

Source and criteria used in creating ‘scorecards for each of the States seeking election to the UN Human Rights Council for 2018-2020.

ELEMENT	SOURCE
Previous terms	OHCHR website, List of past members of the Human Rights Council
Submitted a public pledge on its candidacy	Unites Nations Documents Search
Pledged to strengthen Human Rights Council membership and adherence to membership standards	Signed the joint statement at the 35 th session of the Human Rights Council presented by the Netherlands
Committed to applying an objective, human rights-based criteria in addressing situations of concern	Signed joint statement at the 32 nd session of the Human Rights Council presented by Ireland, and by implication the joint statement at the 35 th session of the Human Rights Council presented by the Netherlands
Issued a standing invitation to Special Procedures	OHCHR website, Standing Invitations
Consistently responded positively to country visit requests (Less than 5 outstanding)	OHCHR website, Country visits and special procedures
Sent a reply to more than 80% of communications received from Special Procedures	OHCHR website, Communication report and search
Accepted more than 70% of UPR recommendations	UPR Info website, Statistics of Recommendations
Case of reprisals has never been highlighted in SG reports (2011-2016)	OHCHR website, Acts of intimidation and reprisal for cooperation with the special procedures
Spoken out expressing concern about reprisals	Signed the joint statement at the 30 th session of the Human Rights Council presented by the Ghana
The State has consistently sponsored Council and Third Committee resolutions on human rights defenders, civil society space and preventing reprisals	Sponsored more than 7 of the following resolutions: Human Rights Council resolutions 13/13, 22/6 & 31/32 (human rights defenders), 24/21 (civil society space), 24/24 (reprisals), 25/18 & 34/5 (renewal of mandate of Special Rapporteur on human rights defenders); General Assembly resolutions: 66/164, 68/181 & 70/161
Ratified 10 or more international human rights treaties and protocols	Ratified 10 of more of the following international human rights treaties and protocols - ICCPR , ICCPR-OP1 , ICCPR-OP2 ; ICESCR , ICESR-OP ; ICRD ; CEDAW , CEDAW-OP ; CRC , CRC-OP-AC , CRC-OP-SC , CRC-OP-IC ; ICMW ; CPED ; CPRD , CRPD-OP ; CAT , OP-CAT OHCHR website, Ratification status
Has 3 or fewer outstanding treaty body reports	OHCHR website, Reporting Status
Has an NHRI in conformity with the Paris Principles (A-status)	GANHRI, Status of National Institutions
Sponsored both the Council and Third Committee resolutions on NHRIs	Sponsored both Human Rights Council resolution 27/18 and General Assembly resolution 70/163