

Report for Chile: Egypt's 2019 UPR Recommendations and Proposed Actions for 2025

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1. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Adopt policies to combat violence against women and girls that ensure access to justice for victims and include public awareness campaigns.

Egypt's Response Since 2019:

Egypt's National Report outlines commitments to the National Strategy for Women's Empowerment 2030, but persistent challenges remain in addressing violence against women and ensuring justice for victims. Comprehensive legislation to criminalize all forms of gender-based violence and public awareness campaigns are necessary to eliminate systemic issues and stigmatization faced by survivors.

Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:

***Recommendation 1:* Egypt should adopt comprehensive legislation to combat all forms of violence against women and girls, ensure access to justice for victims, and launch nationwide public awareness campaigns to change societal attitudes and promote gender equality.**

Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:

- **What steps has Egypt taken to ensure access to justice for survivors of gender-based violence?**
- **How does Egypt measure the impact of public awareness campaigns on reducing violence against women and girls?**

2. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Adopt a criminal definition of torture and cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment in accordance with the Convention against Torture and create mechanisms for the investigation and punishment of such crimes.

Egypt's Response Since 2019:

Egypt has not fully aligned its domestic legal framework with the Convention against Torture. Reports of torture and ill-treatment in detention facilities persist, and existing mechanisms to investigate

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such cases lack independence and transparency. Criminalizing torture in accordance with international standards is essential for accountability.

Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:

Recommendation 2: Egypt should amend its Penal Code to include a clear definition of torture in line with the Convention against Torture and establish independent mechanisms to investigate and prosecute allegations of torture and ill-treatment.

Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:

- **What progress has Egypt made in amending its legal framework to define torture in accordance with international standards?**
- **How does Egypt ensure transparency and accountability in investigating allegations of torture?**

3. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Continue strengthening national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights, including a national human rights action plan.

Egypt's Response Since 2019:

Egypt launched the National Strategy for Human Rights in 2021, aimed at improving its human rights framework. However, concerns remain regarding its implementation, particularly in addressing restrictions on civil society, freedom of expression, and assembly. Strengthening national institutions and ensuring the strategy's alignment with international standards are crucial.

Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:

Recommendation 3: Egypt should ensure that its National Strategy for Human Rights is implemented effectively and independently. Strengthening national institutions, such as the National Council for Human Rights, with adequate resources and independence is essential for progress.

Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:

- **How does Egypt monitor and assess the implementation of its National Strategy for Human Rights?**
- **What steps has Egypt taken to strengthen the independence and capacity of national human rights institutions?**

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Conclusion

Chile's 2019 recommendations urged Egypt to combat gender-based violence, align its legal framework with the Convention against Torture, and strengthen human rights institutions. While Egypt has made some efforts, substantial gaps remain, particularly in addressing systemic issues and ensuring accountability. The proposed actions for 2025 emphasize legislative reforms, institutional strengthening, and concrete measures to promote accountability and protect vulnerable groups.

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