

FACTSHEET ON VIETNAM AND UN HUMAN RIGHTS MECHANISMS

(1st March 2016)

UN Human Rights Treaty Reporting

Treaty	Next report	Due date	Previous UN concluding observations
International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)	Third Report	1 st August 2004	http://bit.ly/1LLpzdO (2002)
International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD)	15 th -17 th Report	9 th July 2015	http://bit.ly/1R9vifh (2012)
Convention against Torture and Other Cruel Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT)	Initial Report	5 th March 2016	N/A
Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)	5 th -6 th Report	1 st September 2017	http://bit.ly/1peO9PC (2012)
Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)	9 th Report	July 2019	http://bit.ly/1KuRQZM (2015)
International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)	5 th Report	30 th November 2019	http://bit.ly/1peOfGV (2014)
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)	Initial Report	TBD	N/A

Key Concerns Raised in 2002 ICCPR Review

- Restrictions in practice of the legal right of detainees to access to counsel, medical treatment and family members
- Susceptibility of the judiciary to political pressure
- Lack of an independent body with power to receive and investigate complaints of human rights violations
- Restrictions on freedom of religion and harassment and detention of religious leaders
- Limitations on the right to freedom of expression in the media
- Obstacles imposed on the registration and free operation of non-governmental human rights organisations and political parties
- Restrictions on public meetings and demonstrations

UN Special Rapporteurs' Pending Requests for Country Visit

Special Rapporteur mandate	Year of request
Right to freedom of opinion and expression	2002
Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions	2006
Right to food	2008. Reminder sent in 2010.
The sale of children	2011. Reminder sent in 2014.
Situation of human rights defenders	2012. Reminder sent in 2015.
Human rights of migrants	2012
Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	2013
Contemporary forms of slavery	2013
Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association	2014

Previous UN Special Rapporteurs' Visits

Special Rapporteur mandate	Year of visit	Report (document number and link)
Freedom of religion or belief	1998 2014	E/CN.4/1999/58/Add.2 A/HRC/28/66/Add.2 http://bit.ly/1Qmwvjv
Human rights and extreme poverty	2010	A/HRC/17/34/Add.1 http://bit.ly/1UqbQjO
Minority issues	2010	A/HRC/16/45/Add.2 http://bit.ly/1peRHBp
Effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights	2011	A/HRC/20/23/Add.1 http://bit.ly/24u0nUA
Right to health	2011	A/HRC/20/15/Add.2 http://bit.ly/1peRe2e
Cultural rights	2013	A/HRC/28/57/Add.1 http://bit.ly/1QMU1vz

Universal Periodic Review (UPR)

Cycle (Year)	Link to Official Review Documents and Outcome Report	Link to Civil Society Submissions	# of Recommendations Received	State Mid-Term Report
1 st (2009)	http://bit.ly/1R9A4ti	http://bit.ly/1TJycgO	146	N/A
2 nd (2014)	http://bit.ly/1QMV3Yq	http://bit.ly/1n3Ubkh	227	N/A

Vietnam's voluntary pledges as a candidate for the Human Rights Council (2012)

Document no. A/68/312 <http://www.un.org/en/ga/68/meetings/elections/hrc.shtml>