

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

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1. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Identify all juveniles tried in adult courts, overturn those verdicts, and refer all such defendants to juvenile courts.

Egypt's Response Since 2019:

Egypt's National Report indicates general protections for juveniles, yet many minors have reportedly been tried in adult courts, often in cases involving political charges or mass trials. Trying juveniles alongside adults violates international juvenile justice standards and raises concerns about their treatment and rehabilitation opportunities. Ensuring juveniles are tried in juvenile courts would align Egypt with global standards on child rights.

Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:

Recommendation 1: Egypt should identify all juveniles who have been tried in adult courts, overturn those verdicts, and ensure that all juvenile cases are exclusively handled by juvenile courts. Specialized training for judicial officials on juvenile justice standards should also be prioritized.

Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:

- What measures has Egypt implemented to identify and transfer juvenile cases from adult courts to juvenile courts?
- How does Egypt ensure that juveniles receive fair and age-appropriate treatment in the judicial system?

2. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Guarantee that freedom of expression is ensured in all its forms, including artistic expression, online and offline.

Egypt's Response Since 2019:

Egypt's National Report highlights constitutional provisions for freedom of expression, but restrictive laws, such as the Anti-Cyber and Information Technology Crimes Law, continue to limit online and offline expression. Journalists, artists, and activists face legal challenges, harassment, and detention for their work, impacting Egypt's freedom of expression landscape.

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Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:

Recommendation 2: Egypt should amend restrictive laws to ensure that freedom of expression is protected in all forms, including artistic and online expression. Legal protections should be established to prevent censorship and ensure the safety of individuals exercising this right.

Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:

- What legislative amendments has Egypt considered to protect freedom of expression in all forms?
- How does Egypt ensure that artists, journalists, and online activists are not penalized for their work?

3. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Impose a moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty.**Egypt's Response Since 2019:**

Egypt's National Report defends the death penalty as constitutionally permitted, yet Egypt remains among the countries with the highest execution rates. Calls for a moratorium have not been heeded, and mass trials have further raised concerns about fair trial standards in capital cases. Instituting a moratorium would be a step toward eventual abolition, aligning Egypt with international human rights trends.

Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:

Recommendation 3: Egypt should impose a moratorium on the death penalty and review all death sentences to ensure fair trial compliance. Steps toward abolishing the death penalty should be supported by public awareness campaigns about the importance of judicial reform.

Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:

- Has Egypt considered implementing a moratorium on the death penalty?
- What mechanisms are in place to review death penalty cases for fair trial standards?

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4. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Ensure the protection of all citizens against torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment, and provide the police and armed forces with the necessary training.

Egypt's Response Since 2019:

Egypt's National Report references commitments to humane treatment, but reports from human rights organizations indicate continued instances of torture and abuse by law enforcement and security forces. Training and accountability mechanisms are essential to protect against these abuses and ensure compliance with humane treatment standards.

Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:

Recommendation 4: Egypt should implement comprehensive training programs for police, military, and security forces focused on preventing torture and upholding humane treatment. Independent oversight mechanisms should also be established to investigate and address allegations of abuse.

Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:

- What specific training programs are in place for law enforcement to prevent torture and abuse?
- How does Egypt ensure accountability for allegations of torture or inhumane treatment by security forces?

5. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Issue standing invitations to all special rapporteurs, especially those on the situation of human rights defenders and on torture.

Egypt's Response Since 2019:

Egypt has yet to issue standing invitations to all special rapporteurs, which would allow independent assessments of Egypt's human rights situation. Extending these invitations, particularly to rapporteurs focused on human rights defenders (HRDs) and torture, would signal Egypt's commitment to transparency and international collaboration on human rights issues.

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Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:

Recommendation 5: Egypt should issue standing invitations to all UN special rapporteurs, prioritizing visits from those focusing on human rights defenders and torture. Facilitating these visits would enhance Egypt's engagement with international human rights mechanisms and contribute to greater accountability.

Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:

- Has Egypt taken steps to issue standing invitations to all special rapporteurs?
- How does Egypt plan to cooperate with rapporteurs focusing on human rights defenders and torture?

Conclusion

Norway's 2019 recommendations called for Egypt to ensure juvenile justice, protect freedom of expression, impose a moratorium on the death penalty, prevent torture, and cooperate with UN human rights mechanisms. Egypt's National Report highlights general commitments, but further reforms are essential to meet these recommendations fully. The proposed actions for 2025 emphasize legal protections, transparent oversight, and cooperation with international mechanisms to strengthen Egypt's human rights framework.

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