

# **Report for Greece: Egypt's 2019 UPR Recommendations and Proposed Actions for 2025**

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### **1. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Continue efforts towards achieving greater participation of women in political and economic life, as well as increased representation in leadership positions.**

#### **Egypt's Response Since 2019:**

Egypt's National Report highlights efforts under the National Strategy for Women's Empowerment 2030, which promotes gender equality and women's representation in leadership roles. However, while some progress has been made, cultural and structural barriers still limit women's full participation in political and economic spheres. Women remain underrepresented in leadership positions, especially at local levels and in sectors traditionally dominated by men.

#### **Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:**

*Recommendation 1:* Egypt should establish targeted initiatives to increase women's representation in political, economic, and leadership roles, particularly through mentorship programs, quotas, and gender-sensitive policies. Monitoring mechanisms should be implemented to track progress and ensure accountability.

#### **Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:**

- What specific actions has Egypt taken to increase women's participation in political and economic life?
- How does Egypt measure and report progress on women's representation in leadership positions across sectors?

### **2. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Ensure that freedom of expression is safeguarded in all its forms in accordance with Egypt's international commitments.**

#### **Egypt's Response Since 2019:**

Egypt's National Report references constitutional protections for freedom of expression. However, restrictive laws, including the Media Regulation Law and Anti-Cyber and Information Technology Crimes Law, continue to curb free expression. Journalists, activists, and social media users face harassment, prosecution, and censorship, which limits open discourse and the expression of dissenting views.

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**Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:**

*Recommendation 2:* Egypt should amend the Media Regulation Law and Anti-Cyber Crimes Law to protect freedom of expression fully. The government should ensure that all forms of expression, including online, can be exercised without fear of reprisal, in alignment with international standards.

**Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:**

- What measures has Egypt taken to amend restrictive laws affecting freedom of expression?
- How does Egypt protect journalists, activists, and citizens from censorship and harassment?

**3. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Ensure that the process of investigating human rights violations is effective, transparent, impartial, and independent.****Egypt's Response Since 2019:**

Egypt's National Report claims that investigations into human rights violations are conducted under legal frameworks. However, reports suggest that investigations often lack transparency, independence, and accountability, particularly in cases involving alleged abuses by security forces. Victims and their families face barriers to justice, with limited information on case proceedings and outcomes.

**Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:**

*Recommendation 3:* Egypt should establish independent investigative bodies to handle allegations of human rights violations, ensuring transparency and impartiality. Mechanisms should be created for regular public reporting on the outcomes of investigations, providing accountability and access to justice for victims.

**Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:**

- What steps has Egypt taken to ensure independence and transparency in investigating human rights violations?
- How does Egypt provide accountability and justice for victims of human rights abuses?

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## Conclusion

Greece's 2019 recommendations urged Egypt to advance women's representation in leadership, protect freedom of expression, and ensure transparent investigations of human rights violations. Egypt's National Report indicates progress in some areas, but significant challenges remain, particularly in legal reforms, institutional accountability, and protection for free expression. The proposed recommendations for 2025 emphasize Egypt's need to uphold its international human rights commitments through comprehensive policy changes and independent oversight mechanisms.

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