

Human Rights Reporting and Monitoring Calendar

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As a National Human Rights Institution, part of our role is to act as a bridge between the international human system and Scotland. One of the ways we do this is to participate in the human rights reporting processes for treaties that the UK is a member of. You can read more about this on the <u>Treaty and International pages</u> of our website.

We also use our role to support and encourage civil society to participate through advice, training and participation opportunities, including advice to help civil society to submit their own evidence or analysis to various monitoring processes.

To assist civil society to engage in the international human rights system, we publish this prediction of what's coming up in the year ahead. We update this publication regularly.

While we try our best to give accurate, advanced predictions of dates, information from various committees can change with limited notice. Dates can sometimes be brought forward as well as delayed. All information in this edition was checked for accuracy on the publication date above. We also recommend that you check the website of the Committee you are interested in regularly to make sure that our information is still up to date

If you have any questions or corrections, please contact the Commission's Policy and International Officer at <u>eilidh.dickson@scottishhumanrights.com</u>.

August 2025

• UK Government to <u>submit information</u> on the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial discrimination

Autumn 2025

 Voluntary Midterm Reports on the Universal Periodic Review from UK Government, NHRIs and Civil Society (estimate)

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Beyond or Dates Unconfirmed

2024/25

- GRETA <u>fourth round evaluation of the</u> UK underway. This round has thematic focus on 'addressing vulnerabilities to human trafficking'. The Committee carried out visit to UK in December 2024 and its report is expected in 2025.
- Potential visit to UK from Council of Europe Committee on National Minorities (FCNM) (estimate) under its sixth cycle monitoring round. Dates have not yet been decided, but <u>NGOs are invited to submit</u> <u>shadow/alternative reports at anytime. See UK page for further details</u> about the current cycle.

July 2026

 P<u>re-session for the UK under the Convention on the Elimination of All</u> Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) (tentative)

2026

- Review of the UK under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (estimate)
- <u>Periodic Visit to the UK by the Council of Europe Committee for the</u> Prevention of Torture.

2026/2027

• <u>UK examination</u> under the Convention Against Torture (estimate)

2027

- 1st March: NHRI and civil society reports for <u>next cycle of Universal</u> <u>Periodic Review (UPR)</u> due.
- 29th March: UK Government required to provide information on the implementation of the recommendations made by the Human Rights Committee in relation to the following paragraphs of the 2024 ICCPR Concluding Observations:
 - 11 (accountability for past human rights violations)

- 29 (counter-terrorism measures)
- 41 (treatment of aliens, including migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers).
- 31st March: <u>UK Government required</u> to provide information on the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in relation to the following paragraphs of the 2025 Concluding Observations:
 - 21 (c) (maximum available resources)
 - 23 (a) (austerity measures)
 - 41 (a) (social security).
- November: Universal Periodic Review Working Group meeting (estimate)

2030

- The UK will receive a List of Issues Prior to Reporting for its next review under the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights (confirmed in <u>2024 Concluding Observations)</u>
- <u>The UK State Report on</u> the Implementation of the Covenant of Civil and Political Rights due to be submitted to the UN Human Rights Committee
- The UK State Report on the Implementation of the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to be submitted to the <u>UN</u> <u>Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights</u> (confirmed in 2025 Concluding Observations, unless otherwise notified.)

Notes

- 1. We refer to information as confirmed when it is published by the body undertaking the specific monitoring process (e.g. when a UN treaty body publishes an information note) and try to include a link to the source with further information on individual requirements.
- 2. We refer to something as tentative when the relevant body has indicated in public or directly to us that something has been scheduled,

but this might change due to other circumstances, for example a report is delayed.

- 3. We refer to something as an estimate when we have no specific communication from a treaty body about a date, but they may have indicated to us a working timeline or we are making a best guess based on what we know about the review cycle.
- We regularly communicate with secretariat for different human rights monitoring bodies to try and keep us as informed as possible.
 Sometimes we might not be able to disclose something they have told us, or they may not be able to give us any advanced indications.
- 5. We always try to be transparent, but we also do not want to add to possible confusion. We limit information in this calendar to what we are confident will be helpful to allow others to plan ahead.
- 6. All monitoring bodies have their own different processes, procedures and guidelines. We recommend checking the information notes closely or contacting us to find out what these dates might mean for you.

Note: on the 4th of July 2024, <u>the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the</u> <u>Human Rights Council published correspondence</u> concerning the Human Rights Council-mandated activities that cannot be fully delivered in 2025 and 2026 due to the ongoing liquidity crisis affecting the United Nations. This confirms that UN treaty bodies are required to reduce their sessions and pre-sessions over 2025 and 2026 and that special procedures such as Special Rapporteurs will also see their budgets cut.

At this stage we do not know if or how this may affect some of the dates provided in this update.

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