

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL ELECTIONS

2026 REGIONAL CANDIDATES

ASIA-PACIFIC STATES

4 SEATS



	JAPAN	JORDAN	KUWAIT	NEPAL	TIMOR LESTE
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 supported all country-specific resolutions at the Human Rights Council or General Assembly?	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
Has the State played a leadership role on country situations at the Council?	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Has the State opposed all attempts to defund HRC mandates at the Fifth Committee?	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
Cooperation with Special Procedures					
Has the State consistently accepted country visit requests?	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Has the State sent substantive replies to communications sent by Special Procedures?	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
UPR					
Has the State developed and published an action plan for the implementation of UPR recommendations?	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Has the State submitted a voluntary UPR mid-term report?	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Treaty bodies					
Has the State ratified the 9 core international human rights treaties plus the related optional protocols?	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Has the State accepted all individual complaint mechanisms?	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Does the State not have any outstanding treaty body reports?	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
Civil society					
Does the State have no unresolved cases of reprisals highlighted in Secretary-General reports (2015 - 2025)?	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
Has the State publicly expressed concern, by name, about particular victims of reprisals related to UN engagement at the General Assembly or Human Rights Council?	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗
Has the State sponsored the last HRC and Third Committee resolutions on human rights defenders, civil society space and reprisals?	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
National Human Rights Institution					
Does the State have a NHRI in conformity with the Paris Principles (A-status)?	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
Financial contributions					
Has the State paid its UN contributions in full and in a timely manner?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗