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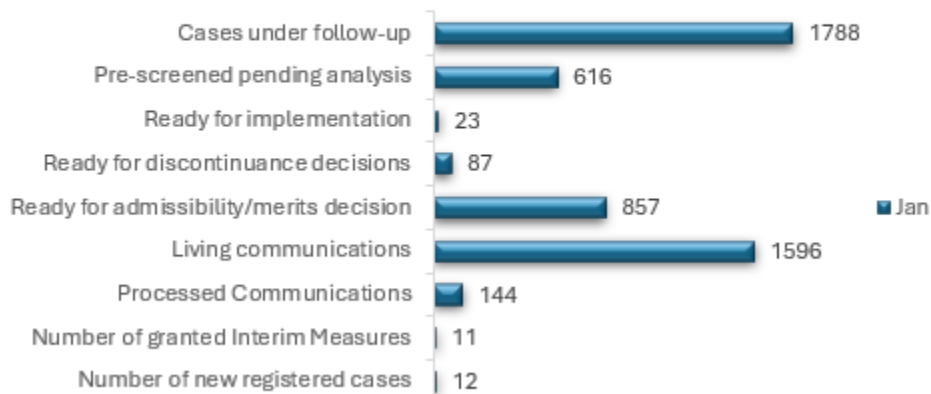
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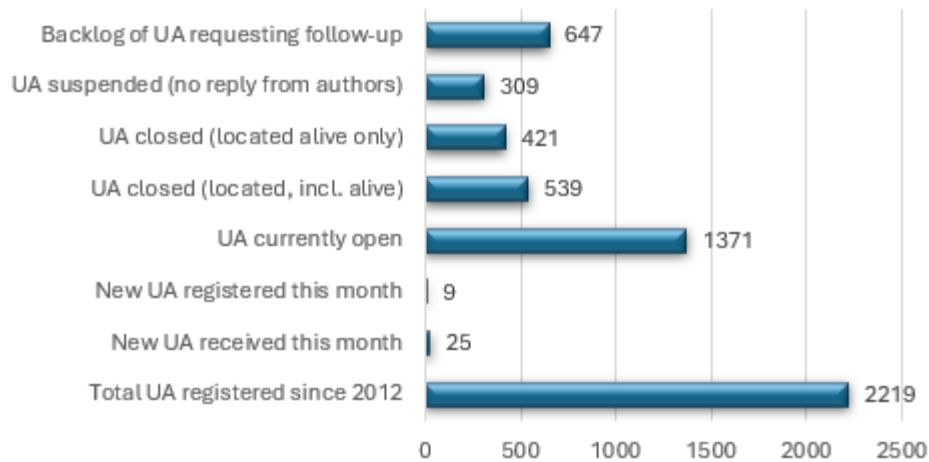
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January 2026 - Monthly Highlights

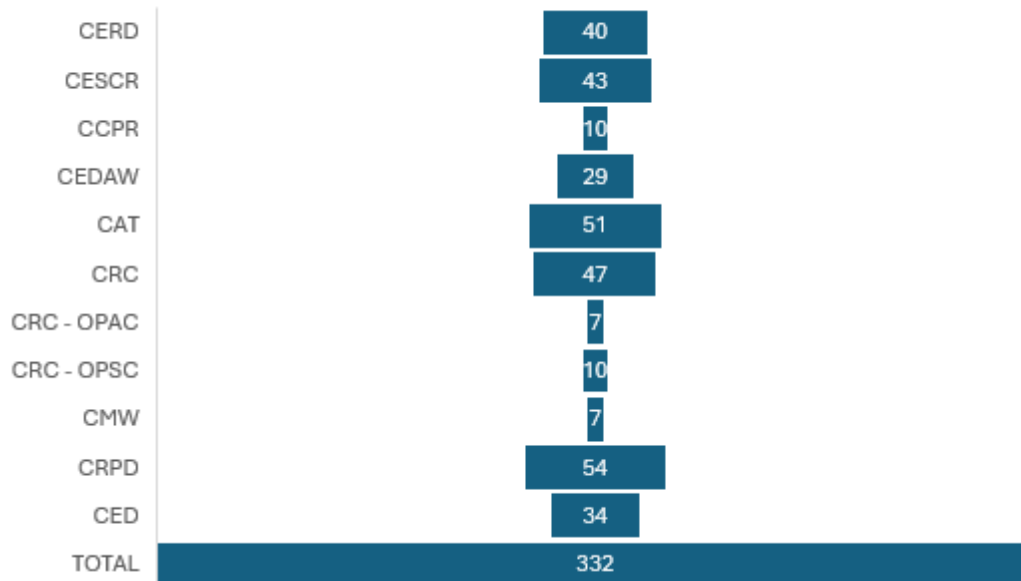
Statistics from Petitions Section in January



Urgent Actions Summary - January



Backlog of State Party Reports as of January



SP Reports received in January

Treaty Body	Country	Report Type
CAT	Serbia	IV Periodic Report
CCPR	Poland	VIII Periodic Report
CED	Chile	III Periodic Report
CEDAW	Egypt	XI Periodic Report
CRC	United Arab Emirates	IV–V Periodic Report
CRPD	Cambodia	Initial Report
	Fiji	Initial Report

Press Releases & Briefings (10–14 February)

5 February

- [UN Child Rights Committee publishes findings on Colombia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Malaysia, Maldives, Pakistan and Spain](#)
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4 February

- [Experts of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women Commend Iraq on National Strategy for Iraqi Women, Raise Questions on Survivors of Sexual Violence Committed by ISIS and Impunity for “Honour” Crimes](#)

3 February

- [Experts of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women Commend Viet Nam on Steps to Ensure Gender Equality in Employment, Raise Questions on Overcoming Negative Gender Stereotypes and Support for Victims of Trafficking and Prostitution](#)

2 February

- [Civil Organizations Brief the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on the Situation of Women in Viet Nam, Iraq, Lithuania and the Netherlands](#)
- [UN women's rights committee to review Viet Nam, Iraq, Lithuania, Netherlands, Argentina, Czech Republic, El Salvador, and Lesotho](#)
- [Committee on the Rights of the Child Holds Seventeenth Informal Meeting with States](#)
- [Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women Opens Ninety-Second Session in Geneva](#)

Concluded treaty body sessions

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

[100th Session \(12 Jan 2026 - 30 Jan 2026\)](#) 3 weeks (*instead of 4 weeks, and 1 week of PSWG for adoption of LOI/LOIPR cancelled*)

- The Committee adopted the following documents during the session:
- Concluding Observations on: [Colombia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Malaysia, Maldives, Pakistan, Spain & OPSC Pakistan](#)

In 2026, due to the United Nations Regular Budget Liquidity Situation, the only sessions that have been

confirmed for a shorter duration, and without the PSWG are as follows. For more information,

please contact the relevant Committee secretariat or tbs@un.org

Ongoing Treaty Body Sessions

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, and 1 week of PSWG for adoption of LOI/LOIPR cancelled)

- 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](#)

Upcoming Treaty Body Sessions

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](#)

Human Rights Committee (CCPR)

145th Session (02 Mar 2026 - 19 Mar 2026) 3 weeks (instead of 4 weeks)

- The Committee will adopt the following documents during the session:
- Concluding Observations on: [Andorra, Canada, Chad, Republic of Moldova, Slovakia](#)
 - List of issues on: [Rwanda](#)
 - List of issues prior to reporting on: [Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary, Mexico, Senegal](#)

Committee on Enforced Disappearances (CED)

30th session (09-March - 19 March 2026) 1 week and 4 days (instead of 3 weeks)

- The Committee will adopt the following documents during the session:
- Concluding Observations on initial reports of [Malawi](#) and [Samoa](#)
 - Concluding Observations on additional information of [Ecuador](#) and [Iraq](#)
 - Lists of issues on: [Cabo Verde, Denmark, Republic of Korea](#)
 - Lists of themes on [Kazakhstan](#) and [Lithuania](#)
 - Periodic report on Urgent Actions

Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

34th session (09 Mar 2026 - 27 Mar 2026) 3 weeks (1 week of PSWG for adoption of LOI/LOIPR cancelled)

- The Committee will adopt the following documents during the session:
- Concluding Observations on initial reports of [Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Liberia, Marshall Islands, Pakistan, Samoa](#)
 - Lists of issues on [Colombia, Iceland, Ireland, Panama, Trinidad and Tobago](#)
 - List of issues prior to reporting on: [Cyprus, Luxembourg](#)

- CED - the Committee on Enforced Disappearances and the Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances thank the more than 70 contributions received in reply to their [joint call for inputs on “Enforced Disappearances in the context of transnational repression”](#). The two mechanisms will now analyze the submitted inputs and elaborate a joint draft statement that they hope to adopt by the end of 2026.
- The Human Rights Committee 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. See [submissions](#).
- CERD continue its work on draft General Recommendation No. 40 on reparations. Following a discussion at its 114th session in December 2024 CERD issued a [call for input](#) and held a [half-day of general discussion](#) during its 115th session. The Committee [invited comments on its first draft of the General Recommendation](#) in advance of its 116th session. The Committee will continue consideration of the General Recommendation No. 40 at its 117th session.
- CEDAW 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.
- CEDAW carried out [a half-day general discussion](#) and a series of regional and sub-regional consultations on gender stereotypes, during its [Pacific Technical Cooperation session](#) in Suva, Fiji (7 to 11 April 2025) including in the Pacific and in Europe and Central Asia, with support from UN Women. An in-person regional consultation for Europe and Central Asia was held in Istanbul from 3 to 4 December 2025. A regional consultation for Asia and the Pacific is tentatively scheduled for 31 March to 1 April 2026, with the modality—either in-person or virtual—pending budget confirmation. Additional regional consultations, to be held either virtually or in-person, are expected in April 2026 in the Middle East and North African, Latin America and Caribbean, East and Southern Africa, and West and Central Africa.
- 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).
- CERD and CMW [adopted joint GR No.38 and 39](#) at the 116th session of CERD and 41st session of CMW in December 2025 and held a public launch event .

- 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

- [CEDAW side event during the 92nd session on Advancing Women's Right to health. Towards an addendum to CEDAW General Recommendation No.24.](#) Tuesday, 17 February @ 13.30, Palais des Nations, Geneva.
- A [Call for inputs in relation to the implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/268](#) was circulated with regard to the preparation for the 6th SG report with a deadline extended to 28 February 2026.
- CERD: Highlights of the High-level Commemorative Event of the 60th Anniversary of ICERD (4 December 2025). On 4 December 2025, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) hosted a High-level Event to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the adoption of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD). The Commemorative event brought together over 250 participants, including representatives of more than 80 States, and representatives of a wide variety of regional and international human rights and anti-racial discrimination mechanisms, civil society and grassroots organizations, national human rights institutions, academia, and other key stakeholders. For more information see the webpage of the [ICERD 60 High-level Commemorative Event](#). View the video recording of the event: [morning session](#) and [afternoon session](#). Understand ICERD at a glance. Watch the new video collection “6 Things to Know about ICERD (and CERD)” available [here](#).
- 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 \(A/79/336\)](#)

Calls for Applications

- **Human Rights Council experts**

The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council has issued a call for applications for three mandate holder vacancies to be filled at the Council's 62nd session (15 June to 10 July 2026). All applicants must submit by **the deadline (24 March 2026 at 12 noon Geneva time)**, both: (1) a short online survey (<https://survey.ohchr.org/512657>); and (2) a mandate-specific Word application form. **Application instructions and forms are available at** <https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/sp/hrc62>

- **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
- [Subcommittee](#) on Prevention of Torture

Useful Links 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](#)
- Information on the adopted general comments by the treaty bodies are listed in the link below. [Human Rights Treaty Bodies - General Comments](#).
- **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>