



Suggested recommendations to Bolivia for its review during the 48th session of the UPR Working Group, January 2025

Key Amnesty International documents on Bolivia for reference:

- **Amnesty International, Americas: Record Wildfires in South America require an Unprecedented response: September 2024**, (Index: AMR 01/8555/2024) [Americas: Open Letter to South American Presidents on wildfires - Amnesty International](#)
- **Human rights defenders at risk, 40+ days of vigil**, July 2023, (Index: AMR 18/7019/2023) [Bolivia: Human rights defenders at risk, 40+ days of vigil - Amnesty International](#)
- **Defenders' lives at risk, October 2020**, (Index: AMR 18/3276/2020), [Bolivia: Defenders' lives at risk - Amnesty International](#)
- **Healing the Pandemic of Impunity: 20 human rights recommendations for candidates in the 2020 presidential elections in Bolivia**, August 2020 (Index: AMR 18/2871/2020): [Bolivia: Healing the Pandemic of Impunity: 20 human rights recommendations for candidates in the 2020 presidential elections in Bolivia - Amnesty International](#)
- **Government must refrain from harassing and threatening political opponents and respect judicial independence, May 2020** (Index: AMR 18/2428/2020): [Bolivia: Government must refrain from harassing and threatening political opponents and respect judicial independence - Amnesty International](#)

Accountability for Grave Human Rights Violations

- Adopt measures to guarantee the rights to truth, justice and reparation for the victims of the killings in Sacaba and Senkata.
- Ensure the absolute prohibition of torture and other ill treatment and ensure the National Prevention Mechanism on Torture is strengthened in its functions and mandate.

Human Rights Defenders and Journalists

- Ensure that legal requirements for NGOs and non-profit entities do not hamper their independence or their capacity to undertake their legitimate work.
- Refrain from adopting measures of any kind that unduly restrict the right to freedom of expression.
- Publicly acknowledge the legitimate work of human rights organizations and defenders.
- Refrain from threatening and attacking human rights organizations and defenders who are critical of government policies and opinions.
- Develop a comprehensive public policy that guarantees the activities of human rights defenders, incorporating mechanisms for the prevention and protection of their personal integrity. This public policy must include special provisions for defenders who defend the environment and gender equality.
- Adopt measures to guarantee the work of journalists and social communicators and refrain from making threatening statements that create a climate of fear and censorship.

Transparency and Access to Information

- Enact a law on access to public information to provide citizens with effective mechanisms for access to updated and timely public data and improve transparency in public management and citizen participation in government decisions.

Right to due process and judicial independence

- Respect judicial independence and refrain from harassing political opponents or those perceived as such, through the use of general legal provisions or those related to criminal proceedings, public statements or detention.



- Guarantee the autonomy and independence of the Ombudsman's Office so that it has the tools to carry out its work effectively and free from interference.
- Ensure processes for judicial elections are not excessively delayed and have sufficient resources assigned to them.

Right to a Healthy Environment

- Develop policies to limit land clearing and deforestation and the expansion of largescale industrialized agriculture at the cost of forests.

Rights of Women and Girls

- Strengthen the implementation of legislation and policies aimed at eliminating discrimination against women in all spheres and strengthen efforts to raise awareness of women's rights and the means to ensure their realization.

Rights of Indigenous Peoples

- Guarantee the rights of Indigenous Peoples to consultation and free, prior and informed consent about projects that may affect them, in accordance with the provisions of ILO Convention No. 169, the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

Rights of LGTBIQ+ People

- Eliminate barriers to marriage equality and same-sex marriage.