

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

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Egypt's National Report asserts support for civil society through Law No. 149 of 2019, which regulates NGO activities. However, restrictions from case No. 173, commonly known as the "foreign funding case," continue to impact NGOs and civil society. Ongoing travel bans, asset freezes, and restrictive measures limit the operations of HRDs and organizations, undermining Egypt's commitment to a free civil society.

Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:

Recommendation 1: Egypt should fully close case No. 173, lift travel bans and asset freezes on civil society members, and ensure that the NGO law allows civil society organizations to operate without undue restrictions. Legal reforms should be implemented to protect HRDs and promote an open civil society environment.

Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:

- What steps has Egypt taken to end case No. 173 and lift restrictions on civil society organizations?
- How does Egypt ensure that civil society organizations can operate independently and without interference?

2. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Release detainees held for exercising their rights to freedom of expression or association, and ensure fair trial guarantees for those remaining in detention.**Egypt's Response Since 2019:**

Egypt's National Report mentions constitutional protections for freedom of expression and association. However, many detainees remain imprisoned for peaceful activism, journalism, and human rights work. Reports indicate that fair trial standards are often not met, especially in cases involving HRDs and political detainees.

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Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:

Recommendation 2: Egypt should release all individuals detained for peaceful expression and association, and ensure that those remaining in detention receive fair trial guarantees in line with international standards. Judicial transparency and accountability mechanisms should be strengthened to prevent future violations.

Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:

- What measures has Egypt implemented to ensure the release of individuals detained for peaceful expression and association?
- How does Egypt guarantee fair trial rights for all detainees, particularly HRDs and activists?

3. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Address impunity by credibly investigating allegations of extrajudicial killings, torture, and forced disappearances by security forces, publicly release findings, and prosecute those responsible.**Egypt's Response Since 2019:**

Egypt's National Report does not provide detailed information on specific investigations into allegations of extrajudicial killings, torture, or forced disappearances by security forces. Reports from human rights organizations indicate that these abuses persist, often without accountability. Transparent investigations and accountability for perpetrators are essential to prevent impunity within security forces.

Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:

Recommendation 3: Egypt should establish an independent commission to investigate allegations of extrajudicial killings, torture, and forced disappearances, ensure that findings are made public, and prosecute those responsible. Strengthening oversight mechanisms would reinforce accountability and prevent future abuses.

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Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:

- What steps has Egypt taken to investigate allegations of extrajudicial killings, torture, and forced disappearances?
- How does Egypt ensure that findings from investigations are publicly released and that responsible parties are prosecuted?

Conclusion

The United States' 2019 recommendations urged Egypt to support civil society, uphold fair trial rights, and address impunity for abuses by security forces. Egypt's National Report mentions constitutional protections, but further reforms are needed to ensure genuine accountability, transparency, and protections for civil society. The proposed recommendations for 2025 focus on closing case No. 173, protecting detainees' rights, and investigating abuses to align with Egypt's international obligations.

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