

[Treaty Body Reform: The Dublin Process](#)

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In November 2009, a group of current and former treaty body experts convened in Ireland and issued the "[Dublin Statement](#)" (January 2010) to establish principles to underpin the discussions on treaty body strengthening.

Several stakeholders developed responses to the Dublin statement and some 20 consultations took place between 2010 and 2012 (see below for relevant documents).

In November 2011, OHCHR put together a [non-exhaustive list of proposals](#) that had emerged by that point from the consultations.

Also in November 2011, stakeholders reconvened in Dublin and issued [the Dublin II Outcome Document](#). It provides a summary of the proposals and recommendations that emerged from all stakeholder consultations. Amnesty International has put together a helpful summary of the [Dublin II Outcome Document in 15 Points](#).

In June 2012, the High Commissioner published a report entitled "[Strengthening the UN human rights treaty body system](#)", which outlines key recommendations arising from the Dublin Process.

However, just as the Dublin process was due to culminate in the High Commissioner's report, the issue became politically charged when certain Member States in New York launched a rival 'intergovernmental process' in the General Assembly. Human rights defenders in particular suffered a significant setback, as the intergovernmental process did not provide adequately for their participation. See ISHR's page on the [Intergovernmental Process](#) for more information.

[Click here for an April 2011 ISHR interview](#) with Rachel Brett of the Quaker UN Office and Tania Baldwin-Pask of Amnesty International, taking stock of the reform process at that point.

Relevant documents:

NHRIs

- [The Marrakech statement](#) (June 2010)

Treaty Body members

- [The Poznan statement](#) (September 2010)
- [Report of the expert meeting on petitions](#) (Geneva, October 2011)
- [Submission by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on a joint inter-committee working group on communicatio](#) (March 2012)
- [Submissions by individual treaty body members](#)

NGOs

- [Joint NGO response to the Dublin statement](#) (November 2010)
- [Joint NGO Statement: Strengthening the Treaty Body and Individual Communications Procedures](#)

- [Seoul Statement on Strengthening the UN Human Rights Treaty Body System](#) (April 2011)
- [Pretoria statement](#) (June 2011)
- [Submissions by NGOs at the Seoul and Pretoria consultations](#)
- [Joint NGO preliminary response to the High Commissioner's report](#) (16 July 2012)

States parties

- Report of the [Informal Technical Consultation for States parties](#), background paper on [Resources in support of the human rights treaty body system](#), and background paper on [Requirements and implications of the ongoing growth of the treaty body system on the periodic reporting procedures, documentatio](#) (Sion, May 2011)
- [Report of the second consultation with States parties](#) (Geneva, February 2012)
- [Report of the third consultation with States parties](#) (New York, April 2012)
- [Remarks of the President of the General Assembly at the third consultation with States parties](#) (New York, April 2012)
- [Written submissions by individual States parties](#)

Academia

- [Report of the Lucerne academic consultation](#) (Lucerne, October 2011)
- [Individual submissions by academics](#)

Multi-stakeholder

- [Report of proceedings, conference on 'Improving Implementation and Follow-Up: Treaty Bodies, Special Procedures, Universal Periodic Review'](#) (Geneva, November 2010)
- [Summary and recommendations from the High Level Seminar on the Implementation of UN Treaty Body Concluding Observations: The Role of National and Regional Mechanisms in Europe](#) (Bristol, September 2011)
- [Report of the Maastricht Seminar on the UPR and treaty bodies](#) (Maastricht, November 2011)

UN entities and specialized agencies

- Report of the Secretary-General '[Measures to improve further the effectiveness, harmonization, and reform of the treaty body system](#)' (7 September 2011)
- [Report of the consultation with UN entities and specialized agencies](#) (November 2011)

For more information, see also the [OHCHR Website](#) and Amnesty International's [Strengthening of the United Nations treaty bodies: Questions and answers](#) (19 September 2012)