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## POSITION PAPER

### Developping a robust UPR : safeguards against selectivity and arbitrariness required

The International Fédération for Human Rights (FIDH) fully recognises that the establishment of an **effective** UPR presents an opportunity to strengthen the UN human rights protection system for all countries.

Yet, for this mechanism to be fully efficient, we wish to insist on several safeguards, which will contribute to avoiding selectivity and the politisation of the debate.

FIDH recommends to **appoint independent experts in the delegations at the UPR**. Indeed, the analysis supplied by independent human rights experts during the preparation of the review is necessary in order to reach a consistent and objective process.

Furthermore, the effectiveness of the Review will depend on results obtained subsequently on the ground. The content of the outcome should be framed to maximize such impact. Thus, FIDH recommends that:

- the outcome of the review should focus on **measures that can be easily implemented without financial or technical support**. Such as inviting Special procedures and the enacting or suppression of law, discriminatory measures, the release of prisoners of opinion or re-judgment of arbitrarily detained prisoners.
- also, technical assistance be required, it should be deployed with provisions for an **independent monitoring of the results of the programme**. Such monitoring could be carried out by the OHCHR or the UN country team. It should be deployed **systematically**, for each technical cooperation programme which should be made **public**, in line with the principle of transparency of the UPR.
- Finally, the follow-up to the outcome might require more robust follow-up measures. Indeed, in situations where a country continually refuse to cooperate with UN special procedures, as well as in cases of grave violations of human rights, members of the UPR working group should recommend the nomination of specific country rapporteurs. .

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