

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

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1. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Prohibit all corporal punishment of children in all settings, including the home, and repeal all provisions that defend its use in child-rearing.

Egypt's Response Since 2019:

Egypt's National Report does not directly address corporal punishment of children. While protections for children are included under various laws, there is no specific prohibition of corporal punishment in all settings. Addressing this gap would align Egypt with international child protection standards.

Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:

Recommendation 1: Egypt should enact legislation that explicitly prohibits corporal punishment of children in all settings, including the home, and repeal any provisions that support its use in child-rearing. Public awareness campaigns on positive discipline should be implemented to support the shift toward non-violent parenting.

Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:

- What steps has Egypt taken to prohibit corporal punishment of children in all settings?
- How does Egypt promote non-violent child-rearing practices and positive discipline?

2. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Ensure the implementation of provisions of the new Constitution aimed at reinforcing the enjoyment of the rights of all women and continue making progress through concrete policies and measures to guarantee equal rights between women and men.

Egypt's Response Since 2019:

Egypt's National Report highlights initiatives under the National Strategy for Women's Empowerment 2030, but gender inequality persists, particularly in personal status laws concerning marriage, divorce, and inheritance. Implementing policies that promote gender equality and address these disparities would strengthen protections for women's rights.

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Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:

Recommendation 2: Egypt should implement policies and legislative reforms to enforce constitutional provisions for gender equality, focusing on areas such as personal status laws and equal access to economic and political opportunities for women.

Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:

- What specific policies has Egypt implemented to promote gender equality and protect women's rights?
- How does Egypt ensure that constitutional provisions for women's rights are effectively enforced across all sectors?

3. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Consider declaring a moratorium on the death penalty and reviewing all sentences for which the death penalty has been imposed.**Egypt's Response Since 2019:**

Egypt's National Report maintains support for the death penalty under certain constitutional safeguards. However, Egypt has one of the highest rates of executions globally, and there has been no indication of a moratorium or review process for death penalty cases. Establishing a moratorium would signify Egypt's commitment to aligning with international human rights trends.

Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:

Recommendation 3: Egypt should establish an immediate moratorium on the death penalty, conduct a comprehensive review of all death penalty cases, and consider commuting sentences where appropriate.

Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:

- Has Egypt considered implementing a moratorium on the death penalty as a step toward abolition?
- What mechanisms does Egypt have in place to review and potentially commute existing death sentences?

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4. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Consider acceding to the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.

Egypt's Response Since 2019:

Egypt's National Report does not specifically address statelessness. Acceding to these conventions would reinforce Egypt's commitment to protecting the rights of stateless persons and reducing instances of statelessness, especially among marginalized communities and children of foreign or stateless parents.

Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:

Recommendation 4: Egypt should consider acceding to the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. Policies should be developed to address the legal and social needs of stateless persons and prevent future cases of statelessness.

Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:

- What steps has Egypt taken to address the issue of statelessness and protect the rights of stateless persons?
- Has Egypt considered acceding to international conventions on the status and reduction of statelessness?

Conclusion

Uruguay's 2019 recommendations encouraged Egypt to prohibit corporal punishment of children, enforce gender equality provisions, consider a moratorium on the death penalty, and address statelessness. While Egypt's National Report indicates partial progress, further reforms are needed to fully align with international human rights standards. The proposed recommendations for 2025 highlight legal reforms, protective measures, and commitments to international agreements.

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