

# SUMMARY OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S SUBMISSIONS TO THE 33<sup>RD</sup> SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW 6 TO 17 MAY 2019

At its 33<sup>rd</sup> session between 6-17 May 2019, the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Working Group of the UN Human Rights Council will meet to review the human rights situation in 14 countries: **Albania, Bhutan, Brunei, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, DPRK, DRC, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Nicaragua, Norway, Portugal and Qatar.**

The ultimate objective of the UPR is to achieve an improvement of the human rights situation on the ground. Amnesty International therefore urges all UN member states to make recommendations to the states under review that are concrete, measurable and aimed at strengthening the protection of human rights at the national level.

For the 33<sup>rd</sup> session of the UPR, Amnesty International has made submissions of information for five of the countries as outlined below. These reports set out Amnesty International's key human rights concerns in the countries coming up for review and suggest recommendations for action by the governments concerned.

## SUMMARY OF KEY HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS IN AMNESTY'S SUBMISSIONS FOR UPR33:

**Cote d'Ivoire:** [available in [English](#) and [French](#)]

### Key human rights concerns:

- Restrictions on freedom of expression and peaceful assembly,
- protection of human rights defenders,
- torture and other ill-treatment,
- harsh prison conditions,
- rights of LGBTI people,
- dumping of toxic waste,
- forced evictions,
- impunity for past human rights violations.

**Democratic People's Republic of Korea:** [available in [English](#) only]

### Key human rights concerns:

- Restrictions on freedom of expression and surveillance,
- political prison camps and arbitrary detention,
- restrictions on freedom of movement,
- protection of workers' rights,
- protection of children's rights
- right to education,
- the death penalty.

**Equatorial Guinea:** [available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)]

### Key human rights concerns:

- legislation restricting the right to freedom of expression, association and assembly,
- protection of human rights defenders.

**Ethiopia:** [available only in [English](#)]

**Key human rights concerns:**

- restrictions on freedom of peaceful assembly and excessive use of force by police,
- extrajudicial executions,
- torture and other ill-treatment,
- forced displacement,
- arbitrary arrest and detention,
- legislation restricting freedom of expression.

**Qatar:** [available in [Arabic](#) and [English](#)]

**Key human rights concerns:**

- reservations to human rights treaties,
- restrictions on freedom of expression,
- exploitation of migrant workers, including forced labour and human trafficking,
- discrimination and violence against women,
- protection of refugees.

Now that the UPR is in its third cycle, it is critically important that each review also focuses on follow-up and implementation of the recommendations accepted by the states in the previous review. Amnesty International's submissions all include a section on follow-up to previous recommendations to aid states when preparing their interventions for the 33<sup>rd</sup> UPR Working Group session.

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