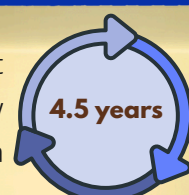


# Outcomes of Cambodia's Fourth Universal Periodic Review and Subsequent Implementation Steps



The Universal Periodic Review (“UPR”) is a unique mechanism of the United Nations that periodically reviews the human rights obligations of each Member State. The review process occurs every 4.5 years, ensuring that all Member States are evaluated within a regular cycle.



## 1. Pre-Submission Phase

### National Consultations:



The Cambodian Human Rights Committee (“CHRC”) coordinated with various ministries, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders to compile the country’s national report for the fourth of the UPR. This national report, detailing the country’s human rights situation and progress, was officially submitted in February 2024

### Civil Society Submission:



The Cambodian Center for Human Rights (“CCHR”), in cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Cambodia (“OHCHR”), coordinated approximately 100 civil society organizations to develop joint submissions for Cambodia’s fourth Universal Periodic Review. As a result, 13 joint submissions were prepared and submitted to the Human Rights Council on 10 October 2023. In addition to the 13 joint submissions facilitated by CCHR, several other submissions were also sent by civil society organizations and other stakeholders to the Human Rights Council—some were individual submissions, while others were joint submissions; addressing a wide range of thematic human rights issues.

## 2. Submission Phase

### State Report Submission:



The Cambodian government submitted its official national report to the Human Rights Council, outlining the measures taken, achievements attained, and challenges faced in implementing the accepted recommendations from October 2019 to December 2023.

### Compilation of UN Information:



The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) compiled a report based on information provided by stakeholders, including civil society organizations and other relevant groups, for Cambodia's fourth Universal Periodic Review (UPR) cycle. This compilation included 27 joint submissions and 11 individual submissions.

## 3. Review Phase

### UPR Working Group Session:



Cambodia's fourth Universal Periodic Review (UPR) took place during the 15th meeting on 8 May 2024. During the session, 100 delegations participated in the interactive dialogue, making 275 recommendations to Cambodia. Ghana, Japan, and Montenegro were appointed as the troika to facilitate the review. The video of the session is available at <https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k1m/k1myt1y4lw>

## 4. Adoption Phase

### Draft Outcome Report:

Following the review on 08 May 2024, the Working Group adopted the draft outcome report on Cambodia during its 17th meeting on 10 May 2024. The report summarizes the recommendations made and Cambodia's responses to them.



### Adoption of the Final Outcome Report:

The Human Rights Council adopted the outcome report during its fifty-seventh session. The report outlines recommendations made by other Member States to Cambodia, addressing a range of thematic human rights issues. Cambodia responded by accepting 232 recommendations and noting 43. These recommendations covered a wide variety of human rights themes.

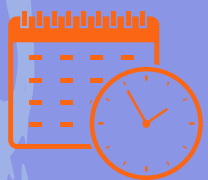
## 5. Follow-Up Phase

### Implementation of Recommendations:



The Cambodian government, with the support of civil society organizations (CSOs) and other stakeholders, is working on implementing the accepted recommendations. The Cambodian Human Rights Committee is responsible for distributing these recommendations to relevant ministries and institutions to ensure their effective implementation.

### Mid-Term Reporting



The UPR mid-term reporting is conducted on a voluntary basis. States are not required to submit a mid-term report but may choose to do so to provide an update on their progress in implementing the recommendations made during their UPR. In Cambodia's case, the mid-term report is expected around 2026, though the exact timing may vary depending on the state's progress and its level of engagement with the UPR process

### Preparation for the Next UPR Cycle



Cambodia's next Universal Periodic Review (UPR) cycle is scheduled approximately four and a half years after its fourth UPR cycle, which took place in 2024. This means the next review is expected to occur around 2028. The exact timing will be determined by the Human Rights Council's scheduling and the UPR process.

The outcome of Cambodia’s fourth Universal Periodic Review (UPR) cycle highlights significant international concern about key human rights issues in the country. With 232 recommendations accepted, the Cambodian government is urged to demonstrate a strong commitment to their implementation. This will require coordinated efforts across all relevant ministries, active engagement with stakeholders, and sustained actions to address the highlighted concerns. Additionally, the government should reconsider supporting the noted recommendations, particularly those related to the release of politicians and human rights defenders, freedom of expression and assembly, and the reopening of media outlets to restore democratic and civic space in Cambodia. By taking these steps, Cambodia can make meaningful progress toward advancing human rights and fulfilling its international obligations. Continued vigilance and dedication will be crucial in ensuring these commitments lead to tangible improvements in the country’s human rights landscape.

