

Source and criteria used in creating ‘scorecards for each of the States seeking election to the UN Human Rights Council for 2021-2023

ELEMENT	SOURCE
Previous terms	OHCHR website, List of past members of the Human Rights Council
Voluntary pledges	
Submitted a public pledge on its candidacy	United Nations Documents Search
Submitted its public pledge on its candidacy in a timely manner	United Nations Documents Search or ISHR Web site if the candidate State provides it, by 28 July 2020.
Strengthening the Council’s effectiveness	
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, or pledges to sign on to an Incoming Members’ Pledge, akin to the joint statement at the 37 th session of the Council delivered by Australia, or the joint statement delivered by Fiji at the 40th session, the joint statement delivered by the Marshall Islands at the 43rd session or otherwise formally commits by way of statement to the Human Rights Council or in its pledge to the principles reflected in these joint statements.
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, or the joint statement at the 35 th session of the Council presented by the Netherlands, or the joint statement at the 37 th session of the Council delivered by Australia, joint statement delivered by Fiji at the 40th session, the joint statement delivered by the Marshall Islands at the 43rd session , or otherwise formally commits by way of a statement to the Human Rights Council or in its pledge to the principles reflected in these joint statements.
Played a leadership role on country situations at the Council	Fulfilled commitments set out in the joint statement at the 32 nd Council session presented by Ireland, resulting in significant attention on at least two country situations, by leading (pen holder) or delivering a joint statement dedicated fully or substantially to a country situation, or leading a resolution (pen holder or member of core group) or a request for a special session (initiating the request as a sponsor). <i>*This includes any country situation in respect of which the State has played a non-public leadership role resulting in collective action at the Council</i>
Cooperation with Special Procedures	
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 <i>*Country visits requests made more than 6 years ago without a reminder sent by the special procedures are not counted.</i>
Sent a substantive reply to more than 80% of communications received from Special Procedures	OHCHR database, Communications sent and replies received
Universal Periodic Review (UPR)	
Has the State developed and published an action plan for implementation of the UPR recommendations?	Information provided and published by the State

Has the State submitted a UPR mid-term report?	OHCHR mid-term report page
Treaty bodies	
Ratified the 9 core international human rights treaties plus the related optional protocols?	Ratification status of the 9 core international human rights treaties and optional protocols: ICCPR , ICESCR , ICERD , CEDAW , CRC , CAT , CED , CPRD , ICMW . Optional Protocols: ICCPR-OP2 , CRC-OP-AC , CRC OPSC , OP-CAT
Has accepted all individual complaint mechanisms?	Individual complaints mechanisms of 9 core international human rights treaties: ICCPR-OP1 , CAT (art 22) , CERD (art 14) , CEDAW-OP , CRPD-OP , CED (art 31) , CMW (art 77) , ICESR-OP , CRC-OPIC
Has 3 or fewer outstanding treaty body reports	OHCHR website, Reporting Status
Civil Society	
No case of unresolved reprisals highlighted in Secretary-General reports (2010-2019)	OHCHR website - Acts of intimidation and reprisal for cooperation with the United Nations in the field of human rights
Spoken out expressing concern about particular cases of reprisals	Publicly expressed concern about particular cases of reprisals during the Human Rights Council debates, such as under Items 2, 4 or 5 or during the annual interactive dialogue with the Assistant Secretary-General on reprisals or during the UPR.
The State has consistently sponsored Council and Third Committee resolutions on human rights defenders, civil society space and reprisals	Sponsored more than 50% of the following resolutions: Human Rights Council resolutions 13/13, 22/6 & 31/32, 40/22 (human rights defenders), 24/21, 32/31, 27/31, 38/12 (civil society space), 12/12, 24/24, 36/21, 42/28 (reprisals), 25/18 & 34/5 (renewal of mandate of Special Rapporteur on human rights defenders); General Assembly resolutions: 66/164, 68/181, 70/161, 72/247, 74/146
National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs)	
Has an NHRI in conformity with the Paris Principles (A-status)	GANHRI
United Nations Contributions	
Has paid its UN contributions?	Paid its UN contributions in the first three quarters of the calendar year; UN Committee on Contributions (last update 29 June 2020)