



Contributions from Venezuelan civil society to the midterm update of the Universal Periodic Review - Summary

This summary was prepared by AlertaVenezuela with contributions from 15 Venezuelan organizations dedicated to a variety of issues and rights. It consists of a compilation of assessments, based on each organization's expertise and mandate, on the status of compliance with the recommendations accepted by the Venezuelan state within the framework of the Third Cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR). The full report can be seen at: <http://en.alertavenezuela.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/UPR-Venezuela-Mid-term.pdf>

In the third UPR cycle, Venezuela accepted 221 of the 328 recommendations made by states. For this report, 88 of the 221 accepted recommendations were analyzed, based on the responses to the consultation with civil society organizations. The recommendations are grouped into different rights groups, as shown in the table of contents, and ordered consecutively. Each recommendation was assessed according to the degree of compliance by the Venezuelan state, according to four categories: met, partially met, not met, and in regression. It is possible that different assessments may be given for the same recommendation, as each organization manages its own compliance assessment indicators.

The Venezuelan state has repeatedly ignored the mandate of the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Venezuela, as well as the reports submitted by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, prepared based on Human Rights Council resolutions. Venezuela's rejection of these mechanisms is based on arguments alleging an alleged selective practice in monitoring certain countries, as well as allegations of interference in internal affairs, as these mechanisms do not have the consent of the state concerned.

Venezuela recognizes the Universal Periodic Review as the only valid peer-to-peer human rights monitoring mechanism. In this sense, the complete failure to comply with recommendations voluntarily accepted by the Venezuelan state refutes its narrative of alleged cooperation with the international human rights protection system in peer review forums, even when these recommendations have been accepted by the country.

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Status of compliance with the recommendation

Fulfilled

Partially fulfilled

Not fulfilled

In regression

CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS

31.58 (South Africa). Continue efforts to reform the prison system in accordance with the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (Mandela Rules).					
31.114 (Ireland) Review laws and regulations on terrorist financing , registration and funding imposed on civil society organizations, to ensure that they comply with international human rights standards, their number, and the country.					
31.169 (Slovakia) Ensure freedom of expression and support a plural and safe communication environment					
31.171 (Slovenia) Ensure the protection of human rights defenders against harassment, criminalization, and persecution, and adopt a policy for the protection of human rights defenders.					
31.175 (Ukraine) Provide a democratic environment conducive to the activities of the political opposition, journalists, and human rights defenders					
31.184 (Bulgaria) Protect and promote freedom of expression , ensure the safety of journalists, and respond to alleged violations					
31.186. (Côte d'Ivoire) Ensure a free environment that allows civil society organizations to carry out their work and adopt a policy of protection for human rights defenders .					
31.189 (Czech Republic) Establish a free and enabling environment for the work of civil society organizations and ensure that human rights defenders and civic activists are not publicly persecuted, harassed, or stigmatized.					
31.192 (Estonia) Create a safe and non-discriminatory environment for the press, civil society and humanitarian organizations and ensure the safety of those working in these fields.					
31.194 (Georgia) Guarantee freedom of expression					
31.196 (Dominican Republic): Intensify efforts to improve the guarantees and provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in relation to the exercise of fundamental freedoms and the right to participate in public and political life .					
31.197 (Italy) Guarantee freedom of expression and opinion both online and offline and access to justice for victims of violations of these freedoms, and ensure that human rights defenders, journalists, and humanitarian personnel can carry out their work in a safe environment					

31.198 (Japan) Take concrete measures to ensure freedom of opinion and expression , as well as freedom of the media, taking into account reports submitted by human rights institutions and human rights treaty bodies					
31.199 (Latvia) Promote and protect the right to freedom of assembly, freedom of expression and freedom of the media , as well as the safety of journalists					
31.203 (Lithuania) Ensure respect for the freedom of assembly , opinion, and expression of peaceful protesters					
31.204 (Malta) Ensure respect for the freedom of assembly, opinion and expression of persons participating in peaceful demonstrations, in accordance with the Constitution					
31.207 (Netherlands) Take effective measures to ensure freedom of expression , free access to information and freedom of the press, including by ensuring that independent investigations are carried out into all allegations of crimes against journalists.					
31.208 (New Zealand) Ensure respect for democratic rights, such as freedom of assembly and expression, and the full participation of all parties in electoral processes					
31.211 (Poland) Respect the freedom of assembly, opinion and expression of persons participating in peaceful demonstrations					
31.213 (Republic of Korea) Strengthen efforts to expand civic and democratic space , paying particular attention to the protection of journalists, human rights defenders and political actors from intimidation and attacks					
31.225 (Indonesia): Promote democracy by strengthening democratic institutions and the right of citizens to participate in political and public affairs, including possible bilateral cooperation with friendly countries					
31.226 (Belarus) To present its new and modern electoral system to the international community as a positive experience of political participation					
31.231 (Ukraine) Take all necessary measures to ensure a free and fair electoral process					
31.232 (Republic of Korea) Safeguard the freedom of peaceful assembly and refrain from excessive use of force against peaceful protesters					
31.235 (Romania) Adopt legal and administrative measures to address the recommendations regarding guaranteeing freedom of expression, opinion, association and the press, the right to peaceful demonstration, the rights to food and education, as well as public access to health services and medicines					
31.238 (Ireland) Continue to promote and support the work of social organizations and movements,					

COOPERATION WITH UNITED NATIONS MECHANISMS

31.19 (Senegal) Continue discussions with a view to ratifying the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance .				
31.28 (Vietnam) Maintain cooperation with the United Nations human rights treaty bodies and mechanisms				
31.29 (Luxemburgo) Colaborar con el sistema de derechos humanos de las Naciones Unidas , en particular presentando los informes atrasados a los órganos de tratados y cooperando con la Oficina del Alto Comisionado de las Naciones Unidas para los Derechos Humanos y los mecanismos del Consejo de Derechos Humanos				
31.33 (Australia) Cooperate with international human rights instruments and mechanisms, including by supporting regular and unrestricted visits by United Nations special procedures.				
31.39 (Algeria) Continue cooperation and technical assistance with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and other international organizations in order to strengthen the promotion of these fundamental rights.				
31.43 (Germany) to strengthen international cooperation in the field of human rights, inter alia by allowing an increase in the staffing of the OHCHR office in Caracas and effective access to the entire country.				
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31.46 (Türkiye) Continue dialogue and cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and other United Nations agencies				
31.98 (Barbados) Continue to strengthen national mechanisms for monitoring and implementing international human rights recommendations through broad consultation processes accessible to all				

FIGHTING IMPUNITY AND INVESTIGATING SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

31.124 (Austria) Carry out independent , thorough, and prompt investigations into all cases of human rights violations, in particular extrajudicial executions and attacks against journalists and human rights defenders and bring the perpetrators to justice.				
31.125 (Belgium) Immediately and impartially investigate all cases of extrajudicial executions and excessive use of force by security forces, including in the context of protests.				
31.126 (Mexico) Strengthen the capacity to carry out prompt, thorough and impartial investigations into cases of enforced disappearances, arbitrary detentions, and excessive use of force				
31.127 (Finland) Ensure that judicial authorities carry out, in accordance with international law, prompt, independent and impartial investigations and prosecutions of cases of				

extrajudicial executions, torture and arbitrary detention by national police and security forces				
31.132 (Timor-Leste) Strengthen the National Commission for the Prevention of Torture and Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment				
31.183 (Botswana) Expedite investigations and criminal proceedings on pending cases of death in the context of protest.				

ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS

31.107 (Fiji) Strengthen efforts to establish and strengthen legislative frameworks necessary to address cross-cutting environmental challenges , including frameworks relating to climate change and disaster risk reduction.				
31.263 (France) Implement policies to guarantee the right to food, water, and health of the Venezuelan population.				
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31.268 (Indonesia) Take concrete and immediate measures to ensure that basic needs, such as food, electricity, clean water, and medical treatment , are covered				
31.273 (Lao People's Democratic Republic) Continue to adopt sufficient measures to positively guarantee the right to food of the Venezuelan people				
31.288 (Brunei Darussalam) Continue to strengthen efforts to ensure that citizens fully enjoy good health, including mental health , and have access to health care and support,				
31.295 (Saudi Arabia) Ensure universal access to health care for all, especially for the most vulnerable communities and groups				

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

31.83 (Maldives) Adopt a national action plan to address violence against women and ensure that the necessary resources are allocated to implement it.				
31.85 (Sweden) Ensure the effective implementation of the Organic Law on Women's Right to a Life Free from Violence in all areas, including by establishing a national action plan to protect women and prevent violence against them.				
31.87 (Croatia) Adopt a national action plan to combat sexual and gender-based violence				
31.105 (Fiji) Redouble efforts to address violence against women and children, and against any other person based on their sexual orientation or gender identity, including by taking measures to prevent violence and support survivors, and removing obstacles to access to justice				

RIGHTS OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

31.272 (Egypt) Continue to take all necessary measures to guarantee the right to food, particularly for children and adolescents				
31.302 (Indonesia) Take all necessary measures to ensure the effectiveness of the right of all children to education				
31.312 (Bahrain) Develop a dedicated institutional framework to strengthen existing efforts to eradicate violence against women and children				
31.320 (Singapore) Continue initiatives aimed at improving the education of children and adolescents at all levels				
31.322 (Barbados) Continue developing policies and programs that protect the rights of children and adolescents				
31.323 (Bulgaria) Strengthen institutions and mechanisms for the protection of unaccompanied children and combat all forms of violence, exploitation, and abuse against them.				
31.324 (Sri Lanka) Strengthen the Specialized Comprehensive Protection Unit to improve the protection of children and adolescents with disabilities				
31,326 (United Arab Emirates) Continue developing training programs to improve the capacity of teaching staff working with children and adolescents with disabilities , including the awarding of a Venezuelan Sign Language certificate, as well as a certificate of full mastery of Braille, orientation, and mobility techniques.				

PREVENTION OF MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

31.239 (Romania) Implement the National Plan against Trafficking in Persons for 2021-2025, thus establishing a comprehensive policy in the field of trafficking in women, children and adolescents and the smuggling of migrants				
31.241. (Mexico) Strengthen institutions and policies regarding trafficking in persons and provide comprehensive assistance and protection to victims.				
31.242. (Liechtenstein) Establish specialized institutions and policies to document and protect migrants, women, children, and the most vulnerable who become victims of human trafficking, forced prostitution, and sexual slavery .				
31.242 (Liechtenstein) Establish specialized institutions and policies to document the cases of migrants, women, children, and the most vulnerable people who become victims of human trafficking, forced prostitution and sexual slavery , and to protect them from these situations.				
31.243 (Djibouti) Continue efforts to combat trafficking in persons , particularly the sexual exploitation of children and women, by intensifying efforts against those responsible for trafficking in persons				
31.244 (Congo) Redouble efforts to combat trafficking in persons, especially women and children				

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31.245. (Angola). Adopt concrete measures to protect women and children from trafficking in persons.				
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31.247 (Thailand) Intensify efforts to combat trafficking in persons, particularly of women, children, and Venezuelan migrants, and to effectively implement the National Plan against Trafficking in Persons				

RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

31. 295. (Saudi Arabia) Guarantee the access to universal health care for all, especially for the most vulnerable communities and groups				
31.305 (Plurinational State of Bolivia) Continue implementing intercultural schools nationwide to offer bilingual intercultural education to students, taking into account the cultural specificity of each Indigenous people.				

INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING

31.33 (Australia) Cooperate with international human rights instruments and mechanisms , including by providing support for visits				
31.70 (Burundi) Continue to take appropriate measures to strengthen the various institutions responsible for promoting and protecting human rights.				
31.76 (Lithuania) Develop and approve a new national human rights plan				
31.78 (Islamic Republic of Iran) Continue implementing national plans for economic and productive recovery , focusing especially on the most vulnerable sectors of society, thus ensuring the promotion and protection of their fundamental rights.				
31.88 (Malaysia) Continue to implement the National Human Rights Plan for 2016-2019, especially with regard to social protection programs that support women, children, and persons with disabilities.				
31.91 (Ukraine) Ensure the independence of the national human rights institution and ensure that it achieves the highest accreditation.				
31.93 (India) Continue to strengthen the national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles				
31.95 (Nepal). Consider implementing measures to achieve the reclassification of the Ombudsman's Office as a Category A institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.				
31.113 (Poland) Resume a substantive dialogue with all Venezuelan stakeholders, with the aim of achieving a peaceful solution to the current crisis				

31.137 (Bahamas) Publish the national budget to enable public oversight				
31.229 (Norway) Continue seeking peaceful and inclusive solutions through negotiations for the benefit of the Venezuelan people.				
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31.237 (Yemen). Maintain and consolidate peace, increase opportunities to overcome differences, and promote dialogue and national reconciliation with a view to protecting human rights.				

RIGHTS OF THE LGBTIQ+ COMMUNITY

31.104 (Cuba). Continue implementing public policies to guarantee gender equality and rights of LGBTIQ+ communities				
31.175 (Ukraine). Provide a democratic environment conducive to the activities of the political opposition, journalists, and human rights defenders				
31.195 (Iceland). Prevent all forms of discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression and sexual characteristics				

TOTALIZATION OF RIGHTS BLOCKS

TOTAL RESOLUTIONS ANALYZED: 88

Rights or themes	Fulfilled	Partially fulfilled	Not fulfilled	In regression
Civil and Political Rights	0	0	7	19
Cooperation with United Nations Mechanisms	0	4	5	0
Fighting Impunity and Investigating Serious Human Rights Violations	0	0	0	6
Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights	0	1	5	2
Women's Rights	0	0	1	1
Children's and Adolescents' Rights	0	0	3	4
Preventing Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking	0	0	6	4
Indigenous Peoples' Rights	0	0	0	2
Institutional Strengthening	0	3	8	5
Rights of the LGBTQI+ Community	0	0	1	2
TOTAL	0	8	36	44

UPR Recommendations accepted by Venezuela

