuperscript{26}

23. Further, the Iraqi authorities widened their crackdown on online spaces. In January 2023, the Iraqi authorities pursued a campaign to crack down on “indecent content” online, including prosecuting individuals known for creating content related to music and comedy.\textsuperscript{27} According to media reports, dozens were arrested, charged and sentenced to prison terms, including under Article 403 of the Penal Code.

24. In the KR-I, in the first three months of 2024, Amnesty International documented the detention or summons of at least 10 journalists in relation to their journalism work. Others are already serving prison sentences after grossly unfair trials.\textsuperscript{28} In 2023, the Metro Center, an organization working on the protection of journalists’ rights in the KR-I, recorded 37 arrests of journalists and 27 incidents of journalists facing attacks, threats, and insults.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION BY THE STATE UNDER REVIEW**

Amnesty International calls on the government of Iraq, including the KRG to:

**International human rights obligations:**

- Ratify, without reservations, the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at abolishing the death penalty; the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Rome Statute;
- Review and withdraw all reservations and declarations that limit the enjoyment of rights enshrined in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

**Domestic violence**

*To the KRG:*

- Allocate sufficient resources to the implementation of the Domestic Violence Law, including by ensuring that the Directorate for Combating Violence Against Women and the Family receives sufficient funding to carry out its mission and provide effective protection for survivors;
- Ensure that suspects of domestic violence are arrested promptly, including when they are outside the territory of the KR-I but on federal Iraqi territory and, if there is enough evidence to warrant this, charge and prosecute them in trials that respect international human right standards and without recourse to the death penalty;
- Urgently lift the requirements for survivors of domestic violence to file a complaint or be in immediate danger as prerequisites to access shelters if they want such protection, and provide this protection as soon as possible;
- Urgently end the arbitrary restrictions on liberty of women and girls in shelters, including by ending the requirement of a survivor to have a court order to leave the shelter.

*To the government of Iraq:*

- Repeal articles 41(1), 128, 409 and 398 of the Iraqi Penal Code;\textsuperscript{29}
- Adopt a law protecting women and girls from domestic violence.

**Death penalty, the right to a fair trial and detention conditions**

- Immediately establish an official moratorium on executions and commute all death sentences with a view to abolishing the death penalty;
- Review the cases of all persons currently under the sentence of death with the aim of commuting their sentences or retrying them in fair proceedings without recourse to the death penalty;
• Ensure that constitutional provisions and laws prohibiting torture and other ill-treatment are effectively implemented, including the admissibility in court of statements obtained under torture;
• Take steps to improve the detention conditions of prisoners in detention centres across Iraq, including providing access to adequate medical care, regular contact with family members and lawyers and access to food and clean drinking water;
• Ensure all criminal trials are held in compliance with fair trial standards;
• Launch an investigation into allegations of torture and other ill-treatment as well as deaths in custody in prisons across Iraq.

IDPs and camp closures
• Issue a public statement making clear that all Iraqi families are entitled to obtain civil documentation regardless of their relatives’ perceived affiliation with IS;
• Ensure that all Iraqi civilians are able to voluntarily return to their places of origin or habitual residency and do not face threats or harassment by Iraqi forces, tribal authorities, local authorities or militias;
• Ensure that detainees who are reasonably suspected of recognizably criminal offences are given a fair trial in accordance with international standards without recourse to the death penalty.

LGBTI Rights
• Decriminalize same-sex relations by repealing the Anti-Prostitution Law;
• Initiate prompt, impartial and effective investigations into allegations of torture and other ill-treatment, including killings, abductions, torture and sexual violence against LGBT people and prosecute suspected perpetrators in fair trials adhering to international standards without recourse to the death penalty;
• Repeal the CMC’s directive which requires media outlets to replace the term “homosexuality” with “sexual deviancy” in their published and broadcast language.

Freedom of expression and peaceful assembly:

To the KRG:
• End the assault on the right to freedom of expression, including press freedom, and end arbitrary detentions, beatings and grossly unfair trials of journalists and activists with a view to holding those responsible accountable;
• Drop all charges and release all individuals prosecuted and sentenced solely for exercising their right to free speech and immediately release all those imprisoned on those charges.

To the government of Iraq:
• Repeal all articles in the Penal Code that criminalize defamation and where appropriate replace them with civil provisions;
• Repeal Article 403 of the Penal Code as well as all articles related to insults;30
• Amend articles in the Penal Code related to incitement such that they comply with international standards;
• Drop all charges and release all individuals prosecuted and sentenced solely for exercising their right to freedom of expression;
• Ensure truth, justice and redress for survivors and families of victims subjected to extrajudicial killings, injuries and enforced disappearances during the Tishreen protests;
• Adopt effective legislation to criminalize enforced disappearances and investigate, bring perpetrators to justice, and ensure reparation for victims in accordance with its international obligations as a state party to the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons against Enforced Disappearance.
ANNEX 1

KEY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTS FOR FURTHER REFERENCE


Amnesty International, “Iraq: Rein in security forces to prevent a bloodbath”, 9 November 2019, 


### ANNEX 2

**MATRIX OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS CYCLE, WITH COMMENTS ON PROGRESS**

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| 147.15 Accede to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Estonia); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 – Para.II (a) | Supported | - Acceptance of international norms  
- Discrimination against women  
- Scope of international obligations  
**SDGs:**  
- 5 – GENDER EQUALITY  
**Affected persons:**  
| 147.19 Ensure the full and practical implementation of the provisions of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, which has been signed by the country (Uzbekistan); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 – Para.II (a) | Supported | - Acceptance of international norms  
- Discrimination against women  
- Scope of international obligations  
**SDGs:**  
- 5 – GENDER EQUALITY  
**Affected persons:**  
- Women | Not yet implemented. See paras 4, 6-7, and 10-12 above. |
| 147.42 Works towards improving its domestic legislation to bring it in to line with its international obligations and international standards (Sri Lanka); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 – Para.II (a) | Supported | - Acceptance of international norms  
- Constitutional & legislative framework | Not yet implemented. See paras 5-9 above. |
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| 147.81 Accelerate the process of revising the Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure, the personal status act and other national legislation in order to harmonize them with international standards, especially the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, as well as the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (Iceland); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 – Para.II (a) | Supported | - Acceptance of international norms  
- Rights related to marriage & family  
- Children: definition; general principles; protection  
- Constitutional & legislative framework  
- Discrimination against women  
- Scope of international obligations **SDGs:**  
- 5 – GENDER EQUALITY  
**Affected persons:**  
- Women | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 5-9 above. |
| 147.87 Continue efforts to bring its national legislation in line with its international obligations (Kyrgyzstan); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 – Para.II (a) | Supported | - Acceptance of international norms  
- Constitutional & legislative framework **SDGs:**  
- 10 – REDUCED INEQUALITIES | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 5-9 above. |
| **Theme: Equality & non-discrimination** | | | |
| 147.93 Introduce robust and targeted policies to promote gender equality (Malaysia); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Equality & non-discrimination  
- Discrimination against women **SDGs:**  
- 5 – GENDER EQUALITY  
**Affected persons:**  
- lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI)  
- Women | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 6-7 and 10-12 above. |
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| 147.94 Strengthen gender equality (Peru); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Equality & non-discrimination  
- Discrimination against women  
**SDGs:**  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
**Affected persons:**  
- lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI)  
- Women | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 6-7 and 10-12 above. |
| 147.102 Put a strategy in place preventing the risk of discrimination, stigmatization and marginalization of internally displaced women and children with alleged Da’esh affiliation and creating the necessary conditions for their reintegration into Iraqi society (Belgium); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Equality & non-discrimination  
**SDGs:**  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES  
**Affected persons:**  
- Children  
- Internally displaced persons  
- Women | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 17-18 above. |
| 147.104 Ensure that the ongoing review of domestic laws guarantees gender equality and the rights of women and girls (Ghana); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Equality & non-discrimination  
- Constitutional & legislative framework  
- Discrimination against women  
**SDGs:**  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
**Affected persons:**  
- girls  
- Women | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 6-7 and 10-12 above. |
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| 147.105 Adopt laws to combat gender-based violence (Honduras); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Equality & non-discrimination  
- Violence against women  
- Right to effective remedy & reparations  
- Constitutional & legislative framework  
- Sexual & other forms of gender-based violence  
**SDGs:**  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
**Affected persons:**  
- lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI)  
- Women | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 6-7 and 10-12 above. |
| **Theme: Prohibition of torture & cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment** | | | |
| 147.154 Intensify its efforts to eradicate violence against children, women and minorities, and improve protection of the victims of armed conflicts, in particular children, women and girls, who are vulnerable to violence (Mongolia); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Prohibition of torture & cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment  
- Violence against women  
- Children: protection against exploitation  
- Children: definition; general principles; protection  
- Right to effective remedy & reparations  
**SDGs:**  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
- 8 - DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS  
**Affected persons:**  
- girls  
- vulnerable persons/groups  
- Women  
- minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups  
- persons affected by armed conflict | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 6-7 and 10-12 above. |
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| 147.159 Investigate promptly all allegations of torture and ill-treatment, and facilitate visits by the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment to all detention facilities in Iraq (Norway); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Prohibition of torture & cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment  
- Liberty & security of the person  
- Cooperation & Follow up with Special Procedures  
**SDGs:**  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS  
**Affected persons:**  
- Persons deprived of their liberty & detainees | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 13-16 above. |
| 147.172 Investigate promptly all allegations of torture and ill-treatment and strengthen legislation to ensure due process and trials that fully meet international standards (Canada); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Prohibition of torture & cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment  
- Administration of justice & fair trial  
**SDGs:**  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS  
**Affected persons:**  
- Persons deprived of their liberty & detainees | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 13-16 above. |
| **Theme: Conditions of detention** | **Supported** | - Conditions of detention  
**SDGs:**  
- 4 - QUALITY EDUCATION  
**Affected persons:**  
- Persons deprived of their liberty & detainees | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 13-16 above. |
| 147.140 Continue promoting actions to promote the observance of human rights in prisons (Dominican Republic); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Conditions of detention  
**SDGs:**  
- 4 - QUALITY EDUCATION  
**Affected persons:**  
- Persons deprived of their liberty & detainees | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 13-16 above. |
| 147.184 Take further steps to ensure that persons deprived of their liberty are held in supervised places of detention and have access to their families and lawyers, and inform the latter of their fate, whereabouts and legal status (Malta); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Conditions of detention  
- Administration of justice & fair trial  
**Affected persons:**  
- Persons deprived of their liberty & detainees | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 13-16 above. |

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| 147.162        | Supported| - Administration of justice & fair trial  
- Right to effective remedy & reparations  
**SDGs:**  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 13-16 above. |
| 147.167        | Supported| - Administration of justice & fair trial  
- Right to physical & moral integrity  
- Impunity & transparency  
- Human rights education, trainings & awareness raising  
- Liberty & security of the person  
- Right to effective remedy & reparations  
- Right to peaceful assembly  
- Prohibition of torture & cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment  
- Freedom of opinion & expression & right to information  
**SDGs:**  
- 4 - QUALITY EDUCATION  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS  
**Affected persons:**  
- Law enforcement / police & prison officials | **Not yet implemented.** See para 22 above. |
| 147.176        | Supported| - Administration of justice & fair trial  
- Right to life  
- Right to effective remedy & reparations  
**SDGs:**  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS | **Not yet implemented.** See para 22 above. |
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| 147.156 Undertake prompt, thorough and impartial investigations into arbitrary killings linked to demonstrations that occurred since 1 October 2019, as well as into all allegations of torture and other ill-treatment, including enforced disappearances and summary executions, committed on any territory under its jurisdiction (Slovakia); | Supported | - Freedom of opinion & expression & right to information  
- Enforced disappearances  
- Prohibition of torture & cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment  
- Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions | Not yet implemented. See para 22 above. |
| Source of Position: A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | | SDGs:  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS | |
| Affected persons: | |  
- Disappeared persons  
- Persons deprived of their liberty & detainees | |
| 147.185 Fully respect the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and association and to freedom of expression and increase efforts to protect journalists and media workers against any kind of attack or intimidation (Slovakia); | Supported | - Freedom of opinion & expression & right to information  
- Freedom of association  
- Right to peaceful assembly | Not yet implemented. See paras 22-24 above. |
| Source of Position: A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | | SDGs:  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS | |
| Affected persons: | |  
- media | |
| 147.186 Put an immediate halt to intimidation and violence targeting journalists, especially during protests (Netherlands); | Supported | - Freedom of opinion & expression & right to information  
- Administration of justice & fair trial  
- Right to effective remedy & reparations | Not yet implemented. See paras 22-24 above. |
| Source of Position: A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | | SDGs:  
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<td>147.190 Protect freedom of peaceful assembly, including by properly investigating violence against protesters (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland); <strong>Source of Position:</strong> A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a)</td>
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<td>- Freedom of opinion &amp; expression &amp; right to information - Right to effective remedy &amp; reparations - Right to peaceful assembly</td>
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<td>147.191 Immediately cease using excessive force against peaceful demonstrators, particularly the unlawful use of tear gas canisters and live ammunition, and hold accountable, in a transparent manner, those responsible for this violence (United States of America); <strong>Source of Position:</strong> A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a)</td>
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<td>- Freedom of opinion &amp; expression &amp; right to information - Right to effective remedy &amp; reparations - Right to peaceful assembly - Prohibition of torture &amp; cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment</td>
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<td>147.201 Uphold and protect the rights to freedom of expression and assembly as guaranteed in Iraq’s Constitution and in line with its international commitments, and promptly investigate human rights violations against protesters (Greece); <strong>Source of Position:</strong> A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a)</td>
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<td>- Freedom of opinion &amp; expression &amp; right to information - Right to peaceful assembly</td>
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| 147.16 Amend domestic legislation to bring it into compliance with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Norway); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Discrimination against women  
- Scope of international obligations  
SDGs:  
- 5 - GENDER  
EQUALITY  
**Affected persons:**  
- Women | Not yet implemented. See paras 6-7 above. |
| 147.17 Maintain efforts towards ensuring full domestic implementation of the provisions of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and align all domestic laws with the human rights instruments to which Iraq is a State party (South Africa); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Discrimination against women  
- Constitutional & legislative framework  
- Acceptance of international norms  
- Scope of international obligations  
SDGs:  
- 5 - GENDER  
EQUALITY  
**Affected persons:**  
- Women | Not yet implemented. See paras 6-7 above. |
| 147.97 Amend the nationality act (No. 26 of 2006) to ensure equality of rights between women and men in the acquisition, transfer, retention and change of nationality and to criminalize all forms of domestic violence against women, including forced intimate relations, "crimes of honour" and female genital mutilation (France); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Discrimination against women  
- Violence against women  
- Rights related to name, identity & nationality  
SDGs:  
- 5 - GENDER  
EQUALITY  
**Affected persons:**  
- Women | Not yet implemented. See paras 6-7 above. |
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| 147.108 Review and amend legal provisions, including the Penal Code and Code of Criminal Procedure, which discriminate against women and girls and cultivate a culture of gender-based violence (Seychelles); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Discrimination against women  
- Violence against women  
- Constitutional & legislative framework **SDGs:**  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
**Affected persons:**  
- girls  
- Women | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 6-7 above. |
| 147.242 Implement laws and policies to further promote women’s political and economic empowerment and combat all forms of discrimination and violence against women, including migrant women (Thailand); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Discrimination against women  
- Violence against women  
- Constitutional & legislative framework **SDGs:**  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
**Affected persons:**  
- Women | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 6-7 above. |
| 147.263 Establish a national institution for women’s empowerment with a mandate to monitor the development and implementation of legislation and policies designed to eliminate discrimination and violence against women and girls, and increase their access to rights such as those to work, health and education (Mexico); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Discrimination against women  
- National Plans of Action on Human Rights (or specific areas)  
- Participation of women in political & public life  
- Right to education **SDGs:**  
- 4 - QUALITY EDUCATION  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
**Affected persons:**  
- girls  
- Women | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 6-7 above. |
| 147.264 Take decisive action to change the stereotypes in society about women and girls, and eliminate those practices which serve against their well-being (Mongolia); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Discrimination against women **SDGs:**  
- 4 - QUALITY EDUCATION  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
**Affected persons:**  
- girls  
- Women | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 6-7 above. |
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| 147.40 Continue efforts to implement operational frameworks focusing on protecting women and children from violence, and establish clear, achievable objectives to enhance the representation and employment of women in governance (Poland); | Supported | - Violence against women  
- Advancement of women  
- Right to work and to just & favorable conditions of work & labour rights  
- Children: protection against exploitation | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 6-7 and 10-12 above. |
| **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | | | |
| 147.46 Repeal all provisions of the Penal Code that tolerate domestic violence and gender-based violence and amend said Code to include punishment for rape and sexual aggression (Switzerland); | Supported | - Violence against women  
- Constitutional & legislative framework  
- Sexual & other forms of gender-based violence | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 6-7 and 10-12 above. |
| **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | | | |
| 147.58 Ensure the implementation of a national strategy to eliminate violence against women (Russian Federation); | Supported | - Violence against women  
- National Plans of Action on Human Rights (or specific areas) | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 6-7 above. |
<p>| <strong>Source of Position:</strong> A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | | | |</p>
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| 147.61 Adopt the draft law on domestic violence in line with international standards, excluding the possibility of the perpetrator of a rape marrying the victim (Belgium);  
**Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Violence against women  
- Constitutional & legislative framework  
SDGs:  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
**Affected persons:**  
- Women | Not yet implemented. See para 7 above.  

147.66 Adopt and fully implement legislation criminalizing all forms of domestic violence, including by protecting women reporting such cases (Canada);  
**Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Violence against women  
- Constitutional & legislative framework  
- Domestic violence  
SDGs:  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
**Affected persons:**  
- Women | Not yet implemented. See para 7 above.  

147.68 Adopt and implement a law on domestic violence and change the law permitting honour as lawful defence for violence against women (Croatia);  
**Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Violence against women  
- Constitutional & legislative framework  
**SDGs:**  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
**Affected persons:**  
- Women | Not yet implemented. See para 7 above.  

147.76 Finalize its bill on domestic violence and enact it into law, prohibiting all forms of domestic violence and prescribing appropriate penalties for violations (Fiji);  
**Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Violence against women  
- Right to effective remedy & reparations  
- Constitutional & legislative framework  
- Domestic violence  
**SDGs:**  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS  
**Affected persons:**  
- Women | Not yet implemented. See para 7 above.  

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| 147.80 | Supported | - Violence against women  
- Constitutional & legislative framework  
SDGs:  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
Affected persons:  
- Women | Not yet implemented. See para 7 above. |
| 147.96 | Supported | - Violence against women  
- Equality & non-discrimination  
- Participation of women in political & public life  
- Discrimination against women  
SDGs:  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS  
Affected persons:  
- lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI)  
- Women | Not yet implemented. See paras 6-7 and 10-12 above. |
| 147.99 | Supported | - Violence against women  
- Constitutional & legislative framework  
- Sexual & other forms of gender-based violence  
SDGs:  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
Affected persons:  
- lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI)  
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| 147.138 Stem and prevent, in law and in practice, violence against women, gender-based violence and discrimination by, inter alia, passing a comprehensive law on combating domestic violence (Czechia); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Violence against women  
- Constitutional & legislative framework  
- Sexual & other forms of gender-based violence  
- Domestic violence  
**SDGs:**  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
**Affected persons:**  
- lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI)  
- Women | **Not yet implemented** See paras 6-7 and 10-12 above. |
| 147.148 Further strengthen mechanisms at the national level to prevent and protect all victims of domestic violence (Kyrgyzstan); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Violence against women  
- Domestic violence  
**SDGs:**  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS  
**Affected persons:**  
- Women | **Not yet implemented** See paras 6-7 and 10-12 above. |
| 147.174 Combat all forms of violence against women, ensuring that those responsible are brought to justice, and that victims have access to comprehensive protection and reparation mechanisms (Ecuador); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Violence against women  
- Administration of justice & fair trial  
- Right to effective remedy & reparations  
**SDGs:**  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS  
**Affected persons:**  
- Women | **Not yet implemented** See paras 6-7 and 10-12 above. |
| 147.236 Adopt legislation prohibiting gender-based crimes committed in the name of “honour” and criminalizing all forms of female genital mutilation (Portugal); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Violence against women  
- Constitutional & legislative framework  
**SDGs:**  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
**Affected persons:**  
- girls  
- Women | **Not yet implemented** See para 7 above. |
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<td>147.243 Set up a zero-tolerance policy towards gender-based crimes committed in the name of “honour” (Timor-Leste); <strong>Source of Position:</strong> A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a)</td>
<td>Supported</td>
<td>- Violence against women SDGs: - 4 - QUALITY EDUCATION - 5 - GENDER EQUALITY</td>
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<td>147.250 Strengthen efforts to fight sexual violence against women and girls, including by changing provisions that protect offenders if they marry their victims (Brazil); <strong>Source of Position:</strong> A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a)</td>
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<td>- Violence against women - Children: protection against exploitation - Right to effective remedy &amp; reparations SDGs: - 5 - GENDER EQUALITY <strong>Affected persons:</strong> - girls - Women</td>
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<td>147.254 Continue to take measures to combat all forms of violence against women, including by adopting a draft anti-domestic violence law in line with international human rights standards (Latvia); <strong>Source of Position:</strong> A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a)</td>
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<td>147.260 Continue the implementation and the national strategy to combat violence against women and to promote protection of women’s rights (Lebanon); <strong>Source of Position:</strong> A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a)</td>
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<td>- Violence against women - National Plans of Action on Human Rights (or specific areas) SDGs: - 5 - GENDER EQUALITY <strong>Affected persons:</strong> - Women</td>
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<td>147.261 Adopt the already developed draft law on domestic violence to criminalize all forms of violence against women (Liechtenstein); <strong>Source of Position:</strong> A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a)</td>
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| 147.266 Continue to take necessary measures to ensure the protection of the rights of women and girls (Nepal); Source of Position: A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Violence against women  
- Discrimination against women  
SDGs:  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
Affected persons:  
- girls  
- Women | Not yet implemented. See paras 6-7 and 10-12 above. |
| **Theme: Domestic violence** | | | |
| 147.79 Pass adequate legislation to fight and prevent domestic violence and create safe houses for women in all provinces of Iraq (Germany); Source of Position: A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Domestic violence  
- Violence against women  
- Constitutional & legislative framework  
SDGs:  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
- 11 - SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES  
Affected persons:  
- Women | Not yet implemented. See paras 6-7 and 10-12 above. |
| 147.151 Continue its efforts against domestic violence, including through the enactment of laws (Pakistan); Source of Position: A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Domestic violence  
- Violence against women  
- Children: family environment and alternative care  
- Constitutional & legislative framework  
SDGs:  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
Affected persons:  
- Children  
- Women | Not yet implemented. See para 7 above. |
<p>| <strong>Theme: Rights related to name, identity &amp; nationality</strong> | | | |</p>
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<td>147.100 Halt the practice of arbitrary confiscation or non-issuance of identity documents of individuals in internally displaced persons camps and ensure that they can voluntarily and safely return to their places of origin or habitual residence (Austria);</td>
<td>Supported</td>
<td>- Rights related to name, identity &amp; nationality - Equality &amp; non-discrimination - Freedom of movement</td>
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<td>147.37 Continue to align the adoption of draft laws with the relevant conventions on combating torture and enforced disappearance (Oman);</td>
<td>Supported</td>
<td>- Scope of international obligations - Constitutional &amp; legislative framework - Prohibition of torture &amp; cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment</td>
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<td>147.257 Strengthen efforts to prevent and combat all forms of discrimination and violence against women, in particular by fully implementing the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and taking further measures to eradicate female genital mutilation and child early and forced marriage (Italy);</td>
<td>Supported</td>
<td>- Scope of international obligations - Violence against women - Children: protection against exploitation - Acceptance of international norms - Discrimination against women</td>
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<td>147.67 Continue to implement the current national human rights plan and to formulate a new one (China);</td>
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<td>147.86 Continue efforts aiming at promoting the national plans for human rights (Jordan);</td>
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<td>147.88 Renew the implementation of the national human rights plan, including the establishment of the High Commission for Human Rights (Lebanon);</td>
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<td>- National Plans of Action on Human Rights (or specific areas)</td>
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**Theme: International criminal & humanitarian law (including crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide)**
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| 147.101 Provide guarantees for the protection of women and children during conflict, end impunity and take measures to end discrimination faced by displaced women, survivors and returnees, including those with perceived ties to Da’esh (Austria); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - International criminal & humanitarian law (including crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide)  
- Violence against women  
- Children: protection against exploitation  
- Right to effective remedy & reparations  
**SDGs:**  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS  
**Affected persons:**  
- Children  
- Women | Not yet implemented. See paras 17-18. |
| 147.134 Deepen all measures aimed at achieving respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for the entire population, and investigating and punishing the perpetrators of violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law (Argentina); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - International criminal & humanitarian law (including crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide)  
- Impunity & transparency  
- Legal, institutional & policy framework  
- Transitional justice  
**SDGs:**  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS | Not yet implemented.  
| **Theme: Human rights & counter-terrorism** | | | |
| 147.133 Continue to address the challenges posed by internal displacement resulting from the ISIS terrorist organization (Syrian Arab Republic); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Human rights & counter-terrorism  
- International criminal & humanitarian law (including crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide)  
**Affected persons:**  
- Internally displaced persons | Not yet implemented. See paras 17-18 above. |
<p>| <strong>Theme: Civil &amp; political rights</strong> | | | |</p>
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<td>147.171 Ensure full respect for all fair trial and due process guarantees enshrined in article 14 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Belgium);  <strong>Source of Position:</strong> A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a)</td>
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<td>- Civil &amp; political rights  - Administration of justice &amp; fair trial  <strong>SDGs:</strong>  - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</td>
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<td>147.152 Continue with the drafting of legislation aimed at preventing torture and curbing enforced disappearances, with the aim of bringing it in line with international obligations (Malta);  <strong>Source of Position:</strong> A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a)</td>
<td>Supported</td>
<td>- Right to physical &amp; moral integrity  - Legal, institutional &amp; policy framework  - Constitutional &amp; legislative framework  - Prohibition of torture &amp; cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment  <strong>SDGs:</strong>  - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS  <strong>Affected persons:</strong>  - Disappeared persons</td>
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<td>147.90 Pass the bill on domestic violence expeditiously, and raise awareness of the legislation’s key provisions among all relevant stakeholders, including women, men, law enforcement officials, religious leaders and civil society so as to ensure its effective implementation (Singapore);  <strong>Source of Position:</strong> A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a)</td>
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<td>- Liberty &amp; security of the person  - Violence against women  - Right to physical &amp; moral integrity  - Human rights education, trainings &amp; awareness raising  - Constitutional &amp; legislative framework  <strong>SDGs:</strong>  - 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  <strong>Affected persons:</strong>  - Civil society  - Law enforcement / police &amp; prison officials  - Women</td>
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| 147.284 Improve the reintegration and protection of members of ethnic and religious minority groups, and those displaced by conflict, and ensure access to public services, including the issuance of identity documentation (United States of America); Source of Position: A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Right to participate in public affairs & right to vote  
- Equality & non-discrimination  
SDGs:  
- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS  
Affected persons:  
- minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups | Not yet implemented. See paras 17-18 above. |

**Theme: Death penalty**

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| 147.124 Address the breadth of the definition of terrorism and ensure that any existing or new counter-terrorism legislation is fully compliant with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and that measures taken to combat terrorism are fully compatible with the Covenant (North Macedonia); Source of Position: A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Death penalty  
- Human rights & counter-terrorism  
- Constitutional & legislative framework  
SDGs:  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS | Not yet implemented. See paras 13-16 above. |
| 147.132 Limit capital punishment to the most serious crimes and reform anti-terrorist legislation so as to guarantee a fair trial for the accused (Switzerland); Source of Position: A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Death penalty  
- Human rights & counter-terrorism  
- Constitutional & legislative framework  
SDGs:  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS | Not yet implemented. See paras 13-16 above. |

**Theme: Sexual & other forms of gender-based violence**
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<td>147.45 Increase efforts to combat sexual and gender-based violence, in line with the national strategy, including criminalizing domestic violence (Sweden); <strong>Source of Position:</strong> A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a)</td>
<td>Supported</td>
<td>- Sexual &amp; other forms of gender-based violence - Violence against women - Right to effective remedy &amp; reparations - Constitutional &amp; legislative framework <strong>SDGs:</strong> - 5 - GENDER EQUALITY <strong>Affected persons:</strong> - lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI) - Women</td>
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<td>147.157 Take action to investigate all instances of disappearances and death of human rights activists, and to bring perpetrators to justice (Netherlands); <strong>Source of Position:</strong> A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a)</td>
<td>Supported</td>
<td>- Enforced disappearances - Liberty &amp; security of the person - Right to effective remedy &amp; reparations <strong>SDGs:</strong> - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS <strong>Affected persons:</strong> - Disappeared persons</td>
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<td>147.169 Intensify efforts to investigate cases of enforced disappearances through the creation of a public and centralized registry of missing persons to which families, relatives and community members could contribute (Argentina); <strong>Source of Position:</strong> A/HRC/43/14/Add.1</td>
<td>Supported</td>
<td>- Enforced disappearances - Administration of justice &amp; fair trial - Legal, institutional &amp; policy framework <strong>SDGs:</strong> - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</td>
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| 147.161 Uphold and respect the freedom of expression and peaceful assembly and hold accountable the perpetrators of all violations in relation to the excessive use of violence as well as the use of lethal weapons against demonstrators (Slovenia); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Right to peaceful assembly  
- Right to effective remedy & reparations  
- Freedom of opinion & expression & right to information  
**SDGs:**  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 22-24 above. |
| 147.173 Cease and thoroughly investigate the use of excessive force by security forces and any other armed actors during the recent protests, including the killing of protesters, and ensure perpetrators are accountable (Canada); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Right to peaceful assembly  
- Right to physical & moral integrity  
- Impunity & transparency  
- Administration of justice & fair trial  
- Right to life  
- Liberty & security of the person  
- Right to effective remedy & reparations  
- Prohibition of torture & cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment  
- Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions  
**SDGs:**  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS  
**Affected persons:**  
- Persons deprived of their liberty & detainees | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 22-24 above. |
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| 147.200 Facilitate the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and protect protesters, including by ensuring that only security forces trained in the proper management of assemblies are deployed and that these are held accountable for any use of excessive force against protesters (Czechia); | Supported | - Right to peaceful assembly  
- Human rights education, trainings & awareness raising  
- Right to effective remedy & reparations  
- Prohibition of torture & cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment | Not yet implemented. See para 22 above. |
| **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | | SDGs:  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS | |
| 147.202 Adopt measures to protect freedom of assembly and association, in particular ensuring investigations in to the cases of violence that have occurred during the ongoing demonstrations within the country (Italy); | Supported | - Right to peaceful assembly  
- Freedom of association  
- Administration of justice & fair trial | Not yet implemented. See para 22 above. |
| **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | | SDGs:  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS | |
| 147.203 Promote effective reform measures by the Government, the legislature and the judiciary while respecting the constitutionally guaranteed freedom of peaceful demonstration and giving due regard to the requests of the peaceful protesters (Japan); | Supported | - Right to peaceful assembly  
- Legal, institutional & policy framework | Not yet implemented. See para 22 above. |
| **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | | SDGs:  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS | |
| 147.205 Guarantee respect for the rights to peaceful assembly and freedom of expression, including removing the blocking of social media (Estonia); | Supported | - Right to peaceful assembly  
- Freedom of opinion & expression & right to information | Not yet implemented. See paras 22-24 above. |
| **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | | SDGs:  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS | |
## Theme: Freedom of association

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| 147.189 Respect the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association, investigate all alleged cases of excessive use of force and bring those responsible to justice (Switzerland); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Freedom of association  
- Right to effective remedy & reparation  
- Right to peaceful assembly  
- Prohibition of torture & cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment  
**SDGs:**  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS |
| 147.297 Provide protection and ensure the rights of all displaced persons, regardless of perceived political affiliations (Norway); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Freedom of association  
- Equality & non-discrimination  
- International criminal & humanitarian law (including crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide)  
**SDGs:**  
- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES  
**Affected persons:**  
- Internally displaced persons | Not yet implemented. See paras 17-18 above. |

## Theme: Economic, social & cultural rights - general measures of implementation

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| 147.221 Grant and facilitate access to basic services such as civil documentation, welfare, health care and education to all Iraqi citizens (Germany); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Economic, social & cultural rights - general measures of implementation  
- Right to health  
- Right to social security  
- Right to education  
**SDGs:**  
- 1 - NO POVERTY  
- 11 - SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES | Not yet implemented. See paras 17-18 above. |

## Theme: Advancement of women
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| 147.251 Continue to promote and protect the rights of women (Brunei Darussalam); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Advancement of women  
- Equality & non-discrimination  
- Discrimination against women  
**SDGs:**  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
**Affected persons:**  
- Women | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 6-7 and 10-12 above. |
| 147.258 Take further action to promote and protect the rights of women and children, including those who suffer from conflict situations (Japan); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Advancement of women  
- Human rights & poverty  
- Children: definition; general principles; protection  
- International criminal & humanitarian law (including crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide)  
**Affected persons:**  
- Children  
- Women | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 17-18 above. |
| 147.272 To take further measures to protect the rights of women and children (China); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (a) | Supported | - Advancement of women  
- Children: definition; general principles; protection  
- Discrimination against women  
**SDGs:**  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS  
**Affected persons:**  
- Children  
- Women | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 6-7, 10-12 and 17-18 above. |

**Theme:** Equality & non-discrimination
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| 147.109 Take steps to investigate and end violence against, and killings of, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons (Malta); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (c) | Supported/Noted | - Equality & non-discrimination  
- Impunity & transparency  
- Right to life  
- Right to effective remedy & reparations  
- Constitutional & legislative framework **SDGs:**  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS **Affected persons:**  
- lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI) | **Not yet implemented**: See paras 19-21. |

**Theme: Prohibition of torture & cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment**

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| 147.155 Prohibit corporal punishment explicitly in all settings, and ensure that laws prohibiting corporal punishment are implemented (Montenegro); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (c) | Supported/Noted | - Prohibition of torture & cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment  
- Children: family environment and alternative care  
- Constitutional & legislative framework **SDGs:**  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS **Affected persons:**  
- Persons deprived of their liberty & detainees | **Not yet implemented**: See paras 13-16. |

**Theme: Administration of justice & fair trial**
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| 147.170 Ensure that all reports of human rights violations and abuses, including those against women and girls, against ethnic and religious minorities and on the basis of sexual orientation, are fully investigated and prosecuted (Australia); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para. II (c) | Supported/Noted | - Administration of justice & fair trial  
- Freedom of thought, conscience & religion  
- Right to effective remedy & reparations  
- Discrimination against women  
**SDGs:**  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS  
**Affected persons:**  
- Children  
- Women  
- minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups | **Not yet implemented**; See paras 10-12 and 19-21 above. |
| 147.178 Investigate and end violence against and killings of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons and develop and implement public awareness campaigns directed at changing harmful attitudes towards lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons (Iceland); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para. II (c) | Supported/Noted | - Administration of justice & fair trial  
- Equality & non-discrimination  
- Human rights education, trainings & awareness raising  
- Right to life  
- Right to effective remedy & reparations  
- Constitutional & legislative framework  
**SDGs:**  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS  
**Affected persons:**  
- lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI) | **Not yet implemented**; See paras 19-21 above. |

**Theme:** Acceptance of international norms
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| 147.8 Sign and ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (Slovenia); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Acceptance of international norms  
- International criminal & humanitarian law (including crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide)  
- Scope of international obligations  
**SDGs:**  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS | **Not yet implemented.** See para 4 above. |
| 147.9 Accede to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court soon (Honduras); Accede to and fully align its national legislation with the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (Estonia); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Acceptance of international norms  
- Administration of justice & fair trial  
- Constitutional & legislative framework  
- International criminal & humanitarian law (including crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide)  
- Scope of international obligations  
**SDGs:**  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS | **Not yet implemented.** See para 4 above. |
| 147.10 Bolster accountability for the gravest crimes by acceding to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (Czechia); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Acceptance of international norms  
- Administration of justice & fair trial  
- Right to effective remedy & reparations  
- International criminal & humanitarian law (including crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide)  
- Scope of international obligations  
**SDGs:**  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS | **Not yet implemented.** See para 4 above. |
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| 147.11 Consider acceding to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (Peru); Source of Position: A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Acceptance of international norms  
- Administration of justice & fair trial  
- International criminal & humanitarian law (including crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide)  
**SDGs:**  
- 8 - DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH | **Not yet implemented.** See para 4 above.   |
| 147.12 Consider acceding to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court of 1998 and the first Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Poland); Source of Position: A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Acceptance of international norms  
- International criminal & humanitarian law (including crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide)  
- Scope of international obligations  
**SDGs:**  
- 8 - DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH | **Not yet implemented.** See para 4 above.   |
| 147.13 Adopt measures to guarantee the requirement of responsibility for violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law, including accession to the Rome Statute (Spain); Source of Position: A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Acceptance of international norms  
- International criminal & humanitarian law (including crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide)  
- Transitional justice  
- Scope of international obligations  
**SDGs:**  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS | **Not yet implemented.** See para 4 above.   |
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| 147.22 Accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Togo) (Estonia) (Ukraine) (Uruguay); Source of Position: A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Acceptance of international norms  
- Constitutional & legislative framework  
- Prohibition of torture & cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment  
- Scope of international obligations  
**SDGs:**  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS  
**Affected persons:**  
- Persons deprived of their liberty & detainees | Not yet implemented. See paras 13-16 above. |
| 147.23 Consider ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment at its earliest convenience (Ghana); Source of Position: A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Acceptance of international norms  
- Prohibition of torture & cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment  
- Scope of international obligations  
**Affected persons:**  
- Persons deprived of their liberty & detainees | Not yet implemented. See paras 13-16 above. |
| 147.25 Accede to the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (Togo) (Ukraine) (Uruguay); Source of Position: A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Acceptance of international norms  
- Death penalty  
- Civil & political rights - general measures of implementation  
- Scope of international obligations  
**SDGs:**  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS  
**Affected persons:**  
- Persons deprived of their liberty & detainees | Not yet implemented. See paras 4 and 13-16 above. |
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| 147.27 Consider acceding to the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (Mongolia); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Acceptance of international norms  
- Scope of international obligations  
**SDGs:**  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS  
**Affected persons:**  
- Persons deprived of their liberty & detainees | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 4 and 13-16 above. |
| 147.30 Consider signing and ratifying the Protocol additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the protection of non-international armed conflicts (Switzerland); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Acceptance of international norms  
- International criminal & humanitarian law (including crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide)  
- Scope of international obligations  
**SDGs:**  
- 8 - DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH | **Not yet implemented.** |
| 147.33 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Honduras); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Acceptance of international norms  
**SDGs:**  
- 8 - DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH | **Not yet implemented.** |

**Theme: Legal, institutional & policy framework**

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| 147.122 Establish an official moratorium on executions that, in conformity with international human rights law, commutes all death sentences with a view to abolishing the death penalty (Portugal); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Legal, institutional & policy framework  
- Right to physical & moral integrity  
- Acceptance of international norms  
**SDGs:**  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 4 and 13-16 above. |

**Theme: Equality & non-discrimination**
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| 147.103 Take any additional measures that are useful for combating discrimination against women, in accordance with the relevant provisions of articles 2 and 16 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Senegal); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Equality & non-discrimination  
- Discrimination against women  
**SDGs:**  
- 5 - GENDER  
EQUALITY  
**Affected persons:**  
- Women | **Not yet implemented**  See paras 6-7 and 10-12 above. |
| 147.110 Develop and implement public awareness campaigns aimed at changing stereotypes and harmful and violent attitudes with regard to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons (Mexico); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Equality & non-discrimination  
- Constitutional & legislative framework  
**SDGs:**  
- 4 - QUALITY  
EDUCATION  
- 5 - GENDER  
EQUALITY  
**Affected persons:**  
- lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI) | **Not yet implemented**  See paras 19-21 above. |

**Theme: Right to social security**

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| 147.149 Abolish the death penalty and ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (Estonia); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Right to social security  
- Legal, institutional & policy framework  
- Death penalty  
- Acceptance of international norms  
- Scope of international obligations  
**SDGs:**  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS  
**Affected persons:**  
- Persons deprived of their liberty & detainees | **Not yet implemented**  See paras 4 and 13-16 above. |

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| 147.6 Ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (Timor-Leste); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Scope of international obligations  
- International criminal & humanitarian law (including crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide)  
- Acceptance of international norms  
**SDGs:**  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS | **Not yet implemented.** See para 4 above. |
| 147.7 Ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (Austria) (France) (Liechtenstein); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Scope of international obligations  
- Acceptance of international norms  
**SDGs:**  
- 8 - DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH | **Not yet implemented.** See para 4 above. |
| 147.14 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Greece); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Scope of international obligations  
- Acceptance of international norms  
- Discrimination against women  
**SDGs:**  
- 5 - GENDER EQUALITY  
**Affected persons:**  
- Women | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 6-7 and 10-12 above. |
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| 147.18 Withdraw the reservations made to Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, in order to repeal all discriminatory laws and practices and guarantee equality in all matters related to family and marital relations; and repeal the legal provisions under which rapists who marry their victims are forgiven (Uruguay); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Scope of international obligations  
- Rights related to marriage & family  
- Reservations  
- Acceptance of international norms  
- Discrimination against women | **Not yet implemented** See paras 4, 6-7 and 10-12 above. |
| 147.20 Withdraw the reservations made to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, which urges States to repeal all discriminatory laws and practices and guarantee equality in all matters related to the family (Chile); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Scope of international obligations  
- Rights related to marriage & family  
- Reservations  
- Acceptance of international norms  
- Discrimination against women | **Not yet implemented** See paras 4, 6-7 and 10-12 above. |
| 147.21 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Spain) (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) (Hungary) (Denmark); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Scope of international obligations  
- Acceptance of international norms  
- Prohibition of torture & cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment | **Not yet implemented** See paras 13-16 above. |
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| 147.24 Step up efforts to combat impunity for acts of torture, including by ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and ensuring that all confessions obtained through torture are inadmissible in court (Czechia); | Noted | - Scope of international obligations  
- Right to effective remedy & reparations  
- Constitutional & legislative framework  
- Acceptance of international norms  
- Prohibition of torture & cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment  
**SDGs:**  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS  
**Affected persons:**  
- Persons deprived of their liberty & detainees | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 13-16 above. |

**Theme: Death penalty**

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| 147.125 Establish an immediate moratorium on the death penalty with a view to its abolition (Norway); Establish an official moratorium on executions and commute all death sentences with a view to abolishing the death penalty (Republic of Moldova); Establish a moratorium on the application of the death penalty and repeal articles 110 and 111 of the Islamic penal code (France); Establish a moratorium on the death penalty with a view to its abolition (Albania); Establish a formal moratorium on the death penalty, as a step towards its complete abolition (Australia); Establish an official moratorium on the application of the death penalty with a view to its abolition (Chile); | Noted | - Death penalty  
- Right to physical & moral integrity  
- Legal, institutional & policy framework  
**Affected persons:**  
- Persons deprived of their liberty & detainees | **Not yet implemented.** See paras 13-14 above. |
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| 147.126 Introduce a moratorium on the death penalty in order to abolish capital punishment, which would allow Iraq to become a party to the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (Poland); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Death penalty  
- Right to physical & moral integrity  
- Legal, institutional & policy framework  
**Affected persons:**  
- Persons deprived of their liberty & detainees | Not yet implemented. See paras 13-14 above. |
| 147.127 Halt all executions and establish a moratorium on the death penalty with a view to abolishing capital punishment (Slovenia); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Death penalty  
- Right to physical & moral integrity  
- Legal, institutional & policy framework  
**Affected persons:**  
- Persons deprived of their liberty & detainees | Not yet implemented. See paras 13-14 above. |
| 147.128 Adopt legislative reforms to restrict the death penalty to the most serious crimes, which would imply progress towards the abolition of the death penalty (Spain); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Death penalty  
- Right to physical & moral integrity  
- Constitutional & legislative framework  
**SDGs:**  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS  
**Affected persons:**  
- Persons deprived of their liberty & detainees | Not yet implemented. See paras 13-14 above. |
| 147.129 Continue to protect the historical heritage of the country and eliminate the death penalty for some crimes related to the theft, purchase and sale of antiques (Spain); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Death penalty  
- Right to physical & moral integrity  
- Cultural rights  
- Legal, institutional & policy framework  
**Affected persons:**  
- Persons deprived of their liberty & detainees | Not yet implemented. See paras 13-14 above. |
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<td>147.135 Abolish the death penalty, and, as a first step, adopt an immediate moratorium on executions (Belgium); Source of Position: A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b)</td>
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<td>147.136 Establish a moratorium on the death penalty with a view to its abolition alongside ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (Croatia); Source of Position: A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b)</td>
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| 147.141 Consider a moratorium on the death penalty with a view to abolishing it (Latvia); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Death penalty  
- Legal, institutional & policy framework  
- Liberty & security of the person  
**Affected persons:**  
- Persons deprived of their liberty & detainees | **Not yet implemented:** See paras 13-14 above. |
| 147.142 Reduce the number of crimes punishable by death as a first step to an overall moratorium and eventually the abolition of the death penalty (Germany); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Death penalty  
- Legal, institutional & policy framework  
- Liberty & security of the person  
**Affected persons:**  
- Persons deprived of their liberty & detainees | **Not yet implemented:** See paras 13-14 above. |
| 147.143 Establish a moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty (Greece); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Death penalty  
- Legal, institutional & policy framework  
- Liberty & security of the person  
**SDGs:**  
- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS  
**Affected persons:**  
- Persons deprived of their liberty & detainees | **Not yet implemented:** See paras 13-14 above. |
| 147.144 Implement a moratorium on all executions, with a view to abolishing the death penalty (Iceland); **Source of Position:** A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b) | Noted | - Death penalty  
- Legal, institutional & policy framework  
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<td><strong>147.153 Establish a moratorium on the use of the death penalty for conduct that does not constitute the most serious offences, such as drug trafficking or terrorism, when no intentional killing is involved (Mexico);</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Source of Position:</strong>&lt;br&gt;A/HRC/43/14/Add.1 - Para.II (b)</td>
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11 Article 41(1), 1969 Iraqi Penal Code
12 Article 41(1), 1969 Iraqi Penal Code
13 Articles 128 and 409, 1969 Iraqi Penal Code
14 Article 398, 1969 Iraqi Penal Code


19 Letter from the Office of the Coordinator for International Advocacy of the Kurdistan Regional Government to Amnesty International, received on 10 January 2024.


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Article 41(1) of the 1969 Iraqi Penal Code allows a husband to punish his wife and allows parents to punish their children using corporal punishment. Articles 128 and 409 provides mitigated sentences for so-called “honour crimes.” Article 398 allows rapists to avoid prosecution by marrying their victims.

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