



UN Monitoring: Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

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Process

- UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights monitors implementation of [ICESCR](#)
- Periodic Review – every 5 years
- 7th Periodic Review of UK underway

Timeline: International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights

Key
Civil Society Groups
Committee on
Economic, Social and
Cultural Rights
UK Government
Everyone

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- 01** May 2022 STATE PARTY REPORT - THE UK GOVERNMENT SUBMITS ITS 'STATE PARTY REPORT' - EXPLAINING TO THE COMMITTEE HOW IT'S ACHIEVING RIGHTS IN THE COVENANT.
- 02** June 2022 - 9 Jan 2023 PARALLEL REPORT TO PRE-SESSIONAL WORKING GROUP (PSWG) - CIVIL SOCIETY GROUPS CAN SEND IN A REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOW THEY BELIEVE THE UK GOVERNMENT IS ACHIEVING RIGHTS IN THE COVENANT.
- 03** 6-10 March 2023 PSWG - A NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE MEET IN GENEVA TO DEVELOP A 'LIST OF ISSUES' THAT THEY WANT MORE INFORMATION ON FROM THE UK GOVERNMENT.
- 04** At least 3 months before review RESPONSE TO THE LIST OF ISSUES - UK GOVERNMENT SENDS A WRITTEN REPORT ON THE ISSUES THE COMMITTEE ASKED ABOUT.
- 05** Predicted deadline 23 Dec 2024 PARALLEL/SHADOW REPORT - CIVIL SOCIETY GROUPS SUBMIT AN UPDATED REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF RIGHTS IN THE COVENANT.
- 06** Predicted Feb 2025 'THE REVIEW' - OVER 2 DAYS IN GENEVA THE COMMITTEE EXAMINES ALL THE EVIDENCE IT HAS RECEIVED, INCLUDING FROM THE UK GOVERNMENT, CIVIL SOCIETY AND OTHER, IT QUESTIONS THE UK GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL SOCIETY CAN GIVE INFORMAL ORAL EVIDENCE.
- 07** About a month after the review CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS - THE COMMITTEE PRODUCES A REPORT WITH A SERIES OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE UK ON HOW IT COULD BETTER ACHIEVE RIGHTS IN THE COVENANT.

13 January 2025
confirmed deadline

Parallel/ shadow report

- NGO/ Civil Society participation encouraged
- Group or coalition submissions welcome
- Individual submissions can be used for targeted detail
- Content
 - Objective
 - Evidence based
 - Referenced
- Format of State Party report/ List of Issues is a useful guide for layout

Possible template for drafting

- Article by article submission
- Highlight evidence in response to issue to be examined in the List of Issues
- Contrast/ flag disagreement with State Party response to the List of Issues
- Set out any omission or additional issue beyond scope of the List of Issues which ought to be considered/ examined
- Proposed recommendation(s) in light of submission
 - “the Committee is urged to/ encouraged to recommend that the UK/ Welsh Government*”

*specify which as this may not be obvious to Committee

Practicalities

- Online submissions portal
- Word document
- Language requirement: English/French/Spanish
- Word limit: 10 pages (individual submissions)/ 15 pages (coalition submissions)
- Number paragraphs

Helpful Links

- UN [CESCR page](#)
- UN CESCR [session page](#)
- UN [Reporting Guidance](#) for NGOs and Civil Society
- CESCR Secretariat:
ohchr-cescr@un.org
- [EHRC Rights Tracker](#)
- [Just Fair](#)
 - [Just Fair view on List of Issues](#)