



HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL ELECTIONS

2021 CANDIDATE

SAUDI ARABIA

Status - Seeking Election

Previous Terms - 2007-09; 2010-12; 2014-16; 2017-19

Voluntary pledges

- Has the State submitted a public pledge on its candidacy?
- Has the State submitted the public pledge in a timely manner?

Strengthening the Council's effectiveness

- Has the State pledged to strengthen Human Rights Council membership and adherence to membership standards?
- Has the State committed to applying an objective, human rights-based criteria in addressing situations of concern?
- Has the State played a leadership role on country situations at the Council?

Cooperation with Special Procedures

- Has the State issued a standing invitation to Special Procedures?
- Has the State consistently responded positively to country visit requests (less than 5 outstanding)?
- Has the State sent a substantive reply to more than 80% of communications received from Special Procedures?

UPR

- Has the State developed and published an action plan for implementation of UPR recommendations?
- Has the State submitted a mid-term report?

Treaty bodies

- Has the State ratified the 9 core international human rights treaties and the related optional protocols?
- Has the State accepted all individual complaint mechanisms?
- Does the State have 3 or fewer outstanding treaty body reports?

Civil Society

- Does the State have reprisals highlighted in SG reports (2008-2019)?
- Has the State spoken out about particular cases of reprisals?
- Has the State consistently sponsored Council and Third Committee resolutions on human rights defenders, civil society space and reprisals?

NHRI

- Does the State have an NHRI in conformity with the Paris Principles (A-status)?

Financial contributions

- Has the State paid its UN contributions?