

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

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1. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Continue combating sexual harassment and violence against women.

Egypt's Response Since 2019:

Egypt's National Report highlights ongoing initiatives to address sexual harassment and violence against women, including awareness campaigns and limited legislative measures. However, comprehensive laws criminalizing all forms of sexual and gender-based violence remain insufficient. Despite some progress, legal gaps and societal stigma continue to limit effective protection and justice for survivors.

Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:

Recommendation 1: Egypt should strengthen its legislative framework to criminalize all forms of sexual harassment and violence against women, including within domestic and public spaces. The government should expand awareness campaigns and provide specialized training for law enforcement and judiciary officials to ensure proper handling of such cases.

Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:

- What specific legal reforms has Egypt implemented to combat sexual harassment and violence against women?
- How does Egypt ensure that survivors have access to justice and support services?

2. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Continue efforts to fight corruption and to enact and modernize relevant legislation.

Egypt's Response Since 2019:

Egypt's National Report refers to initiatives aimed at fighting corruption, including the establishment of anti-corruption bodies and legal reforms. However, challenges remain regarding transparency and accountability, as well as the enforcement of anti-corruption measures. Strengthening oversight mechanisms and providing whistleblower protections are essential for effective anti-corruption efforts.

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Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:

Recommendation 2: Egypt should further strengthen its anti-corruption framework by enacting legislation that enhances transparency, accountability, and whistleblower protections. Independent oversight bodies should be empowered to investigate corruption cases impartially, ensuring enforcement across all levels of government.

Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:

- What new legislative measures has Egypt taken to enhance transparency and accountability in its fight against corruption?
- How does Egypt ensure that anti-corruption bodies operate independently and effectively?

3. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Continue cooperating with the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms.**Egypt's Response Since 2019:**

Egypt's National Report mentions periodic cooperation with the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms. However, reports indicate limited engagement with certain special procedures, particularly concerning visit requests and collaboration with independent human rights investigators. Increased cooperation with the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms would demonstrate Egypt's commitment to transparency and accountability.

Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:

Recommendation 3: Egypt should enhance its cooperation with the Human Rights Council by responding promptly to visit requests and allowing independent human rights investigations. Egypt should demonstrate full engagement with the Council's mechanisms, including special procedures and reporting obligations.

Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:

- What steps has Egypt taken to improve cooperation with the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms?
- How does Egypt facilitate access for special procedure mandate holders and ensure transparent reporting?

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Conclusion

Libya's 2019 recommendations encouraged Egypt to strengthen protections against violence toward women, enhance anti-corruption measures, and improve cooperation with the Human Rights Council. Egypt's National Report notes progress, but further reforms are needed to fully align with international standards, particularly in terms of legal protections, transparency, and cooperation with human rights mechanisms. The proposed recommendations for 2025 emphasize the need for targeted legal reforms and stronger institutional frameworks.

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