

Model letter to government requesting national consultation in countries coming up for review under the UPR

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[date]

Dear [Minister],

[Country] is scheduled for review under the Universal Periodic Review by the UPR Working Group of the UN Human Rights Council in the [number] session in [month and year].

In order for the UPR to meet its objective of improving the human rights situation on the ground, it is important that the focus of the review is not only on current human rights concerns, but also on progress with implementation of the recommendations made in the previous review.

We take this opportunity to remind you that the Council has recommended that States undertake a broad consultation with all relevant stakeholders. We look forward to participating in such a broad consultation that should be accessible to civil society in all its diversity.

[Name of NGO] encourages you to ensure that the review of [country] under the Universal Periodic Review results in an outcome leading to real improvement in the human rights situation in [country].

Yours sincerely,