

Human Rights Reporting and Monitoring

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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</u> pages 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 eilidh.dickson@scottishhumanrights.com.

October 2024

TBC

Formal adoption by the Council of Europe of the Group of Experts on Violence Against Women (GREVIO)'s Baseline assessment of the UK's implementation of the Istanbul Convention. The report will then be sent to the UK Government for comments and published in Spring 2025.

November 2024

13th

SHRC <u>online engagement</u> event to inform our report on the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

December 2024

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January 2025

13th

<u>Deadline for submission of parallel reports from NGOs and NHRIs for the UK Examination under the International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights</u>.

February 2025

13th-14th Examination of the UK under the International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) (tentative)

March 2025

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Beyond or Dates Unconfirmed

2024 European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) publish conclusions on its 2023 UK review. 2024 Pending requested visits from the UN Working Group on Mercenaries, the Special Rapporteur on Food, the Independent Expert on the Sale of Children, the Independent Expert on International Democratic Order (tentative) 2024/25 GRETA fourth round evaluation of the UK commences (estimate) Final baseline report of the Council of Europe of the Group of Experts on Violence Against Women 2025 (GREVIO)'s assessment of the UK's implementation of the Istanbul Convention due to be published in Spring 2025. June 2025 Report of UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and Girls 2024 Visit to the UK submitted to the UN Human Rights Council (Tentative) 2025 Voluntary Midterm Reports on the Universal Periodic Review from UK Government, NHRIs and Civil Society (estimate)

2025	Potential visit to UK from Council of Europe Committee on National Minorities (FCNM) (not confirmed)
2026	Review of the UK under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (estimate)
2026	UK examination under the Convention Against Torture (estimate)
2026	UK Examination under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) (estimate)
Mar 2027	NHRI and civil society reports for next cycle of Universal Periodic Review (UPR) due.
Mar 2027	UK Government required to provide information on the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee in relation to the following paragraphs of the 2024 Concluding Observations .
Nov. 2027	Universal Periodic Review Working Group meeting (tentative)
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 2024 Concluding Observations)
2030	The UK State Report on the Implementation of the Covenant of Civil and Political Rights due to be submitted to the UN Human Rights Committee

Notes

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.