

Recommendations Relevant to Statelessness made during the First Cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (2008 – 2011)

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Accession to the Statelessness Conventions

- 1. Andorra (9th session): accede to the Conventions on statelessness (2 recommendations): **rejected.** Government response: the State has no present plans to accede to the conventions on statelessness.
- 2. Antigua and Barbuda (12th session): accede to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (1 recommendation): will be considered.
- 3. **Bhutan** (6th session): Accede to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. Government (1 recommendation) response: the State does not expressly reject the recommendation to accede to the 1961 Convention, but it says it must gradually broaden its international obligations based on its financial ability and resources.
- 4. **Bulgaria** (9th session): Accede to the 1954 Convention on the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1954 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (5 recommendations): **accepted**.
- 5. **CAR** (5th session): ratify the 1954 Convention on the Status of Stateless Persons (1 recommendation): **will be considered**. Government response: no response was given to this recommendation during the adoption session.
- 6. **Côte d'Ivoire** (6th session): ratify the 1954 Convention on the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (3 recommendations): **will be considered**. Government response: in light of the current crisis the State will defer consideration of this recommendation and ratify the treaty in due time after the end of the crisis.
- 7. **Dominican Republic** (6th session): Ratify the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness and sign and ratify the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons (1 recommendation): will be considered. Government response: no response given to this recommendation during the adoption session.
- 8. **Estonia** (10th session): Accede to the Convention relating to the Stateless persons and to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (1 recommendation): **rejected.**
- 9. Georgia (10th session): Ratify the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (2 recommendations): partial acceptance. Government response: the State is reviewing national legislation for subsequent ratification of the 1954 Convention, but will not be ratifying the 1961 Convention
- 10. **Greece** (11th session): Ratify the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (1 recommendation): **accepted.** Government response: the



Government will accede to the 1961 Convention in due course and has domestic legislation in place to avoid statelessness.

- 11. **Grenada** (8th session): Accede to the Conventions on stateless persons (1 recommendation): **rejected.** Government response: the State will continue reviewing the possibility of ratifying the Stateless Conventions.
- 12. **Haiti** (12th session): Accede to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons as well as the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (1 recommendation): **rejected.**
- 13. **Iceland** (12th session): Ratify the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons as well as the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 14. **Jamaica** (9th session): Accede to the United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons of 1954 and to the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness of 1961 (1 recommendation): **will be considered**. Government response: the Government attaches importance to the objectives underpinning these Conventions and will keep them under review with the aim of taking a decision on ratification.
- 15. **Kuwait** (8th session): Ratify the Convention relating to the status of stateless persons and the Convention relating to the reduction of statelessness (3 recommendations): **rejected.** Government response: no response given as to rationale for rejecting this recommendation.
- 16. Latvia (11th session): Effectively comply with the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (1 recommendation): rejected
- 17. **Mozambique** (10th session): Ratify the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 18. Myanmar (10th session): Ratify the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (1 recommendation): will be considered. Government response: the State is considering becoming a party to the Stateless Conventions, but this requires approval by the Parliament.
- 19. Namibia (10th session): Ratify the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (1 recommendation): will be considered. Government response: no response to this recommendation was given during the adoption session.
- 20. **Nauru** (10th session): Ratify the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 21. **Niger** (10th session): Ratify the 1954 Convention on the Status of Stateless Persons (1 recommendation): **accepted**.
- 22. **Oman** (10th session): Ratify the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, and the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness: **will be considered**
- 23. **Palau** (11th session): Accede to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of



Statelessness (2 recommendations): **will be considered.** Government response: the Government is developing awareness and determining its capacity to accede to the Statelessness Conventions.

- 24. **Papua New Guinea** (11th session): Ratify the 1954 Convention related to the Status of Stateless Persons and 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 25. **Saint Lucia** (10th session): Ratify the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (2 recommendations): **rejected.** Government response: due to resource constraints and national priorities the State cannot accede to the Statelessness Conventions.
- 26. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (11th session): Ratify the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (1 recommendation): will be considered. Government response: the State will continue to give consideration to ratifying the 1961 Convention on Statelessness.
- 27. **Samoa** (11th session): Ratify the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (1 recommendation): **will be considered.** Government response: the State will continue to determine its ability to accede to the 1954 and 1961 Conventions on Statelessness.
- 28. **Sao Tome and Principe** (10th session): Ratify the 1954 Convention relating to the status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the reduction of Statelessness (1 recommendation): **rejected.**
- 29. **Saudi Arabia** (4th session): consider positively acceding to the conventions on statelessness (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 30. **Seychelles** (11th session): Ratify the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Person and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (1 recommendation): **will be considered.** Government response: the State will submit the Statelessness Conventions to the relevant stakeholders to determine its ability to ratify them.
- 31. Solomon Islands (11th session): Ratify the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (1 recommendation): accepted.
- 32. **Surinam** (11th session): Ratify the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (1 recommendation): **rejected.** Government response: the recommendation will continue to enjoy the attention of the Government.
- 33. **Tajikistan** (12th session): Ratify the 1954 and 1961 Statelessness Convention (1 recommendation): will be considered.
- 34. **Thailand** (12th session): Consider ratifying the conventions on stateless persons (3 recommendations): will be considered.
- 35. **Trinidad and Tobago** (12th session): Accede to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (1 recommendation): **will be considered.**
- 36. Uganda (12th session): Ratify the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (1 recommendation): rejected.



- 37. Ukraine (2nd session): Redouble efforts to the Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons of 1954 and the 1961 Convention to Reduce Statelessness (1 recommendation): **rejected.** Government response: the State was in the process of introducing into national legislation a law on the Legal Status of Stateless Persons and Foreigners.
- 38. **Vietnam** (5th session): Consider ratifying the Convention on the Status of Stateless Persons (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 39. **Venezuela** (12th session): Ratify the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons as well as the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (1 recommendation): **rejected.**
- 40. **Zimbabwe** (12th session): Ratify the 1961 Convention on the Status of Stateless Persons (1 recommendation): will be considered.

Total = 53 recommendations made to 40 States to accede to one/both of the Statelessness Conventions

Prevention and Reduction of Statelessness

- 1. **Bosnia and Herzegovina** (7th session): Reduce the number of stateless persons in the country (1 recommendation): **in the process of implementing.** Government response: the State is constantly taking measures to reduce the number of stateless persons.
- 2. **Brunei Darussalam** (6th session): Take a human rights approach to citizenship in which all are equally protected. Government response: all persons are protected equally under the law (1 recommendation): considers already implemented.
- 3. **Croatia** (9th session): Provide for equal access to citizenship without discrimination based on ethnicity: in the process of implementation; Review the requirements for migrants and asylum-seekers to obtain permanent residence and citizenship (2 recommendations): **rejected.**
- 4. **Denmark** (11th session): Oversee the citizenship policy regarding the granting of citizenship to stateless persons in order to ensure its correspondence with the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (1 recommendation): **accepted.** Government response: its citizenship policies correspond with the Statelessness Conventions.
- 5. **Dominican Republic** (6th session): Apply consistent and non-discriminatory citizenship policies and practices (1 recommendation): **rejected.**
- 6. **Estonia** (10th session): Resolve the problem of persons without citizenship and ensure this problem does not arise in the future (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 7. **Greece** (11th session): Speed up the process of reinstating the citizenships of approximately 60,000 Greek citizens who were dismissed from Greek citizenship, because of the later repealed Article 19 of the Greek Citizenship Law (1 recommendation): **rejected.**
- 8. **Haiti** (12th session): Provide greater protection for vulnerable groups by combating statelessness (1 recommendation): **will be considered**.



- 9. **Iraq** (7th session): Continue to pay close attention to its obligations under international humanitarian and international human rights law, including with respect to foreign nationals and stateless persons (1 recommendation): **accepted**.
- 10. **Kuwait** (8th session): Find humane solutions for the "illegal residents", including granting nationality to those who fulfill the applicable conditions and criteria (5 recommendations): **accepted.**
- 11. Latvia (11th session): Pay particular attention to the 326,906 persons considered as non-citizens, who are therefore considered as stateless persons (1 recommendation): rejected.
- 12. Lithuania (12th session): Ease the procedure of obtaining citizenship, including removing a language requirement (1 recommendation): rejected.
- 13. **Malawi** (9th session): Revise national legislation in order to prevent situations of statelessness (1 recommendation): **rejected.**
- 14. **Maldives** (9th session): Enact legislation that also allows non-Muslims to acquire Maldivian citizenship (2 recommendations): **rejected.**
- 15. **Moldova** (12th session): Work towards addressing statelessness and protecting the rights of stateless persons (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 16. **Montenegro** (3rd session): Clarify the legal status of refugees from neighbouring States, with a focus on the prevention of statelessness (1 recommendation): **in the process of implementing.**
- 17. **Myanmar** (10th session): Adapt Act of Citizenship of 1982 to put an end to the statelessness of the Rohingya (3 recommendations): **rejected**.
- 18. **Nepal** (10th session): Address cases of statelessness in the new Constitution's drafting process (1 recommendation): **rejected.**
- 19. **Panama** (9th session): Revise the Constitution, in accordance with the CRPD, to avoid the rejection of naturalization for individuals on the grounds of physical or mental disability (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 20. **Sierra Leone** (11th session): Urgently address, the anomaly accepted by the Government regarding citizenship status for residents of non-African descent (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 21. **Slovenia** (7th session): Grant, upon request, permanent residency to any person who was a citizen of another republic of the former Yugoslavia and who was a permanent resident of Slovenia immediately prior to its independence (11 recommendations): **accepted**.
- 22. **Sudan** (11th session): Prevent any form of infringement on the human rights of southerners residing in the north, including by addressing issues of nationality and citizenship in cooperation with the authorities in Southern Sudan (1 recommendation): **accepted**; Formalize post-referendum agreements on citizenship rights which will safeguard civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights on an equal footing as citizens-regarding people of both Northern and Southern origin (1 recommendation): **accepted**.
- 23. Ukraine (2nd session): Bring legislation on the determination of the status of stateless persons in line with international standards (1 recommendation): accepted.



Total = 42 recommendations made to 23 States to prevent and reduce statelessness

Prevention of statelessness among children and right of women to confer nationality on their children on an equal basis as men

- 1. **Bahrain** (1st session): Consider the draft law of citizenship allowing for children of non-Bahraini fathers to gain citizenship a priority (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 2. **Bangladesh** (4th session): Amend the discriminatory legal provisions regarding the transfer of citizenship to children of mixed marriages (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 3. **Côte d'Ivoire** (6th session): Allow stateless children born in the State to obtain citizenship (1 recommendation). Government response: citizenship laws allow for citizenship to be obtained through blood lineage and other means.
- 4. **Estonia** (10th session): Grant citizenship to all children of so called noncitizens (1 recommendation): **rejected.**
- 5. **Iran** (7th session): Facilitate for all children born to Iranian mothers, access to a birth certificate regardless of the nationality of the father (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 6. **Italy** (7th session): Implement existing Law 91/1992 on Italian citizenship in a manner that preserves the rights of all children born in Italy (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 7. **Jordan** (4th session): Review Nationality Law in order to ensure that a Jordanian mother married to a non-Jordanian man has the right to confer her nationality to their children (2 recommendations): **rejected.**
- 8. **Kuwait** (8th session): Guarantee that all Kuwaiti women are able to transfer nationality to their children (4 recommendations): **rejected.**
- 9. Latvia (11th session): Facilitate the naturalization and acquisition of citizenship, especially in the case of children. Legislation allows for children of non-citizens to receive citizenship through registration or naturalization (2 recommendations): accepted.
- 10. Lebanon (9th session): Amend the law on citizenship in such a way that ensures that all Lebanese women, regardless of the nationality of their husband, can pass on their citizenship to their children and husbands (2 recommendations): rejected.
- 11. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (9th session): Establish gender equality in the transfer of citizenship (1 recommendation): will be considered.
- 12. **Malawi** (9th session): Repeal legislation that causes Malawian women to lose their citizenship when marrying a foreign national (1 recommendation): **rejected.**
- 13. **Monaco** (5th session): Make the conditions for acquiring and transferring nationality the same for men and women (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 14. **Oman** (10th session): Permit Omani mothers to transmit citizenship to their children irrespective of the father's nationality (2 recommendations): **rejected.**
- 15. **Qatar** (7th session): Allow a child to obtain Qatari nationality from a Qatari woman married to a foreign man (3 recommendations): **rejected.**



- 16. **San Marino** (7th session): Soften strict requirements for citizenship, particularly for children who have one parent who is not from San Marino and guarantee dual nationality for children whose parents have not renounced their nationality of origin (1 recommendation): **rejected.** Government response: State will continue to consider recommendation.
- 17. **Surinam** (11th session): Implement policies and legislation aimed at gender equality, including in the area of acquisition of nationality (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 18. United Arab Emirates (3rd session): Consider the possibility of introducing amendments to national laws on citizenship, so that female citizens married to non-citizens can pass on their nationality to their children in the same way that male citizens married to non-citizens do (1 recommendation): will be considered. Government response: at the adoption session the Government indicated this recommendation would remain under study.
- 19. **Yemen** (5th session): amend the Personal Status Law of 1992 and the Citizenship Law of 1990 to prevent discrimination against women in nationality (1 recommendation): **rejected.**

Total = 28 recommendations made to 19 States to prevent statelessness amongst children and to ensure the right of women to confer their nationality to their children on an equal basis as men

Birth registration

- 1. Albania (6th session): Facilitate and ensure the birth registration of all children born in Albania (3 recommendations): accepted.
- 2. **Angola** (7th session): Adopt further effective measures and policies aimed at increasing the number of registered births (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 3. Armenia (8th session): Take measures to ensure the highest number of birth registrations possible (1 recommendation): in the process of implementation.
- 4. **Bahamas** (3rd session): Increase efforts to ensure the birth registration of all children (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 5. **Bangladesh** (4th session): Intensify efforts to implement protection for children, including the Births and Deaths Registration Act of 2004 (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 6. **Belize** (5th session): Rectify the shortcomings in the registration of all new born children (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 7. **Bosnia and Herzegovina** (7th session): Adopt measures to guarantee universal birth registration to minorities, such as the Roma population. Government response: State is constantly taking measures to enhance birth registration of minorities, including the Roma population (1 recommendation): in the process of implementing.
- 8. **Burundi** (3rd session): Strengthen efforts to ensure that all newborn children are officially registered (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 9. **Cambodia** (6th session): Ensure birth registration of all non-Khmer children born in Cambodia (1 recommendation): **no response given.**



- 10. **Colombia** (3rd session): Adopt measures ensuring effective national birth registration, including through programmes of mobile registration units and registration of those without documentation (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 11. **Comoros** (5th session): Establish systematic registration of all newborn children (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 12. **Congo** (5th session): Improve procedures aimed at raising the percentage of children registered at birth (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 13. **Dominican Republic** (6th session): Make more efforts to guarantee the right of all children to be registered immediately after birth through a simplified and inclusive procedure, thus allowing them access to basic social services such as education and health (4 recommendations): will be considered. Government response: no response given during the adoption session.
- 14. **Djibouti** (4th session): Enhance efforts to address the low level of birth registrations (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 15. Eritrea (6th session): Increase birth registration rates (1 recommendation): accepted.
- 16. **Ethiopia** (6th session): Take all measures to ensure timely birth registration and establish an adequate and credible birth registration system (2 recommendations): **accepted.**
- 17. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (5th session): Establish a national comprehensive plan for civil status registration and the right to identity, which includes awareness raising-campaigns for parents and other responsible persons, which will help to speed up the registration of births (1 recommendation): in the process of implementing.
- 18. Georgia (10th session): Establish institutional structures to ensure birth registration throughout the country, including of the IDP population (1 recommendation): accepted.
- 19. **Iran** (7th session): Facilitate for all children born to Iranian mothers, access to Iranian nationality, regardless of the nationality of the father (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 20. **Kyrgyzstan** (8th session): Improve the birth registry system as recommended by the Committee on the Rights of the Child (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 21. Latvia (11th session): Increase efforts to promote the registration of newborns: accepted.
- 22. **Mauritania** (9th session): Address issues related to birth registration (1 recommendation): will be considered.
- 23. **Micronesia** (9th session): Continue to develop legislation in particular areas such as birth registration (2 recommendations): **accepted.** Government response: the State already has a birth registration system in place.
- 24. **Mozambique** (10th session): Take measures to ensure children are registered immediately after birth (1 recommendation) **accepted.**
- 25. **Myanmar** (10th session): Improve the birth registry system, to avoid identifying ethnic or religious group in official documents which could allow discriminatory treatment and to avoid statelessness (1 recommendation): **rejected.**



- 26. **Palau** (11th session): Revise the status of children born of foreign parents in accordance with relevant international standards (1 recommendation). Government response: the Government takes note of this recommendation and noted that in line with the Constitution the legislature can address the status of children born to foreigners.
- 27. **Panama** (9th session): Intensify necessary measures to guarantee the right of all children to have their birth registered, in particular children of African descent, indigenous children and those who live in rural and border areas (3 recommendations): **accepted.**
- 28. **Papua New Guinea** (11th session): Take measures to ensure that all children are registered at birth (3 recommendations): **accepted.**
- 29. **Paraguay** (10th session): Take concrete steps to decrease current obstacles to child registration (1 recommendation): in the process of implementing.
- 30. Solomon Islands (11th session): Take measures to ensure all children are registered at birth and register all those who were not registered at birth (2 recommendations): accepted/in the process of implementation.
- 31. **Sudan** (11th session): Work towards the compulsory registration of births (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 32. **Tajikistan** (12th session): Ensure all births are registered and facilitate access to birth registration, including by reducing its cost (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 33. **Timor Leste** (12th session): Improve the system of birth registration, including by intensifying efforts to sensitize and mobilize public opinion with regard to the advantages of birth registration (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 34. Uganda (12th session): Strengthen and further develop measures to ensure that all children born within the national territory are registered (1 recommendation): accepted.
- 35. Yemen (5th session): Take concrete measures to ensure effective birth registration, particularly in remote and rural areas (1 recommendation): accepted.
- 36. **Zimbabwe** (12th session): Amend Birth and Death Registration act to ensure all children born in Zimbabwe, regardless of their parents' origin, are issued birth certificates (1 recommendation): will be considered.

Total = 47 recommendations made to 36 States on birth registration

Access to Identification Documentation

- 1. **Brunei Darussalam** (6th session): Avoid confiscating the passports of migrants who bring suit against their employers (1 recommendation): **considered already implemented.** Government response: the State does not confiscate passports, but may retain a passport for the purpose of investigating any offense in accordance with national laws.
- 2. **Bosnia and Herzegovina** (7th session): Allow for ethnic minorities, especially Roma, to have access to identity documents without reference to their ethnicity (1 recommendation): **partially accepted.** Government response: the State



allows for minorities to initiate and implement their own initiatives within the legal framework and in accordance with the capabilities of individual communities.

- 3. El Salvador (7th session): Conduct a national campaign for the universal provision of identity documents (1 recommendation): accepted.
- 4. **Italy** (7th session): Take new measures to ensure effective access to identification documents for all citizens (1 recommendation): **accepted.**
- 5. Lao People's Democratic Republic (8th session): Issue travel and ID documents to all Lao Hmong returnees in a timely manner, and guarantee freedom of movement (1 recommendation): accepted.
- 6. Lithuania (12th session): With regard to the Roma population regularize their ID documents (1 recommendation): accepted.
- 7. Mauritania (9th session): Speed up the process of repatriating Mauritanians who in the past had been expelled, and granting them and their families a certificate of citizenship (1 recommendation): in the process of implementing.

Total = 7 recommendations made to 7 States on access to identification documents

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