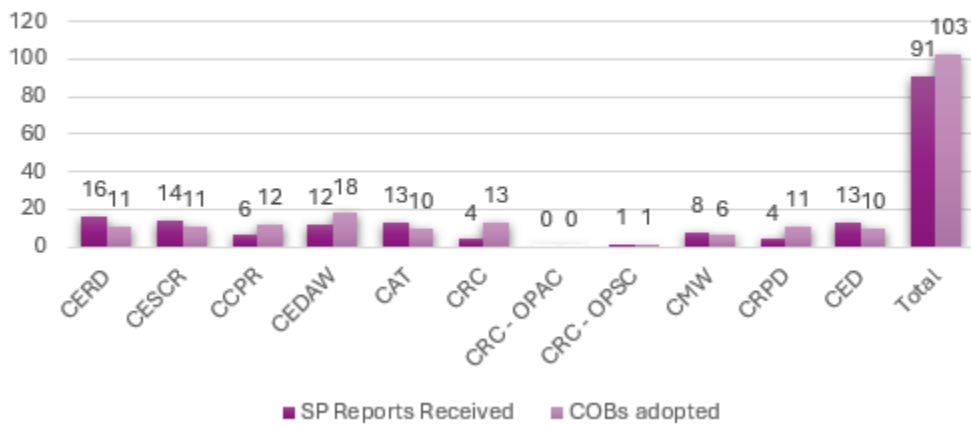


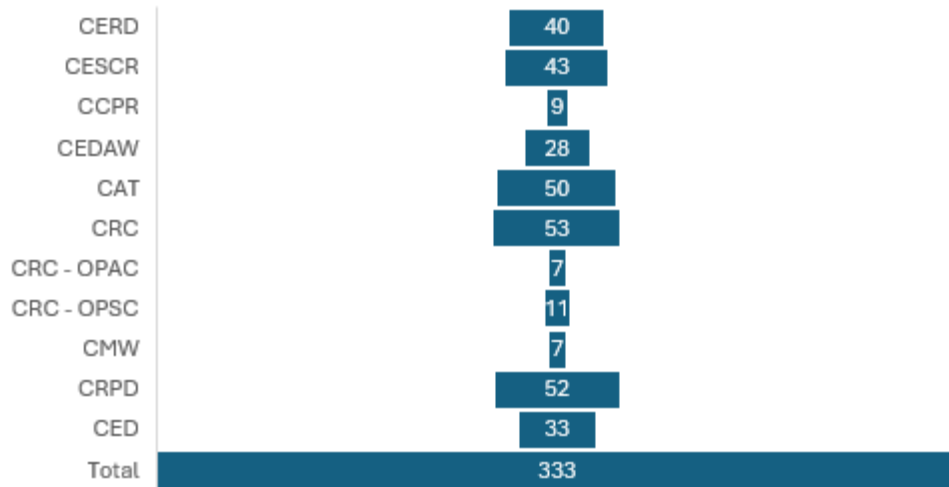


Facts & Figures of 2025

State Party reports received and reviewed in 2025



Backlog of State Party reports - December 2025



Statistics from Petitions Section for the Month of December 2025

New communications

- Number of new registered cases: 20
- Number of granted Interim Measures: 13
- Processed communications: **162**
- Total new cases registered since 1 January 2025: **306** (incl 166 Interim Measures)

Caseload

- Living communications (total of registered cases pending to be examined): **1604**
- Registered communications ready for an admissibility and/or merits decisions: 845
- Registered communications ready for discontinuance decisions: 81
- Registered communications ready for implementation: **12**
- Number of pre-screened communications pending further analysis/registration (to be processed): **616**
- Follow up - Cases under follow-up: **1784** cared since 1 January 2025: **306** ncl
- CED Urgent Actions procedure: in 2025, CED registered a total of 260 new Urgent Actions and sent 132 follow-up notes providing specific recommendations to States Parties on 728 registered Urgent Actions. The Committee further closed 24 Urgent Actions following the localisation of the disappeared person, including 14 alive.
- Urgent Actions registered since 2012 requesting States parties to search for disappeared persons: 2210
- Number of new Urgent action requests received in December - 38
- Number of new Urgent actions registered in December - 27
- Urgent actions currently open - 1361
- Urgent Actions closed following the location of the disappeared persons, including alive - 538 (420 alive)
- Total number of urgent actions suspended for lack of reply of the authors - 311
- Number of follow up notes that were transmitted to the parties - 12
- Total Urgent Actions addressed in the Follow-Up Notes - 32

- Backlog of urgent actions requesting follow-up - 657

TB Press Briefing Notes and Clippings

9 January

- [UN Child Rights Committee to review Maldives, Ghana, Pakistan, Ethiopia, Colombia, Spain and Malaysia](#)

Upcoming TB Sessions

In 2026, due to the United Nations Regular Budget Liquidity Situation, the only sessions that have been confirmed for a shorter duration are as follows. For more information, please contact the relevant Committee secretariat or tbs@un.org

Committee on the Rights of the Child

100th Session (12 Jan 2026 - 30 Jan 2026) 3 weeks (instead of 4 weeks)

The Committee will adopt the following documents during the session:

- Concluding Observations on: [Colombia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Malaysia, Maldives, Pakistan, Spain & OPSC Pakistan](#)

Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women(CEDAW)

92nd Session (02 Feb 2026 - 20 Feb 2026) 3 weeks (instead of 4 weeks)

- The Committee will adopt the following documents during the session:
 - Concluding Observations on: [Argentina, Czech Republic, El Salvador, Iraq, Lesotho, Lithuania, Netherlands, Viet Nam](#)
 - List of issues on: **Cook Islands**
 - List of issues prior to reporting on: **Brunei Darussalam, Cameroon, Croatia, Eswatini, India, Liberia, Madagascar, Sierra Leone and Vanuatu**
 - Follow-Up To Concluding Observations: [Bhutan, Costa Rica, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Slovenia, Tunisia, Ukraine, Uruguay](#)

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)

79th Session (09 Feb 2026 - 25 Feb 2026) 2.6 weeks (instead of 4 weeks)

- The Committee will adopt the following documents during the session:
 - Concluding Observations on: [Australia, Georgia, Kenya, Uruguay](#)
 - List of issues on: [Ecuador, Egypt, Kazakhstan, Paraguay](#)
 - Follow-Up To Concluding Observations: [Lithuania, Tajikistan](#)

General Comments/Recommendations in the Pipeline/Adopted

- CED - the Committee on Enforced Disappearances and the Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances launched [a joint call for inputs on “Enforced Disappearances in the context of transnational repression”](#). Deadline for submissions: 31 January 2026.
- The Human Rights Committee has launched a [call for inputs](#) to develop its General Comment No. 38 on Article 22 (Freedom of Association) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Deadline for submissions: 19 December 2025.
- CERD continued work on draft General Recommendation No. 40 on reparations. CERD issued a [call for input](#) and held a [half-day of general discussion](#) on 25 April 2025 during its 115th session in Geneva. Building on this discussion and the 56 written submissions received through the initial call for input, the Committee initiated the process of drafting the General Recommendation on reparations and adopted its first draft at an online meeting/consultation on 26 September 2025 (as the August session was cancelled). The Committee [invited comments on its first draft of the General Recommendation by 7 November 2025 see website](#)
- CEDAW - On 9 September 2025, the Committee issued an [advance unedited version of an addendum to general recommendation No. 30 \(2013\)](#) on women in conflict prevention, conflict and post conflict situations in relation to women, peace and security, [for comments by stakeholders](#) by 9 December 2025.

- CEDAW - held [a half-day of general discussion on gender stereotypes](#) on 17 February 2025. It held a sub-regional consultation on gender stereotypes on **7 April 2025** during its [Pacific Technical Cooperation session](#) in Suva, Fiji (7 to 11 April 2025). An in-person **regional consultation on gender stereotypes** for Europe and Central Asia was held in Istanbul on 4 and 5 December 2025 with support from UN Women.
 - CRPD – [Draft, General Comment 9](#) on persons with disabilities in situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies (article 11 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities).
 - [Public launch event of joint general recommendations No. 38 and No. 39 of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination/general comments No. 7 and No. 8 of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families on eradicating xenophobia towards migrants and others perceived as such, on the margins of the 116th CERD and 41st CMW Sessions](#)
- Information on the adopted general comments by the treaty bodies are listed in the link below. [Human Rights Treaty Bodies - General Comments](#).
- CESCR - The Committee adopted the General Comment No. 27 [on Sustainable Development and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights](#) on Friday 19 September 2025. [An advanced, unedited version is available on the CESCR webpage](#).

Other Activities

- A call for inputs on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/268 was circulated with regard to the preparation for the 6th SG report with a deadline of 15 February 2026.
- Chairs of [@UNTreatyBodies](#) welcome the adoption of the [#PactForTheFuture](#), urging Member States to translate words into action with decisive support for strengthening the Treaty Bodies, essential to secure a better future for people & planet.
- [Statement of the treaty body Chairs on the biennial GA Resolution on the treaty body system](#).

- The biennial GA Resolution ([A/RES/79/165](#)) on the treaty body system has been adopted.
- [Fifth biennial report on the Status of the human rights treaty body system \(A/79/336\)](#)

Call for Applications

- **Call for applications - Human Rights Council experts**

The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council has issued a call for applications for **two additional vacancies: (1) Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia and (2) member from Asia-Pacific States in the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent**, to be filled at the Council's 61st session (23 February – 2 April 2026). All applicants must submit by the **deadline (16 January 2026 at 12 noon Geneva time)**, both: **(1) a short online survey (<https://survey.ohchr.org/512797>); and (2) a mandate-specific Word application form. Application instructions and forms are available at <https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/hrc61>**

- **Call for applications for**
- **UN Senior Leadership Positions**

<https://www.un.org/sg/en/vacancies/index.shtml>

<https://www.un.org/sg/fr/vacancies/index.shtml>

- **Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)**

<https://www.un.org/sg/en/content/senior-leadership-vacancies>

<https://www.un.org/sg/fr/content/senior-leadership-vacancies>

Treaty Body Elections

- Elections will be conducted by six committees in 2026.

[Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights](#)

[Human Rights Committee](#)

[Committee on the Rights of the Child](#)

[Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women](#)

[Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#)

On-line tools and outreach

- [2025 human rights impact stories](#)
- [OHCHR Latest News](#)
- [Team up Calendar](#) of treaty body reviews and UPR sessions scheduled
- [Ratification toolkits](#)
- [OHCHR Training Package on Reporting to the United Nations Human Rights Treaty Bodies](#)
- **Audio-Files of sessions:** <http://conf.unog.ch/digitalrecordin>
- **Universal Human Rights Index:** A user-friendly search engine to find recommendations by treaty bodies, special procedures and the Universal Periodic Review: <http://uhri.ohchr.org>
- Follow the Special Procedures on X: [@UN_SPexperts](#)
- HRTB on the OHCHR website: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/Pages/TreatyBodies.aspx>

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