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Overview

On 14 September 2009, the Council selected by drawing from the lot the order of review for the 7th, 8th and 9th session of the Working Group on the universal periodic review (UPR), and the troikas for the 6th, 7th and 8th session of the Working Group. Because the formal session of Council had been suspended due to difficulties with the delegation of Honduras,¹ the order of review and the troika combinations, although determined already, will be formally adopted at a later stage.

Order of review

The following order of review was determined by lot for the 7th, 8th and 9th session. The order in which countries are reviewed within each session of the UPR has no substantive and little practical relevance. Usually, the deadline for the submission of information by NGOs and other stakeholders is set around six months before the start of the session of the Working Group in which a specific country is reviewed. For the second eight States under review in each session, this deadline is set one week after the deadline for the first batch of States.²

7th session (February 2010)	8th session (May 2010)	9th session (December 2010)
Qatar	Kyrgyzstan	Liberia
Nicaragua	Kiribati	Malawi
Italy	Guinea	Mongolia
El Salvador	Lao Peoples Democratic Republic	Panama

¹ See ISHR's news article on this, available at <http://tr.im/yS2f>.

² See <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/NewDeadlines.aspx>.

Gambia	Spain	Maldives
Bolivia	Lesotho	Andorra
Fiji	Kenya	Bulgaria
San Marino	Armenia	Honduras
Kazakhstan	Guinea-Bissau	United States of America
Angola	Sweden	Marshall Islands
Iran	Grenada	Croatia
Madagascar	Turkey	Jamaica
Iraq	Guyana	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Slovenia	Haiti	Micronesia
Egypt	Kuwait	Lebanon
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Belarus	Mauritania

Selection of troikas

In the afternoon, the Council proceeded to a procedural meeting determining the order of review for the 7th, 8th and 9th sessions of the universal periodic review (UPR) and selecting the troikas for the 6th, 7th and 8th sessions. A number of States were absent from the proceedings and the President of the Council drew the lots for them. The Secretariat was in contact with the delegation of the State in New York to allow it to request a redrawing of one troika member. Some of these States requested a re-drawing. In relation to the States present at the meeting and drawing their own lots, it is not known how many rejected a troika member and had to draw again, since that part of the selection was confidential.

The first five rounds of the UPR have shown that the role of the troika members is very limited. The absence of a real ‘facilitating’ role as intended by the institution-building package makes the drawing of lots even blander.³ The OHCHR will publish a list of all troika members shortly. Below you will find such a list, with additional indications as to whether a State had requested to draw one member of its troika from among its own regional group. No objections were raised by the State under review or the selected troika members unless stated otherwise.

* indicates that the State under review requested that a member of its regional group be among its Troika.

(a) indicates that the State under review was absent from the drawing of lots.

6th session of the UPR (30 November to 11 December 2009)

Eritrea

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, WEOG

Members selected: Italy, Angola, Saudi Arabia

Cyprus

Regional groups selected: African Group, African Group and WEOG

Members selected: Senegal, Philippines, Netherlands

Dominican Republic*

Regional groups selected: Asian Group, GRULAC, EEG

Members selected: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bangladesh, Argentina

Cambodia*

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, GRULAC

Members selected: Cameroon, Bahrain, Nicaragua

³ For a comprehensive review of the first two sessions of the UPR, see ISHR’s analytical overview, available at <http://www.ishr.ch>.

Norway

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, EEG

Members selected: Pakistan, Ukraine, Nigeria

Albania*

Regional groups selected: African Group, WEOG, EEG

Members selected: United States of America, Mauritius, Russian Federation

Democratic Republic of Congo*

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, EEG

Members selected: Slovenia, Gabon, Japan

Côte d'Ivoire*

Regional groups selected: African Group, GULAC, EEG

Members selected: Slovakia, Ghana, Bolivia

Portugal

Regional groups selected: Asian Group, WEOG, EEG

Members selected: Qatar, Belgium, Hungary

Bhutan*

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, GRULAC

Members selected: India, Madagascar, Uruguay

Dominica (a) *

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, GRULAC

Members selected: Djibouti, Brazil, China

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Regional groups selected: African Group, GRULAC, WEOG

Members selected: Mexico, South Africa, Norway

Brunei Darussalam*

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, WEOG

Members selected: Zambia, France, Indonesia

Costa Rica

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, WEOG

Members selected: United Kingdom, Burkina Faso, Republic of Korea

Equatorial Guinea*

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, GRULAC

Members selected: Jordan, Egypt, Cuba

Ethiopia

Regional groups selected: Asian Group, GRULAC, WEOG

Members selected: Chile, Kyrgyzstan, Italy

7th session of the UPR (February 2010)

Qatar*

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, EEG

Members selected: Hungary, Japan, Gabon

Nicaragua

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, GRULAC

Members selected: Brazil, Philippines, Zambia

Italy

Regional groups selected: African Group, GRULAC, EEG

Members selected: Slovakia, Argentina, Ghana

El Salvador*

Regional groups selected: Asian Group, GRULAC, EEG

Members selected: Nicaragua, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation

Gambia*

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, EEG

Members selected: Cameroon, Jordan, Ukraine

Bolivia

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, GRULAC

Members selected: Kyrgyzstan, Burkina Faso, Uruguay

Fiji (a)

Regional groups selected: African Group, WEOG, EEG

Members selected: Slovenia, France, Angola

San Marino

Regional groups selected: Asian Group, GRULAC, WEOG

Members selected: Netherlands, Bolivia, Qatar

Kazakhstan*

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, GRULAC

Members selected: Mauritius, Bangladesh, Cuba

Angola

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, GRULAC

Members selected: Djibouti, Chile, Indonesia

Iran (Islam Republic of)*

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, GRULAC

Members selected: Senegal, Pakistan, Mexico

Madagascar

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, WEOG

Members selected: Norway, Bahrain, South Africa

Iraq*

Regional groups selected: Asian Group, WEOG, EEG

Members selected: Bosnia and Herzegovina, India, United Kingdom

Slovenia

Regional groups selected: African Group, GRULAC, WEOG

Members selected: Egypt, Brazil, United States of America

Egypt*

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, WEOG

Members selected: China, Madagascar, Italy

Bosnia and Herzegovina*

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, EEG

Members selected: Slovenia, Nigeria, Belgium

8th session of the UPR (May 2010)

Kyrgyzstan

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, GRULAC

Members selected: Burkina Faso, Nicaragua, China

Kiribati*

Regional groups selected: Asian Group, GRULAC, EEG

Members selected: Jordan, Brazil, Russian Federation

Guinea*

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, EEG

Members selected: Ghana, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Japan

Lao People's Democratic Republic*

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, GRULAC

Members selected: Argentina, Kyrgyzstan, Nigeria

Spain

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, GRULAC

Members selected: Chile, India, South Africa

Lesotho*

Regional groups selected: African Group, WEOG, EEG

Members selected: Slovenia, Cameroon, United Kingdom

Kenya*

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, GRULAC

Members selected: Egypt, Mexico, Bangladesh

Armenia*

Regional groups selected: Asian Group, WEOG

Members selected: Slovenia, France, Bahrain

Guinea-Bissau

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, WEOG

Members selected: Djibouti, Republic of Korea, United States of America

Sweden

Regional groups selected: African Group, GRULAC, EEG

Members selected: Ukraine, Uruguay, Mauritius

Grenada

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, WEOG

Members selected: Gabon, Qatar, Italy

Turkey

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, GRULAC

Members selected: Cuba, Saudi Arabia, Angola

Guyana*

Regional groups selected: Asian Group, GRULAC, WEOG

Members selected: Pakistan, Bolivia, Belgium

Haiti*

Regional groups selected: African Group, GRULAC, WEOG

Members selected: Netherlands, Zambia, Argentina

Kuwait*

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, EEG

Members selected: Hungary, Indonesia, Madagascar

Belarus

Regional groups selected: African Group, Asian Group, WEOG

Members selected: Senegal, Philippines, Norway

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- Web site of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on the 12th session of the Human Rights Council: <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/12session>. For direct access to reports considered, check <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/12session/reports.htm>.

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