

SRI LANKA: IMPUNITY ENTRENCHED

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SUMMARY

This submission was prepared for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Sri Lanka on 1 February 2023. In it, Amnesty International evaluates the implementation of recommendations made to Sri Lanka in its previous review on 15 November 2017, including in relation to acceding and ratifying international treaties, enactment of domestic legislation, counter-terror law, transitional justice and the situation of minorities.

It also assesses the national human rights framework regarding independent institutions, the Office on Missing Persons and the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

Regarding the human rights situation on the ground, Amnesty International raises concerns about the rights affected by the economic crisis, shrinking civic space, arbitrary arrests and detention and the excessive use of force. It ends with a set of recommendations to Sri Lanka which, if implemented, would contribute to improving the human rights situation.

FOLLOW UP TO THE PREVIOUS REVIEW

1. Sri Lanka supported 117 out of 230 recommendations in the previous review, while noting 53 others.¹
2. Sri Lanka acceded to the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture (Op-CAT) and designated the Human Rights Commission as the National Preventive Mechanism in 2017. It also enacted a law aimed at implementing the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance during the period of review. Little progress was made towards implementation of other supported recommendations.
3. Sri Lanka supported 11 recommendations² referring to implementation of the National Human Rights Action Plan (2017-2021), but there was very limited progress and the plan lapsed, with no mention of it being renewed.³
4. The death penalty remained in national law⁴ with the increased risk of it being carried out, especially in 2019 when the President signed the death warrants of at least four prisoners in death row.⁵
5. The bill of rights was not amended in the constitutional reform work,⁶ which instead reduced the strength of independent commissions. Same-sex relations remained criminalized under the Penal Code.⁷ The Prevention of Domestic Violence Act was not amended.⁸ The government also attempted to reform laws that regulate the work of non-governmental organizations.
6. The post-war restitution of land back to civilian owners made limited progress - large swathes of land remain occupied by the military without compensation paid to landowners.
7. Although Sri Lanka supported recommendations to make transitional justice mechanisms like the Office on Missing Persons (OMP) and the Office on Reparations operational and independent,⁹ these institutions are barely functioning. Politicized appointments and deliberate attempts by the Commissioners to close cases without providing answers regarding the circumstances which led to disappearances have led to mistrust among victim families.¹⁰ The Truth Commission and the judicial mechanism for accountability have not been established.¹¹
8. There was no accountability for human rights abuses during the war period¹² or for more recent violations such as threats against and intimidation of ethnic or religious minorities, human rights defenders and journalists, despite Sri Lanka's commitments to address accountability.¹³
9. Former Presidential Commissions of Inquiry reports were not made public.¹⁴ A new Commission of Inquiry on human rights and international humanitarian law violations was set up in 2021 to investigate allegations, however its findings have not been made public nor have they led to any prosecutions of those responsible. Another Commission appointed to investigate "political victimization" reversed limited accountability gains on some cases.¹⁵

THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS FRAMEWORK

National human rights mechanisms

10. The 20th amendment to the Constitution, passed in October 2020, undermined the independence of the judiciary and key independent institutions such as the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (HRCSL), by removing important checks and balances afforded to appointments, effectively undermining the rule of law and access to justice.¹⁶

11. The President was no longer bound by recommendations of the Parliamentary Council and as such, appointments to independent commissions, the senior judiciary, the Attorney General, and the Inspector General of Police are effectively presidential appointments, undermining their independence. The Sub-Committee on Accreditation of the GANHRI recommended that the HRCSL (accredited as A-status in June 2018) be downgraded to B status due to these constitutional amendments.

Office on Missing Persons

12. Since the 20th constitutional amendment changed the appointment process,¹⁷ the OMP has been staffed with individuals who have raised alarm bells amongst victim groups.¹⁸ The lists of missing persons were deleted from the OMP's website, and the website has been taken down. Victims now fear that any correspondence with the OMP will lead to them being forced to accept a death certificate. Issuing interim relief and certificates of absence has also halted.

Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA)

13. The PTA remains in use.¹⁹ March 2022 amendments,²⁰ that included reducing the pre-charge detention period from 18 months to 12, failed to address critical gaps in the law which requires repeal or substantial amendment, to bring it in line with international law and standards.²¹ The Act allows for suspects to be held without charge for up to 12 months; the Minister of Defence to make orders restricting freedom of expression and association with no right of appeal in courts; provides special rules of evidence allowing for confessions to be admissible in court; and for the onus to be placed on a suspect to prove to a court that a statement was made under duress.
14. New PTA regulations, which allow for the referral of people suspected of an offence under the PTA or Emergency Regulations to a "rehabilitation" programme, have raised many human rights concerns, including the use of overly broad, subjective language to describe offences, and the concern that rehabilitation and detention under the regulations deprive suspects of due process, access to family and the ability to challenge their detention in court. Such violations would also place those arrested at risk of torture and other ill-treatment.²²

State of Emergency

15. In April, May and July 2022 the President declared a state of emergency in response to protests. Some of these proclamations were followed by emergency regulations²³ and country-wide curfews restricting peoples' freedom of movement and right to peaceful assembly along with a social media black-out that restricted freedom of expression. The restrictions imposed by the authorities on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly, expression and movement were not strictly required by the exigencies of the situation.²⁴

THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION ON THE GROUND

Economic and social rights

16. The rights to health, education, social security, adequate food, and an adequate standard of living²⁵ are severely impacted by the current economic crisis, brought on by a balance of payment crisis and a severe foreign exchange shortage. The crisis is compounded by Covid-19 lockdowns, pre-pandemic tax cuts, and loss of access to international capital markets. Essential medicines, food items, cooking gas and fuel are all in short supply without foreign exchange for imports.²⁶ Furthermore, a chemical fertilizer ban in April 2021 has affected domestic food production, making food shortages inevitable.
17. In June 2022, inflation stood at 58.9%.²⁷ The cost of food inflation stood at 75.8% which has made even available food stocks unaffordable for economically vulnerable groups.

Freedom of expression and peaceful assembly

18. Space for dissent has closed dramatically since the previous review, with police criminal investigators, human rights defenders, lawyers, opposition parliamentarians, trade unionists, student activists all targeted by the state in reprisal for their work. The government and government-affiliated groups have used smear campaigns, harassment and other forms of intimidation, raiding media outlets and questioning journalists, travel bans, transfers and arbitrary arrests to control freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.²⁸
19. In April 2018, writer Shakthika Sathkumara was arrested and charged under the ICCPR Act and the Penal Code for propagating hatred and incitement of racial or religious violence in a story he posted on his Facebook profile.²⁹ The case was eventually dropped.
20. Lawyer and minority rights activist Hejaaz Hizbullah, a vocal critic of the government's treatment of the marginalized Muslim community, was detained under the PTA without any evidence of wrongdoing for nearly two years until he was released on bail in February 2022. Authorities alleged that he aided and abetted the suicide bombers behind bombings in April 2019 (see below). Similarly, poet and teacher Ahnaf Jazeem was arrested in May 2020 and held for 19 months under the PTA without any evidence of wrongdoing. Authorities alleged that his poems and teachings could cause 'communal disharmony.' Both men had restricted access to legal counsel and their families and basic due process safeguards, and Ahnaf Jazeem was coerced to make false statements while under interrogation.
21. Against signs of a possible change in political leadership after local government elections in 2018, families of the forcibly disappeared, who engaged in peaceful protests over 1950 days, complained of intimidation by law enforcement officers through unannounced visits, intimidating phone calls, surveillance and taking of photographs during protests.³⁰ Additionally, the state security apparatus has begun approaching the judiciary to pre-emptively restrict the victims' freedom to protest.³¹
22. Country-wide protests erupted in March 2022 in the context of growing dissatisfaction with the government's mismanagement of the economy. Police officers have been accused of routinely using excessive force against largely peaceful protesters, including lethal force that left one dead and at least a dozen others injured in April 2022 in Rambukkana. Allegations of an abduction-style arrest of youth activist Anuruddha and ill-treatment of protesters while in custody have also been documented in Mirihana, along with accusations that police recorded statements without giving protesters access to legal representation.³²
23. On 9 May 2022, government-aligned groups attacked a peaceful protest site in front of the Presidential Secretariat in full view of law enforcement officers who did little to stop them. Members of anti-government groups retaliated to the attack by beating pro-government supporters and destroying buses believed to have transported them. They also targeted parliamentarians, damaging their vehicles and setting fire to their homes, businesses, and party offices. The day after, the Defence Ministry issued a notice saying military personnel had been ordered to open fire at anyone looting public property or causing harm to others. At least 21 protesters had been arrested by 20 June.³³

Excessive use of force

24. Incidents of deaths in police custody and police brutality were widely reported³⁴ in the period under review, with no criminal liability or accountability for law enforcement or other government officers in such cases. The police were also accused of using excessive force to quell anti-government protests in response to the economic crisis, including indiscriminately using tear gas and water cannons, as well as firing at peaceful protesters where one individual was killed in April 2022 while at least a dozen more were injured. At least one child was shot at during the incident in Rambukkana. The Army has, in at least two incidents, fired warning shots in the air in response to unrest at fuel stations where people have been lining up in the hope of purchasing fuel for days.³⁵

25. Amnesty International recorded instances where security officers fired multiple rounds of tear-gas against protesters during the round of anti-government protests.³⁶ On 9 July 2022, security forces opened fire on protesters attempting to breach the entrance of the Presidential residence.³⁷

Rights of minorities

26. The situation of minorities has deteriorated, with anti-Muslim discrimination fast forming a part of state policy.³⁸ Muslims who died of Covid-19 were forcibly cremated against their religious beliefs until the government changed its policy ahead of a UNHRC session.³⁹ The cabinet approved a proposal to ban the *niqab*.⁴⁰ Prior to that, in March 2018, a week after a similar attack in the eastern coastal district of Ampara, a mob set alight homes, shops and a mosque belonging to the local Muslim community in Digana, in central Sri Lanka. Close to 2000 Muslims were arrested using the PTA and Emergency Regulations in the 2019 attacks' aftermath.⁴¹
27. Investigations into a series of bombings by a local Islamic group on 21 April 2019 that killed more than 250 people revealed that the security apparatus failed to prevent the attacks despite actionable intelligence. Christians targeted by the bombings failed to achieve justice.
28. The Tamil community continued to be harassed in the highly militarized Northern province, where they were repeatedly prevented from memorialising their loved ones forcibly disappeared or killed during the 26-year-long war which ended in 2009. Post-war land restitution halted.

Transitional justice

29. The support for most commitments made by the Sri Lankan government at the UN Human Rights Council in 2015⁴² were withdrawn by 2020. The two institutions established, the OMP and the Office on Reparations, remain in skeletal form without the faith and trust of victims. Under the leadership of the controversial former Supreme Court judge Upali Abeyratne, the OMP opened a new office in the North and announced plans to "verify" the 21,374 cases collated by its former members. By the end of the 2021, the OMP's official caseload stood at 14,988, with no clear explanation for its having dropped more than 6,000 missing persons cases.⁴³
30. Accountability for war-time serious violations of human rights and humanitarian law was not pursued, and in some cases which implicated members of the military or government supporters, the suspects were either acquitted, the cases were withdrawn by the Attorney General, or a convicted perpetrator received a Presidential pardon. These include the enforced disappearance of Prageeth Eknaligoda, the assassination of Joseph Pararajasingham in 2005; the charges against Wasantha Karannagoda in the disappearance of 11 Tamils in 2008 and 2009;⁴⁴ and the 2020 pardon of a perpetrator in the Mirusuvil massacre case.⁴⁵

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION BY THE STATE UNDER REVIEW

Amnesty International calls on the government of Sri Lanka to:

National human rights mechanisms

31. De-politicise the appointment process for independent institutions, including the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka and the Attorney General's Office with a view to making them independent, effective and reliable redress mechanisms for victims of human rights abuses in Sri Lanka.

Transitional justice

32. Urgently and genuinely take account of the demands of families of the disappeared, who have sought answers for more than a decade.
33. Ensure the Office on Missing Persons prioritizes, respects and facilitates the families' rights to truth, justice and reparations without exerting pressure on them to close the cases on their missing relatives.

34. Take seriously Sri Lanka's international obligations to protect and create an enabling environment for the families of the disappeared to enjoy their rights to free expression, association, peaceful assembly, and liberty and security of persons.
35. Ensure the effective and independent operations of the Office on Missing Persons and the Office on Reparations, paying due regard to the demands and needs of those affected.
36. Take all steps including by amending the domestic legal framework to enable the prosecution of perpetrators for alleged violations of international human rights law and humanitarian law.
37. Ensure all civilian-owned land is returned to its rightful owners.

Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA)

38. Repeal the Prevention of Terrorism Act and, pending repeal, immediately establish a moratorium on its use.
39. Immediately review the detention of those held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, including of Muslims detained after the 2019 bombings, ensure adequate access to fair bail hearings, and immediately release all those not facing internationally recognizable charges.
40. Ensure the right to a fair trial, including pre-trial rights of those accused under the Prevention of Terrorism Act such as regular access to legal counsel on a confidential basis and to family members at regular intervals.
41. Facilitate access to effective remedies and reparations to those whose human rights have been violated due to the use of the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

State of emergency

42. Stop unduly restricting people's freedom of movement and peaceful assembly and the use of social media blackouts that restrict freedom of expression under the pretext of a state of emergency.
43. Revoke Emergency Regulations that provide sweeping powers to law enforcement officers.

Economic and social rights

44. Urgently fund and expand social security systems and ensure that the right to an adequate standard of living is protected for all, including marginalized groups.
45. Design proposals to provide 'emergency relief' during the economic crisis so they are adequately financed, enable all persons to access an adequate standard of living, and request international cooperation and assistance for this purpose if necessary.
46. Develop mechanisms by which people can effectively participate in and contribute to discussions about budgets and public expenditure, before decisions to reduce public expenditure on economic and social rights are made in times of economic crisis.
47. Explore alternative options for accessing the maximum available resources to fulfil human rights obligations, including for example, through effectively addressing tax evasion and tax fraud, and implementing progressive tax measures.

Freedom of expression and peaceful assembly

48. End the targeting and prosecution of dissenters critical of government or actors aligned with the government and release anyone held arbitrarily for peacefully protesting or otherwise expressing their views.

49. Ensure law enforcement authorities strictly consider the necessity and proportionality of restrictions when applying for court orders, for example by implementing appropriate training programmes.

Rights of minorities

50. Ensure prompt, impartial and effective investigations into incidents of attacks against minority communities and hold suspected perpetrators to account.
51. Reject policies and proposals that violate the rights of minority communities, including forced cremations and the proposed ban on the *niqab*.

Excessive use of force

52. Ensure law enforcement authorities use of force in response to protests is used as a last resort, proportionate and necessary, and that any officials suspected of using unlawful force are brought to justice.

ANNEX 1

KEY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTS FOR FURTHER REFERENCE

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Sri Lanka: Provide timeline for full implementation of Resolution 30/1, 20 March 2018, <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/asa37/8090/2018/en/>

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Sri Lanka: Letter to Sri Lankan Prime Minister: Office for Reparations Bill, 9 October 2018, <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/asa37/9219/2018/en/>

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Sri Lanka: Countering terrorism at the expense of human rights: Concerns with Sri Lanka's Counter Terrorism Bill, 31 January 2019, <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/asa37/9770/2019/en/>

Sri Lanka: Need for time-bound plan for implementation of commitments to the Human Rights Council, 7 March 2019, <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/asa37/9983/2019/en/>

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Sri Lanka: Spectrum: Four stories of discrimination faced by LGBTI people in Sri Lanka, 6 December 2019, <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/asa37/1477/2019/en/>

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Sri Lanka: Release Hejaaz Hizbullah and Others Denied Due Process under Abusive Law, 28 July 2021, <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/asa37/4525/2021/en/>

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ANNEX 2

MATRIX OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS CYCLE, WITH COMMENTS ON PROGRESS

Recommendation	Position	Full list of themes	Amnesty International's assessment/comments on level of implementation
Theme: A12 Acceptance of international norms			
116.137 Fully incorporate the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women into Sri Lanka's domestic system (Norway); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A12 Acceptance of international norms A41 Constitutional and legislative framework F1 Women S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - women	Not yet implemented
116.1 Consider ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (Uruguay); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A12 Acceptance of international norms D1 Civil & political rights - general measures of implementation D23 Death penalty S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented
116.10 Ensure safeguards against arbitrary arrest and torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment and ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Portugal); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A12 Acceptance of international norms D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment D33 Arbitrary arrest and detention S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - persons deprived of their liberty	Partly implemented Acceded to OP CAT but arbitrary arrests and torture and other ill-treatment continue
116.2 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Poland) (Uruguay) (Denmark); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A12 Acceptance of international norms D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Implemented Acceded to Op-CAT but not yet ratified.
116.3 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Senegal); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A12 Acceptance of international norms D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Implemented

Recommendation	Position	Full list of themes	Amnesty International's assessment/comments on level of implementation
<p>116.4 Accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (New Zealand);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>A12 Acceptance of international norms D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons: - general</p>	Implemented.
<p>116.5 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment as soon as possible (Ghana);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>A12 Acceptance of international norms D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons: - general</p>	Implemented.
<p>116.7 Consider ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Afghanistan);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>A12 Acceptance of international norms D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons: - general</p>	Implemented.
<p>116.8 Consider ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Côte d'Ivoire);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>A12 Acceptance of international norms D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons: - general</p>	Implemented.
<p>116.9 Ratify swiftly the Optional Protocols to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment as well as to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Guatemala);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>A12 Acceptance of international norms D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons: - persons with disabilities</p>	<p>Implemented.</p> <p>Acceded to Op-CAT in December 2017; Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities ratified in 2016.</p>

Recommendation	Position	Full list of themes	Amnesty International's assessment/comments on level of implementation
Theme: A22 Cooperation with treaty bodies			
116.25 Continue its close cooperation with the United Nations bodies and mechanisms to implement the National Human Rights Action Plan (Azerbaijan); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A22 Cooperation with treaty bodies A24 Cooperation with special procedures A26 Cooperation with the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) A46 National Plans of Action on Human Rights (or specific areas) S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Partly implemented. Withdrew support for UNHRC resolution 30/1. Sri Lanka's National Action Plan for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights (2017 – 2021) has now lapsed.
116.113 Implement recommendations by relevant treaty bodies such as the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, to end military involvement in commercial and other civilian activities (Austria); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A22 Cooperation with treaty bodies E1 Economic, social & cultural rights - general measures of implementation S01 SDG 1 - poverty S02 SDG 2 - hunger and food security S03 SDG 3 - health S04 SDG 4 - education S06 SDG 6 - water and sanitation S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment S08 SDG 8 - economic growth, employment, decent work Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
Theme: A24 Cooperation with special procedures			
116.12 Respond positively to the pending visit requests by the special procedures mandate holders (Latvia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A24 Cooperation with special procedures S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Partly implemented.
Theme: A26 Cooperation with the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)			
116.11 Continue to strengthen its cooperation with the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms (Myanmar); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A26 Cooperation with the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) A24 Cooperation with special procedures A28 Cooperation with other international mechanisms and institutions S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
Theme: A28 Cooperation with other international mechanisms and institutions			

Recommendation	Position	Full list of themes	Amnesty International's assessment/comments on level of implementation
116.69 Continue to avail international assistance for investigating war crimes and human rights training for security forces (Islamic Republic of Iran); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A28 Cooperation with other international mechanisms and institutions A53 Professional training in human rights B52 Impunity B54 Transitional justice S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - persons affected by armed conflict - public officials	Not yet implemented.
Theme: A41 Constitutional and legislative framework			
116.110 Consider introducing legislation requiring businesses to report publicly on efforts to ensure transparency in supply chains, as part of Sri Lanka's national action plan to combat human trafficking (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A41 Constitutional and legislative framework A46 National Plans of Action on Human Rights (or specific areas) B6 Business & Human Rights D27 Prohibition of slavery, trafficking S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
116.28 Scale up awareness-raising of new policies and legislation at the grass-roots level (Ethiopia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A41 Constitutional and legislative framework A54 Awareness raising and dissemination S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions S17 SDG 17 - partnerships Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
116.13 Continue the process of constitutional reforms, including consideration of a new Bill of Rights that will, amongst others, guarantee the right to life and the right to non-discrimination on any ground (South Africa); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A41 Constitutional and legislative framework B31 Equality & non-discrimination D21 Right to life S10 SDG 10 - inequality S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Partly implemented.
116.31 Continue the efforts to address any discriminatory laws and practices in line with Sri Lanka's accepted international obligations (Ethiopia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A41 Constitutional and legislative framework B31 Equality & non-discrimination S10 SDG 10 - inequality S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Partly implemented.

Recommendation	Position	Full list of themes	Amnesty International's assessment/comments on level of implementation
<p>116.135 Intensify measures to advance women's rights, including vocational training of youth and measures relating to access to justice, and legislative reform, as well as implementation of gender responsiveness at all levels of governance and policymaking (Indonesia);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>A41 Constitutional and legislative framework B51 Right to an effective remedy F11 Advancement of women S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons: - women - youth</p>	Not yet implemented.
<p>116.79 Expedite the process of reconciliation and transitional justice, including through the commencement of the operation of the Office of Missing Persons, the enactment of the new counter-terrorism legislation, as well as the additional release of land to the people in the northern and eastern provinces of the country (Thailand);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>A41 Constitutional and legislative framework B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism B54 Transitional justice D32 Enforced disappearances S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons: - persons affected by armed conflict - disappeared persons</p>	Partly implemented.
<p>116.52 Review the anti-terrorist legislation in order to bring it in line with international standards (Estonia);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>A41 Constitutional and legislative framework B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons: - general</p>	Not yet implemented.
<p>116.58 Establish a solid legislative mechanism to punish all forms of torture and violence committed by the police during investigations in order to get confessions (Madagascar);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>A41 Constitutional and legislative framework D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons: - general - law enforcement / police officials</p>	Not yet implemented.
<p>116.66 Adopt legal provisions to define cases of enforced disappearance as a criminal offence in the national law, fully investigate cases of enforced disappearance and bring to justice those responsible (Slovakia);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>A41 Constitutional and legislative framework D32 Enforced disappearances B52 Impunity S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons: - disappeared persons</p>	Partly implemented.

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<p>116.61 Advance towards thorough and effective implementation of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance in national legislation, including the listing of enforced disappearance as a crime in its criminal legislation (Spain);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>A41 Constitutional and legislative framework D32 Enforced disappearances S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons: - disappeared persons</p>	Partly implemented.
<p>116.62 Enact legislation making enforced disappearance a crime under national law in accordance with the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Sweden);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>A41 Constitutional and legislative framework D32 Enforced disappearances S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons: - disappeared persons</p>	Implemented.
<p>116.40 Adopt comprehensive legislation on hate speech and incitement to hatred (Sierra Leone);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>A41 Constitutional and legislative framework D43 Freedom of opinion and expression S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons: - general</p>	Partly implemented.
<p>116.173 Accelerate the enactment of the Sri Lanka Employment Migration Authority Act on the protection of migrant workers and their families in line with the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Indonesia);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>A41 Constitutional and legislative framework E31 Right to work G4 Migrants S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions S10 SDG 10 - inequality S08 SDG 8 - economic growth, employment, decent work</p> <p>Affected persons: - migrants</p>	Not yet implemented.
<p>116.143 Repeal domestic legislation that discriminates against women, including on rights to succession to land permits and grants, and the disposal of immovable property, as well as to address obstacles to equal participation of women in political, economic and public life (Namibia);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>A41 Constitutional and legislative framework F12 Discrimination against women F14 Participation of women in political and public life S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment</p> <p>Affected persons: - women</p>	Not yet implemented.

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116.138 Guarantee equality between men and women through an exhaustive review of national legislation (Guatemala); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A41 Constitutional and legislative framework F12 Discrimination against women S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment Affected persons: - women	Not yet implemented.
116.139 Review and repeal discriminatory provisions against women in its domestic legislation (Latvia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A41 Constitutional and legislative framework F12 Discrimination against women S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment Affected persons: - women	Not yet implemented.
116.148 Criminalize conjugal violence and adopt a comprehensive strategy to prevent and fight against gender-based violence (Honduras); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A41 Constitutional and legislative framework F13 Violence against women S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment Affected persons: - women	Not yet implemented.
116.60 Continue carrying out the policy aimed at bringing legislation in line with its international human rights obligations, and improving judicial and penitentiary systems, as well as the application of laws in the area of the rights of national and religious minorities (Russian Federation); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A41 Constitutional and legislative framework G1 Members of minorities D51 Administration of justice & fair trial S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups	Not yet implemented.
116.14 Continue the constitutional reform to create a more comprehensive framework for the promotion and protection of human rights (Viet Nam); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A41 Constitutional and legislative framework S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
116.15 Continue the Constitutional reforms to guarantee the fundamental rights of the entire population, and move forward in the implementation of the reforms as planned in the National Human Rights Plan (Mexico); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A41 Constitutional and legislative framework S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
Theme: A42 Institutions & policies - General			

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116.33 Continue efforts to protect and promote the rights of the marginalized and vulnerable sections of the society (Nepal); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A42 Institutions & policies - General S10 SDG 10 - inequality S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - vulnerable persons/groups	Not yet implemented.
Theme: A44 Structure of the national human rights machinery			
116.65 Publish all reports of previous commissions on enforced disappearances, in particular the Presidential Commission to Investigate Complaints of Missing Persons (PCICMP) (Switzerland); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A44 Structure of the national human rights machinery D32 Enforced disappearances D33 Arbitrary arrest and detention S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - disappeared persons	Not yet implemented.
116.63 Make the Office of Missing Persons fully operational, inter alia by appointing well-qualified independent commissioners and allocating sufficient funds (Germany); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A44 Structure of the national human rights machinery D32 Enforced disappearances S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - disappeared persons	Partly implemented.
116.64 Provide the Office on Missing Persons with sufficient resources and equip the office with highly qualified members to perform its mission independently and effectively (Republic of Korea); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A44 Structure of the national human rights machinery D32 Enforced disappearances S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - disappeared persons	Not yet implemented.
Theme: A45 National Human Rights Institution (NHRI)			

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116.16 Ensure adequate funding and manpower for the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (Philippines); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A45 National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
116.17 Ensure the full alignment of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka in accordance with the Paris Principles (Afghanistan); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A45 National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
Theme: A46 National Plans of Action on Human Rights (or specific areas)			
116.147 Design and implement strategies to tackle sexual and gender-based violence, including addressing related stigma towards victims and survivors, as per the National Human Rights Action Plan, the National Plan of Action for addressing Sexual and Gender-Based Violence and the Declaration on Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A46 National Plans of Action on Human Rights (or specific areas) F13 Violence against women S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment Affected persons: - women	Partly implemented.
116.150 Allocate adequate resources to ensure the continuous and effective implementation of the National Action Plan to Address Gender-Based Violence (Malaysia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A46 National Plans of Action on Human Rights (or specific areas) F13 Violence against women S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - women	Not yet implemented.
116.18 Make further efforts to ensure the implementation of its National Human Rights Action Plan (Myanmar); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A46 National Plans of Action on Human Rights (or specific areas) S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.

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116.19 Continue its efforts for the passing of the National Human Rights Action Plan and afterwards its implementation (Pakistan); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A46 National Plans of Action on Human Rights (or specific areas) S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
116.20 Work with the development partners to facilitate the implementation of the National Human Rights Action Plan (Philippines); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A46 National Plans of Action on Human Rights (or specific areas) S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
116.21 Ensure that adequate resources are invested for the effective implementation of the National Human Rights Action Plan 2017–2021, in particular at the provincial level (Singapore); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A46 National Plans of Action on Human Rights (or specific areas) S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
116.22 Continue its efforts to implement the national human rights action plan (Sudan); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A46 National Plans of Action on Human Rights (or specific areas) S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
116.24 Continue strengthening the integration of human rights in its public policies by strengthening the government agencies at all levels for the implementation of the National Action Plan on Human Rights 2017–2021 (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A46 National Plans of Action on Human Rights (or specific areas) S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
116.26 Implement the National Action Plan on Human Rights for 2017–2021 (Cuba); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A46 National Plans of Action on Human Rights (or specific areas) S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.

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116.27 Ensure the allocation of necessary resources in order to implement measures planned under the National Human Rights Action Plan (Belarus); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A46 National Plans of Action on Human Rights (or specific areas) S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
116.23 Work to ensure that all government agencies and relevant stakeholders are fully aware of the National Action Plan for human rights and effectively implement it for the benefit of all people, especially the most vulnerable groups in the society (Thailand); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A46 National Plans of Action on Human Rights (or specific areas) S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions S17 SDG 17 - partnerships Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
Theme: A51 Human rights education - general			
116.30 Extend human rights education to all sectors of the country (Burundi); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	A51 Human rights education - general E51 Right to education - General S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions S17 SDG 17 - partnerships Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
Theme: B31 Equality & non-discrimination			
116.164 Continue efforts to protect effectively women, children, and ethnic minorities' rights, and combat discrimination they are facing (Poland); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B31 Equality & non-discrimination F12 Discrimination against women F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection G1 Members of minorities S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - women - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups	Not yet implemented.
116.39 Adopt measures to eliminate all forms of discrimination in health-care settings, including in the context of HIV/AIDS, while paying particular attention to the specific needs of key populations, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons (Portugal); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B31 Equality & non-discrimination S03 SDG 3 - health S10 SDG 10 - inequality Affected persons: - lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI)	Not yet implemented.

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116.32 Do more to combat all forms of discrimination, with a focus on vulnerable groups (Senegal); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B31 Equality & non-discrimination S10 SDG 10 - inequality S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - vulnerable persons/groups	Not yet implemented.
116.34 Strengthen measures to promote the right to equality and non-discrimination against any citizen and/or community, whatever their origin, age and identity (Plurinational State of Bolivia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B31 Equality & non-discrimination S10 SDG 10 - inequality S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - migrants - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups - non-citizens - stateless persons	Not yet implemented.
116.37 Prevent and combat all kind of discrimination, in particular those on the grounds of ethnicity and sexual orientation (Italy); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B31 Equality & non-discrimination S10 SDG 10 - inequality S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI)	Not yet implemented.
116.38 Ensure respect for the rights and fundamental freedoms of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons, by investigating and sanctioning acts of discrimination and violence against such persons (Argentina); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B31 Equality & non-discrimination S10 SDG 10 - inequality S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI)	Not yet implemented.
Theme: B41 Right to development			
116.116 Continue the efforts to combat extreme poverty within the Sustainable Development Goals framework (Morocco); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B41 Right to development E21 Right to an adequate standard of living - general S01 SDG 1 - poverty Affected persons: - general	
Theme: B51 Right to an effective remedy			
116.71 Ensure that comprehensive measures are in place to thoroughly investigate and provide judicial remedies for cases of violations following the armed conflict (Sierra Leone); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B51 Right to an effective remedy B52 Impunity B54 Transitional justice S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - persons affected by armed conflict	Not yet implemented.

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<p>116.72 Continue to investigate, in an independent and impartial manner, all human rights violations committed during the conflict and its aftermath, and to prosecute perpetrators and ensure proper redress to the victims affected, in this regard (State of Palestine);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>B51 Right to an effective remedy B52 Impunity B54 Transitional justice S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons: - persons affected by armed conflict</p>	Not yet implemented.
<p>116.74 Deepen investigation of cases of human rights violations committed during the conflict, punish the perpetrators and provide adequate reparation to the victims (Argentina);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>B51 Right to an effective remedy B52 Impunity B54 Transitional justice S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons: - persons affected by armed conflict</p>	Not yet implemented.
<p>116.73 Hold security forces and government officials accountable for human rights violations and abuses (United States of America);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>B51 Right to an effective remedy B52 Impunity S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons: - general</p>	Not yet implemented.
<p>116.76 Fulfil all the commitments made on transitional justice, including through the creation of an accountability mechanism which is credible, victim-centric and supported by international practitioners and through full operationalization of independent and impartial work of the recently established Office of Missing Persons (Slovenia);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>B51 Right to an effective remedy B54 Transitional justice D32 Enforced disappearances S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons: - persons affected by armed conflict - disappeared persons</p>	Not yet implemented.
<p>116.111 Take measures to provide the victims of trafficking with effective remedy, including compensation and rehabilitation (Armenia);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>B51 Right to an effective remedy D27 Prohibition of slavery, trafficking S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons: - general</p>	Not yet implemented.

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116.102 Hold accountable perpetrators of harassment and violence against members of religious minority communities (United States of America); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B51 Right to an effective remedy D42 Freedom of thought, conscience and religion S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups	Not yet implemented.
116.131 Accelerate the restitution of lands confiscated by the army and set up a satisfactory compensation system (France); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B51 Right to an effective remedy E1 Economic, social & cultural rights - general measures of implementation A47 Good governance S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - persons affected by armed conflict - military staff	Partly implemented.
116.133 Take all the necessary measures to significantly increase the process of returning occupied private land back to its rightful owners, with a view to also addressing accusations of land-grabbing (Haiti); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B51 Right to an effective remedy E1 Economic, social & cultural rights - general measures of implementation A47 Good governance S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - persons affected by armed conflict - military staff	Partly implemented.
116.162 Adopt special measures to ensure that persons in particularly vulnerable situations, such as children, have meaningful access to the justice system and other complaint procedures (Bahrain); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B51 Right to an effective remedy F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - children	Not yet implemented.
116.154 Equip all police stations with a women's desk, private rooms, and a sufficient number of female police officers, with a view to better ensuring women's and girls' access to justice (Haiti); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B51 Right to an effective remedy S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - women - law enforcement / police officials	Partly implemented.
116.95 Promote the rights of and compensation for victims of crimes and witnesses (Egypt); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B51 Right to an effective remedy S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.

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116.96 Ensure the independence and integrity of the authority and division for witness and victim protection and allocate sufficient funds beginning with the 2018 budget (Germany); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B51 Right to an effective remedy S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Partly implemented.
Theme: B52 Impunity			
116.70 Guarantee completion of ongoing investigations into abuse committed against civilian populations during the civil war (France); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B52 Impunity B54 Transitional justice S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - persons affected by armed conflict	Not yet implemented.
116.67 Ensure that all allegations of arbitrary detention, torture and enforced disappearance are impartially and effectively investigated by an independent body (Italy); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B52 Impunity D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment D26 Conditions of detention D32 Enforced disappearances D33 Arbitrary arrest and detention S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - disappeared persons	Not yet implemented.
116.153 Protect and promote the rights of women, end sexual violence in conflict and do not allow impunity for such crimes (Egypt); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B52 Impunity F13 Violence against women S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - women	Not yet implemented.
Theme: B54 Transitional justice			
116.77 Establish a comprehensive transitional justice mechanism, including operationalizing of an Office of Missing Persons, a truth-seeking commission, an Office of Reparations and a judicial mechanism with a special counsel, as committed to (South Africa); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B54 Transitional justice D32 Enforced disappearances S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - persons affected by armed conflict - disappeared persons	Partly implemented.

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<p>116.81 Accelerate the process to establish a transitional justice system that includes an equal participation of women, that relies on personnel trained to deal with cases of sexual violence and violence against women, and whose rulings are transparent and public (Mexico);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>B54 Transitional justice F13 Violence against women S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - women - persons affected by armed conflict 	Not yet implemented.
<p>116.94 Continue to promote national reconciliation by preventing acts of violence and intimidation against religious and ethnic minorities, and by ensuring effective prosecution and punishment of perpetrators (Holy See);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>B54 Transitional justice G1 Members of minorities S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups - persons affected by armed conflict 	Not yet implemented.
<p>116.83 Pursue the efforts towards reconciliation and the strengthening of national unity, and to address post-conflict concerns such as the return and resettlement of internally displaced people, and the social rehabilitation and reintegration of former combatants (Nicaragua);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>B54 Transitional justice G6 Internally displaced persons S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - general - internally displaced persons - persons affected by armed conflict 	Partly implemented.
<p>116.75 Continue efforts to step up psychosocial assistance programmes to victims of the conflict, according to their needs (Islamic Republic of Iran);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>B54 Transitional justice S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - persons affected by armed conflict 	Not yet implemented.
<p>116.78 Ensure that the transitional justice system is finally created (France);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>B54 Transitional justice S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - persons affected by armed conflict 	Not yet implemented.

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116.80 Establish an encompassing framework of judicial and non-judicial measures to ensure transitional justice, including the creation of a national mechanism of truth, justice and reconciliation and an office for reparations (Belgium); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B54 Transitional justice S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - persons affected by armed conflict	Not yet implemented.
116.84 Continue its efforts leading to national reconciliation (Peru); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B54 Transitional justice S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - persons affected by armed conflict	Partly implemented.
116.85 Pursue efforts to strengthen national reconciliation and ensure the achievement of transitional justice (Qatar); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B54 Transitional justice S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - persons affected by armed conflict	Partly implemented.
116.86 Continue and step up efforts to promote reconciliation, accountability and human rights, above all through national initiatives such as the national policy on reconciliation (Brazil); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B54 Transitional justice S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - persons affected by armed conflict	Not yet implemented.
116.87 Take the necessary steps to ensure the speedy creation of a Commission for Truth, a Judicial Mechanism and an Office for Reparations pursuant to the Human Rights Council resolution 30/1 (Ireland); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B54 Transitional justice S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - persons affected by armed conflict	Partly implemented.
116.88 Take the necessary legislative steps to establish a Commission for Truth, a Judicial Mechanism and an Office for Reparations as specified in resolution 30/1 (Germany); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B54 Transitional justice S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - persons affected by armed conflict	Partly implemented.

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116.89 Pursue timely and continued progress in its reconciliation and reform programme in accordance with resolution 30/1 as adopted by the Human Rights Council (New Zealand); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B54 Transitional justice S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - persons affected by armed conflict	Partly implemented.
116.90 Fully implement the commitments agreed to in Human Rights Council resolution 30/1 (United States of America); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B54 Transitional justice S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - persons affected by armed conflict	Partly implemented.
116.91 Fully implement its commitments under Human Rights Council resolution 30/1 (Australia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B54 Transitional justice S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - persons affected by armed conflict	Partly implemented.
116.92 Continue making progress in the implementation of the national reconciliation project through the Ministries of National Integration and Reconciliation and of National Coexistence, Dialogue and Official Languages (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B54 Transitional justice S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - persons affected by armed conflict	Partly implemented.
116.93 Continue efforts to consolidate national reconciliation as a lasting response to the aftermath of the armed conflict (Algeria); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B54 Transitional justice S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - persons affected by armed conflict	Not yet implemented.
116.82 Continue its efforts towards national reconciliation in cooperation with the international community, while fully engaging with all stakeholders (Japan); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B54 Transitional justice S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions S17 SDG 17 - partnerships Affected persons: - general	Partly implemented.
Theme: B71 Human rights and the environment			

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116.44 Address urgently the intensive use of chemicals in agriculture (Iraq); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B71 Human rights and the environment E41 Right to health - General S03 SDG 3 - health S12 SDG 12 - sustainable consumption and production Affected persons: - persons living in rural areas	Partly implemented.
116.46 Integrate the protection and promotion of human rights in its environmental policies and strategies for response to disasters (Cuba); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B71 Human rights and the environment S13 SDG 13 - climate change Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
Theme: B73 Human rights and climate change			
116.47 Incorporate climate change considerations into the implementation of the National Human Rights Action Plan (Viet Nam); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B73 Human rights and climate change A46 National Plans of Action on Human Rights (or specific areas) S13 SDG 13 - climate change Affected persons: - general	Partly Implemented.
Theme: B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism			
116.51 Strengthen the human rights approach in policies to fight against terrorism (Peru); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
Theme: D23 Death penalty			
116.53 Consider abolishing the death penalty (Italy); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	D23 Death penalty S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
116.54 Consider abolishing the death penalty (Timor-Leste); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	D23 Death penalty S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
Theme: D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment			
116.56 Strengthen efforts to prevent torture, especially with respect to people under custody by the criminal investigations department, police and military agencies (Islamic Republic of Iran); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment D26 Conditions of detention S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - persons deprived of their liberty	Not yet implemented.

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116.55 Strengthen the regulatory and institutional framework to ensure implementation of the Zero Tolerance Policy on Torture, as well as enhancing capacity-building on the prevention of torture (Indonesia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
116.57 Take all necessary steps to prevent police violence and introduce programmes in police forces and enforcement authorities aimed at raising awareness against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment (Slovakia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - law enforcement / police officials - public officials - prison officials	Not yet implemented.
Theme: D26 Conditions of detention			
116.174 Apply alternatives to detention of irregular migrants, in particular for families and children (Portugal); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	D26 Conditions of detention G4 Migrants S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - migrants	Not yet implemented.
116.68 Grant the request of families of victims to get information on the names and places of detention of detained persons (France); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	D26 Conditions of detention S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - persons deprived of their liberty	Not yet implemented.
Theme: D27 Prohibition of slavery, trafficking			
116.108 Continue efforts to combat human trafficking and provide all necessary requirements to ensure the implementation of the strategic plan on this matter (Qatar); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	D27 Prohibition of slavery, trafficking S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.

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116.109 Continue its efforts to implement the strategic plan to combat trafficking in persons (Sudan); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	D27 Prohibition of slavery, trafficking S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
Theme: D29 Domestic violence			
116.149 Continue to take measures to end all forms of violence against women and expedite the finalization of amendments to the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act (Maldives); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	D29 Domestic violence F13 Violence against women S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment Affected persons: - women	Not yet implemented.
Theme: D42 Freedom of thought, conscience and religion			
116.172 Give particular attention to the effective participation of minorities in the decision-taking process, offering equal economic and social opportunities, and to create practices and institutions to ensure that the ethnic, linguistic and religious diversity of the country can be fully integrated (Guatemala); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	D42 Freedom of thought, conscience and religion S10 SDG 10 - inequality S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups	Not yet implemented.
116.97 Strengthen efforts to protect freedom of religion and promote interreligious dialogue (Italy); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	D42 Freedom of thought, conscience and religion S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups	Not yet implemented.
116.98 Ensure that the right to freedom of religion and belief is guaranteed and respected (Madagascar); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	D42 Freedom of thought, conscience and religion S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups	Not yet implemented.
116.99 Increase efforts to guarantee and protect freedom of religion and belief, in line with its obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Belgium); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	D42 Freedom of thought, conscience and religion S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups	Not yet implemented.

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116.100 Actively encourage dialogue between various religious groups to enhance interfaith solidarity, and to prevent potential violence and the spread of religious hatred (Netherlands); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	D42 Freedom of thought, conscience and religion S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups	Not yet implemented.
116.101 Strengthen existing law and practice to guarantee the right to freedom of religion or belief for all citizens and residents, in particular by prosecuting and punishing all cases of religiously motivated violence (Poland); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	D42 Freedom of thought, conscience and religion S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
116.103 Condemn all acts of intimidation of, or violence against, members of religious minorities, and bring all perpetrators to justice without delay (Netherlands); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	D42 Freedom of thought, conscience and religion S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups	Not yet implemented.
Theme: D43 Freedom of opinion and expression			
116.41 Continue the efforts to combat hate speech (Tunisia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	D43 Freedom of opinion and expression S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
116.42 Take concrete measures aimed at preventing and punishing the perpetrators of hate speech and incitement of violent attacks against ethnic and religious minorities (Namibia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	D43 Freedom of opinion and expression S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups	Not yet implemented.
116.43 Investigate all attacks and hate speech against members of religious minorities, prosecute perpetrators and take steps to prevent reoccurrence (Australia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	D43 Freedom of opinion and expression S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups	Not yet implemented.
Theme: D51 Administration of justice & fair trial			

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116.59 Continue the ongoing process of consolidating democracy and the rule of law in the country (Nepal); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	D51 Administration of justice & fair trial S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
Theme: D8 Rights related to marriage & family			
116.156 Continue promoting the participation and empowerment of women in the decision-making process and combat discrimination against their role in the family and society (Libya); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	D8 Rights related to marriage & family F11 Advancement of women F12 Discrimination against women F14 Participation of women in political and public life S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment Affected persons: - women	Not yet implemented.
116.140 Consider undertaking a review of domestic laws with a view to guaranteeing equality between men and women, including laws that govern the rights of succession with respect to land permits and grants, and the absence of a minimum age for marriage under Muslim law (Ghana); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	D8 Rights related to marriage & family F12 Discrimination against women F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment Affected persons: - women - girls	Not yet implemented.
116.142 Review domestic laws that have an impact on equality between women and men, in particular those that govern rights of succession, the disposal of immovable property and the establishment of a minimum age for marriage (Portugal); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	D8 Rights related to marriage & family F12 Discrimination against women F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment Affected persons: - women - girls	Not yet implemented.
Theme: E Economic, social and cultural rights			

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<p>116.112 Strengthen measures aimed at the full realization of economic, social and cultural rights (South Africa);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>E Economic, social and cultural rights S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions S01 SDG 1 - poverty S02 SDG 2 - hunger and food security S03 SDG 3 - health S04 SDG 4 - education S06 SDG 6 - water and sanitation S08 SDG 8 - economic growth, employment, decent work</p> <p>Affected persons: - general</p>	Not yet implemented.
Theme: E1 Economic, social & cultural rights - general measures of implementation			
<p>116.130 Strengthen the democratic control of the defence sector, in particular suspend the involvement of members of the armed forces in economic activities, in order to ensure guarantee of property of citizens, as well as their livelihoods (Switzerland);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>E1 Economic, social & cultural rights - general measures of implementation A47 Good governance S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons: - general - persons affected by armed conflict - military staff</p>	Not yet implemented.
<p>116.49 Focus on economic, social and cultural rights as a first step towards achieving programmes within the framework of the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda (United Arab Emirates);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>E1 Economic, social & cultural rights - general measures of implementation E21 Right to an adequate standard of living - general S Sustainable Development Goal implementation</p> <p>Affected persons: - general</p>	Not yet implemented.
<p>116.114 Continue to promote economic and social sustainable development and poverty reduction, to lay a solid foundation for the enjoyment of all human rights by its people (China);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>E1 Economic, social & cultural rights - general measures of implementation E21 Right to an adequate standard of living - general S Sustainable Development Goal implementation S01 SDG 1 - poverty S08 SDG 8 - economic growth, employment, decent work</p> <p>Affected persons: - general</p>	Not yet implemented.
<p>116.115 Continue to strengthen and reform the social protection system to cover all persons, including those from the most disadvantaged and marginalized groups (Maldives);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116</p>	Supported	<p>E1 Economic, social & cultural rights - general measures of implementation S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions S10 SDG 10 - inequality</p> <p>Affected persons: - general</p>	Not yet implemented.
Theme: E22 Right to food			

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116.125 Continue to take positive measures to better protect the right of its people to education, health care, employment, housing and food, etc. (China); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	E22 Right to food E23 Right to adequate housing E31 Right to work E41 Right to health - General E51 Right to education - General S02 SDG 2 - hunger and food security S03 SDG 3 - health S04 SDG 4 - education Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
Theme: E23 Right to adequate housing			
116.124 Establish a disaggregated database on women heads of households to be used uniformly in welfare and resettlement policies and programmes, including to ensure that women heads of households and internally displaced persons have targeted psychosocial and livelihood assistance, as well as adequate and durable access to housing (Finland); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	E23 Right to adequate housing E24 Right to social security G6 Internally displaced persons S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - women - internally displaced persons	Not yet implemented.
Theme: E24 Right to social security			
116.168 Continue allocating adequate funds for welfare programmes providing support to persons with disabilities (Azerbaijan); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	E24 Right to social security F4 Persons with disabilities S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - persons with disabilities	Partly implemented.
Theme: E31 Right to work			
116.167 Ensure access of persons with disabilities to education, employment, public transportation, health and political participation, and eliminate discriminatory laws and regulations (Mexico); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	E31 Right to work E41 Right to health - General E51 Right to education - General F4 Persons with disabilities S10 SDG 10 - inequality S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions S04 SDG 4 - education S03 SDG 3 - health S08 SDG 8 - economic growth, employment, decent work Affected persons: - persons with disabilities	Not yet implemented.

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116.160 Enhance participation by women in political and public life and further increase assistance to women heads of households in gaining access to employment and services to improve their socioeconomic conditions (Bahrain); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	E31 Right to work F14 Participation of women in political and public life S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment S08 SDG 8 - economic growth, employment, decent work Affected persons: - women	Not yet implemented.
116.123 Establish a specific programme to produce opportunities for income for women, mainly in rural areas (Honduras); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	E31 Right to work S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment S08 SDG 8 - economic growth, employment, decent work Affected persons: - women - persons living in rural areas	Not yet implemented.
Theme: E41 Right to health - General			
116.170 Continue to effectively address issues such as poor access to education and health systems for persons with disabilities (Japan); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	E41 Right to health - General E51 Right to education - General F4 Persons with disabilities S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions S03 SDG 3 - health S04 SDG 4 - education S10 SDG 10 - inequality Affected persons: - persons with disabilities	Not yet implemented.
116.127 Take measures to allocate adequate resources to develop the quality of health and educational services in plantation areas (Islamic Republic of Iran); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	E41 Right to health - General E51 Right to education - General S03 SDG 3 - health S04 SDG 4 - education Affected persons: - persons living in rural areas	Not yet implemented.
116.126 Continue to implement measures to promote infrastructure development and capacity-building, especially in the field of health and medical services (Japan); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	E41 Right to health - General S03 SDG 3 - health Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
Theme: E51 Right to education - General			
116.129 Ensure equal access to education for vulnerable people, including women, children and persons with disabilities (Lao People's Democratic Republic); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	E51 Right to education - General F4 Persons with disabilities S04 SDG 4 - education S10 SDG 10 - inequality S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - women - persons with disabilities	Not yet implemented.

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116.175 Reinforce its policies to provide asylum seekers and refugees access to education services that are available nationally (Holy See); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	E51 Right to education - General G5 Refugees & asylum seekers S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions S04 SDG 4 - education Affected persons: - refugees & asylum seekers	Not yet implemented.
116.29 Pursue its initiative to include the subject of "human rights" in its education curriculum, as it would facilitate national reconciliation by building trust and confidence in the society (India); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	E51 Right to education - General S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions S17 SDG 17 - partnerships Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
Theme: F11 Advancement of women			
116.136 Continue efforts to enhance the empowerment of women and the elimination of discrimination and violence against women (Tunisia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	F11 Advancement of women F12 Discrimination against women F13 Violence against women S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment Affected persons: - women	Not yet implemented.
116.134 Set up a genuine policy on protection and promotion of women's rights (France); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	F11 Advancement of women S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - women	Not yet implemented.
Theme: F12 Discrimination against women			
116.144 Continue efforts to address discrimination against women and combat gender-based violence (Lao People's Democratic Republic); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	F12 Discrimination against women F13 Violence against women S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment Affected persons: - women	Not yet implemented.
116.155 Increase women's participation in public and political life, and reform laws that discriminate against women (Iraq); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	F12 Discrimination against women F14 Participation of women in political and public life S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment Affected persons: - women	Not yet implemented.

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116.35 Take further steps to eradicate all forms of discrimination and violence against minority communities, including women and girls, and implement the recent recommendations in this regard from the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (New Zealand); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	F12 Discrimination against women G1 Members of minorities S10 SDG 10 - inequality S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - women - children - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups	Not yet implemented.
116.106 Ensure in line with international human rights the protection of women human rights defenders — including through human rights training of the police — so that they can fully participate in society without fear of harassment or violence (Finland); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	F12 Discrimination against women H1 Human rights defenders S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - women - human rights defenders	Not yet implemented.
116.141 Eliminate discriminatory practices against women in relation to rights to succession, inheritance and possession of land (Spain); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	F12 Discrimination against women S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment Affected persons: - women	
Theme: F13 Violence against women			
116.151 Continuously provide gender-sensitive trainings to authorities handling gender-based violence cases (Malaysia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	F13 Violence against women A53 Professional training in human rights S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - women - public officials	Not yet implemented.
116.152 Intensify its efforts to investigate allegations of sexual violence by the security forces and ensure that perpetrators are prosecuted and punished (Timor-Leste); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	F13 Violence against women B52 Impunity B51 Right to an effective remedy S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - women	Not yet implemented.

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116.145 Strengthen efforts towards elimination of violence against women (Georgia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	F13 Violence against women S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment Affected persons: - women	Not yet implemented.
116.146 Pursue all efforts to fight gender-based violence (Saudi Arabia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	F13 Violence against women S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment Affected persons: - women	Not yet implemented.
Theme: F14 Participation of women in political and public life			
116.157 Continue the efforts to promote and protect the rights of women, and strengthen measures already adopted aimed at enhancing their political participation (Morocco); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	F14 Participation of women in political and public life S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment Affected persons: - women	Not yet implemented.
116.158 Pursue sustained policies aimed at the promotion of women's full and equal participation in decision-making at all levels of government (Norway); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	F14 Participation of women in political and public life S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment Affected persons: - women	Not yet implemented.
116.159 Work on the implementation of the Agenda on Women, Peace and Security so as to ensure effective participation of women in all areas of decision-making processes (Spain); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	F14 Participation of women in political and public life S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment Affected persons: - women	Not yet implemented.
Theme: F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection			
116.163 Address discrimination against children on the basis of their ethnic origin or economic situation (Iraq); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection F33 Children: protection against exploitation S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - children	Not yet implemented.

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116.166 Continue its efforts for the protection of children and combating child labour (Tunisia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection F33 Children: protection against exploitation S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions S08 SDG 8 - economic growth, employment, decent work Affected persons: - children	Not yet implemented.
Theme: F32 Children: family environment and alternative care			
116.165 Prohibit corporal punishment of children in all settings, including at home (Montenegro); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	F32 Children: family environment and alternative care S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - children	Not yet implemented.
Theme: F33 Children: protection against exploitation			
116.161 Adopt concrete initiatives to eradicate all kinds of discrimination against children, through the empowerment of their rights and fair mechanisms of reparation (Ecuador); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	F33 Children: protection against exploitation S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - children	Not yet implemented.
Theme: F4 Persons with disabilities			
116.169 Continue with its efforts to increase the number of persons with disabilities employed in the public service (Brunei Darussalam); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	F4 Persons with disabilities D7 Right to participation in public affairs and right to vote S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions S08 SDG 8 - economic growth, employment, decent work Affected persons: - persons with disabilities	Not yet implemented.
Theme: G1 Members of minorities			
116.36 Adopt measures to strengthen the legal framework with the aim of eliminating all forms of discrimination against minority groups in society, based on ethnicity, gender, caste or any other ground (Uruguay); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	G1 Members of minorities S10 SDG 10 - inequality S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups	Not yet implemented.

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116.171 Continue the protection programmes and policies of the Tamil population so that they can fully enjoy their rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights (Peru); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	G1 Members of minorities S10 SDG 10 - inequality S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions E Economic, social and cultural rights Affected persons: - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups	Not yet implemented.
Theme: G6 Internally displaced persons			
116.132 Consider the review of the land laws in order to address the immediate needs of internally displaced persons (Georgia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	G6 Internally displaced persons S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - internally displaced persons	Not yet implemented.
116.176 Exert further efforts to ensure return and resettlement of the remaining internally displaced persons (Azerbaijan); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	G6 Internally displaced persons S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - internally displaced persons - persons affected by armed conflict	Partially implemented.
116.177 Strengthen measures to address the needs of people affected and displaced by conflict and seek durable solutions to their displacement (Egypt). Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	G6 Internally displaced persons S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - internally displaced persons - persons affected by armed conflict	Not yet implemented.
Theme: H1 Human rights defenders			
116.107 Take measures to adequately protect human rights defenders, to ensure proper investigation into alleged attacks and to prosecute those found responsible (Ireland); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	H1 Human rights defenders B52 Impunity S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - human rights defenders	Not yet implemented.
116.104 Take all necessary measures to ensure the protection of civil society actors and journalists and to investigate cases of threats and attacks against them (State of Palestine); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	H1 Human rights defenders D43 Freedom of opinion and expression S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - media - human rights defenders	Not yet implemented.

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116.105 Ensure a safe and enabling environment for civil society and human rights defenders (Norway); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	H1 Human rights defenders D43 Freedom of opinion and expression S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions S17 SDG 17 - partnerships Affected persons: - human rights defenders	Not yet implemented.
Theme: S Sustainable Development Goal implementation			
116.50 Continue efforts to ensure the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals for the entire population (Algeria); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	S Sustainable Development Goal implementation Affected persons: - general	Partially implemented.
116.48 Continue its efforts for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals at the grass-roots level (Pakistan); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	S Sustainable Development Goal implementation B41 Right to development Affected persons: - general	Partially implemented.
116.45 Make progress in the drafting and implementation of policies and measures aimed at attaining Sri Lanka's sustainable development and overcoming challenges of climate change for the protection and promotion of human rights of its population (Nicaragua); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	S Sustainable Development Goal implementation B41 Right to development B73 Human rights and climate change S13 SDG 13 - climate change Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
Theme: S01 SDG 1 - poverty			
116.117 Take all necessary measures to reduce poverty (Saudi Arabia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	S01 SDG 1 - poverty Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
116.128 Adopt in line with the 2030 Agenda all legislative and political measures as needed to guarantee universal access to sexual and reproductive health, according to the Plan of Action of the Beijing Conference (Honduras); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	S01 SDG 1 - poverty A41 Constitutional and legislative framework E41 Right to health - General E43 Access to sexual and reproductive health and services S03 SDG 3 - health S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment Affected persons: - women	Not yet implemented.

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116.118 Fully implement its Vision 2025, expand existing programmes such as the Gramashakthi People's Movement, or establish new initiatives where necessary, to boost poverty alleviation efforts and to address regional disparities (Singapore); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	S01 SDG 1 - poverty B41 Right to development Affected persons: - general - persons living in rural areas	Not yet implemented.
116.119 Continue appropriate policies to eliminate poverty in Sri Lanka by 2030 as stated in paragraph 87 of the report (United Arab Emirates); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	S01 SDG 1 - poverty B41 Right to development Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
116.122 Encourage the implementation of its national policy on poverty alleviation to realize its goals of eradicating poverty in the country by 2030 (Brunei Darussalam); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	S01 SDG 1 - poverty B41 Right to development Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
116.121 Continue its efforts in alleviating poverty through health, education and housing programmes and in developing enabling legislation to ensure the human rights of vulnerable groups (Bhutan); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	S01 SDG 1 - poverty B41 Right to development A41 Constitutional and legislative framework A51 Human rights education - general E21 Right to an adequate standard of living - general E23 Right to adequate housing E41 Right to health - General E51 Right to education - General S03 SDG 3 - health S04 SDG 4 - education S10 SDG 10 - inequality Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
116.120 Continue to pursue its successful social policies in the fight against poverty, with the aim of increasing the quality of life of its people, particularly the most vulnerable sectors (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 116	Supported	S01 SDG 1 - poverty B41 Right to development S10 SDG 10 - inequality Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
Theme: A12 Acceptance of international norms			

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117.13 Ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and fully align its legislation with all the obligations under the Rome Statute (Latvia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms A41 Constitutional and legislative framework B11 International humanitarian law B52 Impunity D51 Administration of justice & fair trial S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
117.12 Adhere to and adapt its national legislation with the Rome Statute (Guatemala); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms A41 Constitutional and legislative framework B11 International humanitarian law B52 Impunity S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
117.8 Adhere to and adapt national legislation to the Arms Trade Treaty and sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (Guatemala); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms A41 Constitutional and legislative framework S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
117.5 Ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court as well as the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and establish a National Torture Prevention Mechanism (Austria); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms B11 International humanitarian law B52 Impunity D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment D51 Administration of justice & fair trial S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
117.10 Ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (Slovenia) (Timor-Leste); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms B11 International humanitarian law B52 Impunity D51 Administration of justice & fair trial S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
117.11 Ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (Estonia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms B11 International humanitarian law B52 Impunity D51 Administration of justice & fair trial S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.

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117.1 Ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (Montenegro) (Spain); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms D1 Civil & political rights - general measures of implementation D23 Death penalty S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
117.2 Ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Poland); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms D1 Civil & political rights - general measures of implementation D23 Death penalty S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
117.3 Halt the use of the death penalty in all circumstances and take steps towards its abolition, including ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (New Zealand); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms D1 Civil & political rights - general measures of implementation D23 Death penalty S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
117.6 Ratify the optional protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure, to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Slovakia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms E1 Economic, social & cultural rights - general measures of implementation F31 Children: definition; general principles; protection S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions S02 SDG 2 - hunger and food security S03 SDG 3 - health S04 SDG 4 - education S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment S06 SDG 6 - water and sanitation S08 SDG 8 - economic growth, employment, decent work S10 SDG 10 - inequality Affected persons: - general - children - persons with disabilities	Not yet implemented.
117.14 Ratify the Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169) of the International Labour Organization (Guatemala); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms E32 Right to just and favourable conditions of work G3 Indigenous peoples S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions S10 SDG 10 - inequality Affected persons: - Indigenous peoples	

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117.4 Consider ratifying the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol (Côte d'Ivoire); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms G4 Migrants G5 Refugees & asylum seekers S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - refugees & asylum seekers	Not yet implemented.
117.9 Ratify the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol (Portugal) (Sierra Leone); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms G4 Migrants G5 Refugees & asylum seekers S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - refugees & asylum seekers	Not yet implemented.
117.7 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Burundi); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - persons with disabilities	Not yet implemented.
117.15 Ratify the Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity (Armenia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	A12 Acceptance of international norms S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
Theme: A41 Constitutional and legislative framework			
117.47 Consider a large-scale transfer of land for civilian use in the northern and eastern provinces of the country (Ghana); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	A41 Constitutional and legislative framework A42 Institutions & policies - General S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - persons affected by armed conflict	Not yet implemented.
117.25 Decriminalize same-sex consensual relationships and adopt all necessary measures to combat discrimination and violence based on sexual orientation or gender identity, and guarantee access of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex people to health services (Honduras); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	A41 Constitutional and legislative framework B31 Equality & non-discrimination E41 Right to health - General S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions S03 SDG 3 - health Affected persons: - lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI)	Not yet implemented.

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<p>117.20 Amend the Penal Code, particularly Sections 365 and 365A, to decriminalize consensual same-sex conduct and displays of affection (Netherlands);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117</p>	Noted	<p>A41 Constitutional and legislative framework B31 Equality & non-discrimination S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons: - lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI)</p>	Not yet implemented.
<p>117.21 Decriminalize same-sex relations and take concrete measures to combat discrimination and violence against the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex community (Brazil);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117</p>	Noted	<p>A41 Constitutional and legislative framework B31 Equality & non-discrimination S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons: - lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI)</p>	Not yet implemented.
<p>117.22 Decriminalize same-sex conduct by repealing Sections 365 and 365A of the Penal Code (Canada);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117</p>	Noted	<p>A41 Constitutional and legislative framework B31 Equality & non-discrimination S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons: - lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI)</p>	Not yet implemented.
<p>117.23 Amend the Penal Code, particularly Sections 365 and 365A, to decriminalize consensual same-sex conduct as well as displays of affection (Sweden);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117</p>	Noted	<p>A41 Constitutional and legislative framework B31 Equality & non-discrimination S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons: - lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI)</p>	Not yet implemented.
<p>117.24 Modify the criminal code in order to decriminalize consensual sexual behaviour between persons of the same sex, suppress degrading terms that could be used against the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex community, and avoid abuse and harassment by police authorities (Uruguay);</p> <p>Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117</p>	Noted	<p>A41 Constitutional and legislative framework B31 Equality & non-discrimination S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions</p> <p>Affected persons: - lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI)</p>	Not yet implemented.

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117.45 Fully implement the recommendations of the Consultative Task Force on Reconciliation, including to repeal the Prevention of Terrorism Act and replace it with international best practice legislation (Australia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	A41 Constitutional and legislative framework B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
117.51 Adopt specific legislation that explicitly prohibits domestic violence, including marital rape, and ensure its stringent implementation and enforcement (Slovenia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	A41 Constitutional and legislative framework D29 Domestic violence F13 Violence against women S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment Affected persons: - women	
117.16 Guarantee that the new constitution clearly and expressly recognizes the fundamental principle of the separation of powers, establishes checks and balances and guarantees the independence of the judiciary and the courts, while ensuring that all stakeholders have a place at the table when drafting the new constitution (Haiti); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	A41 Constitutional and legislative framework D51 Administration of justice & fair trial S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - judges, lawyers and prosecutors	Not yet implemented.
117.19 Amend its laws that discriminate against women, and decriminalize consensual same-sex conduct (Australia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	A41 Constitutional and legislative framework F12 Discrimination against women B31 Equality & non-discrimination S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - women - lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI)	Not yet implemented.
117.49 Amend or repeal article 16 of the Constitution and amend all Personal Laws to remove discriminatory provisions against women as well as barriers to engaging in the political process (Canada); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	A41 Constitutional and legislative framework F13 Violence against women F14 Participation of women in political and public life S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment Affected persons: - women	Not yet implemented.

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<p>117.50 Strengthen measures to eliminate all forms of violence against women, inter alia by criminalizing marital rape (Belgium); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117</p>	Noted	<p>A41 Constitutional and legislative framework F13 Violence against women S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment Affected persons: - women</p>	Not yet implemented.
<p>117.52 Amend the Penal Code to decriminalize and eliminate all punitive measures related to termination of pregnancies in cases of rape, incest and severe foetal impairment (Denmark); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117</p>	Noted	<p>A41 Constitutional and legislative framework F13 Violence against women S05 SDG 5 - gender equality and women's empowerment Affected persons: - women</p>	Not yet implemented.
<p>117.18 Ensure that Constitutional reforms guarantee equal protections, rights and treatment of all individuals, without distinction (Canada); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117</p>	Noted	<p>A41 Constitutional and legislative framework S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general</p>	Not yet implemented.
Theme: A42 Institutions & policies - General			
<p>117.17 Consider the creation of a Ministry responsible for acceleration of the implementation of the new National Human Rights Action Plan 2017–2021, developed in 2016 (Côte d'Ivoire); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117</p>	Noted	<p>A42 Institutions & policies - General A46 National Plans of Action on Human Rights (or specific areas) S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general</p>	Not yet implemented.
<p>117.46 Adopt a national policy on the protection of journalists and human rights defenders to combat intimidation and violence, and to ensure effective investigation of such acts and prosecution of perpetrators (Austria); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117</p>	Noted	<p>A42 Institutions & policies - General B52 Impunity H1 Human rights defenders S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - media - human rights defenders</p>	Not yet implemented.

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Theme: B52 Impunity			
117.36 Take comprehensive measures to ensure that the alleged war crimes and other human rights violations committed during the internal conflict are investigated and prosecuted, with the aim of ending impunity (Estonia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	B52 Impunity B11 International humanitarian law S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - persons affected by armed conflict	Not yet implemented.
117.26 End impunity and ensure that perpetrators of incitement to hatred and violence are brought to justice in compliance with international law (Sweden); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	B52 Impunity S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
Theme: B54 Transitional justice			
117.39 Develop a clear timeline and benchmarks for the full implementation of Sri Lanka's commitments under Human Rights Council resolution 30/1 (Germany); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	B54 Transitional justice A28 Cooperation with other international mechanisms and institutions S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - internally displaced persons - persons affected by armed conflict	Not yet implemented.
117.40 Develop a clear timeline and benchmarks for the full implementation of its commitments in Human Rights Council resolution 30/1 (Norway); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	B54 Transitional justice A28 Cooperation with other international mechanisms and institutions S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - internally displaced persons - persons affected by armed conflict	Not yet implemented.
117.41 Develop an unambiguous timeline accompanied with a monitoring framework for the full implementation of its commitments under Human Rights Council resolution 30/1 (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	B54 Transitional justice A28 Cooperation with other international mechanisms and institutions S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - internally displaced persons - persons affected by armed conflict	Not yet implemented.

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<p>117.42 Act on its commitments in Human Rights Council resolution 30/1 including to establish transitional justice mechanisms, and to establish a clear timeline to this end (Austria); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117</p>	Noted	<p>B54 Transitional justice A28 Cooperation with other international mechanisms and institutions S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - internally displaced persons - persons affected by armed conflict</p>	Not yet implemented.
<p>117.43 Develop a clear timeline and benchmarks for the full implementation of Human Rights Council resolution 30/1 (Denmark); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117</p>	Noted	<p>B54 Transitional justice A28 Cooperation with other international mechanisms and institutions S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - internally displaced persons - persons affected by armed conflict</p>	Not yet implemented.
<p>117.44 Foster reconciliation through accelerated implementation of Human Rights Council resolution 30/1, including by launching the Office of Missing Persons, ending military involvement in civilian functions, returning lands to civilian owners, and establishing a judicial mechanism with the participation of foreign investigators, prosecutors and judges (Canada); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117</p>	Noted	<p>B54 Transitional justice A28 Cooperation with other international mechanisms and institutions S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - internally displaced persons - judges, lawyers and prosecutors - persons affected by armed conflict - military staff</p>	Not yet implemented.
<p>117.37 Expedite the ongoing process and establish a clear timeline to establish a truth-seeking commission and an Office on Reparations as well as a special court to investigate allegations of serious human rights violations (Republic of Korea); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117</p>	Noted	<p>B54 Transitional justice D51 Administration of justice & fair trial S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - internally displaced persons - persons affected by armed conflict</p>	Not yet implemented.
<p>117.38 Move with concrete steps — most evidently seen through committed financial resources in the national budget, and appointed experts with concrete mandates — on all four transitional justice mechanisms (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117</p>	Noted	<p>B54 Transitional justice S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - internally displaced persons - persons affected by armed conflict</p>	Not yet implemented.

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Theme: B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism			
117.27 Repeal the Prevention of Terrorism Act and enforce an immediate moratorium on its use; ensure that the draft Counter-Terrorism Act is compliant with international human rights standards (Canada); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
Theme: D23 Death penalty			
117.31 Abolish capital punishment, establish a moratorium on all pending executions and commute all death sentences to prison sentences (Slovakia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	D23 Death penalty D26 Conditions of detention S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - persons deprived of their liberty	Not yet implemented.
117.32 Abolish capital punishment and commute death sentences to prison terms (Holy See); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	D23 Death penalty D26 Conditions of detention S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - persons deprived of their liberty	Not yet implemented.
117.28 Abolish the death penalty (Australia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	D23 Death penalty S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
117.29 Take concrete measures to abolish the death penalty (Norway); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	D23 Death penalty S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
117.30 Transform its de facto moratorium on the application of the death penalty into definitive abolition (Portugal); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	D23 Death penalty S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.
117.33 Abolish the death penalty, considering that the moratorium on judicial executions has been in place since 1975 (Namibia); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	D23 Death penalty S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not yet implemented.

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Theme: D26 Conditions of detention			
117.34 Ensure, in law and in practice, that all detainees are afforded fundamental legal safeguards from the outset (Holy See); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	D26 Conditions of detention S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - persons deprived of their liberty	Not yet implemented.
Theme: D32 Enforced disappearances			
117.35 Publish a consolidated list of missing persons (Switzerland); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	D32 Enforced disappearances S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - disappeared persons	Not yet implemented.
Theme: G5 Refugees & asylum seekers			
117.48 Continue its efforts to ensure legal ownership and restitution to long-term internally displaced persons and refugees, as provided by international law standards (Holy See); Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	G5 Refugees & asylum seekers G6 Internally displaced persons S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - internally displaced persons - refugees & asylum seekers	Not yet implemented.
117.53 Take the necessary measures to establish a national procedure for the determination of refugee status (Argentina). Source of position: A/HRC/37/17 - Para. 117	Noted	G5 Refugees & asylum seekers S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - refugees & asylum seekers	Not yet implemented.

- ¹ UN Human Rights Council Report of the Human Rights Council on its thirty-seventh session, UN Doc. A/HRC/37/2, 14 June 2018, para. 994
- ² A/HRC/37/17, recommendations 116.147 [UK], 116.150 [Malaysia], 116.18 [Myanmar], 116.19 [Pakistan], 116.20 [Philippines], 116.21 [Singapore], 116.22 [Sudan], 116.23 [Thailand], 116.24 [Venezuela], 116.26 [Cuba], 116.27 [Belarus],
- ³ A/HRC/37/17, recommendations 116.18 [Myanmar], 116.19 [Pakistan], 116.20 [Philippines], 116.21 [Singapore], 11.22 [Sudan], 116.25 [Azerbaijan], and 116.27 [Belarus]
- ⁴ A/HRC/37/17, recommendations that supported considering to abolish the death penalty included 116.53 [Italy], 116.54 [Timor-Leste]. Others whose recommendations were noted: 117.31 [Slovakia], 116.32 (Holy See), 117.28 [Australia], 117.29 [Norway] and 117.33 [Namibia]
- ⁵ Amnesty International, *Halt preparations to resume executions*, 2 April 2019, <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/asa37/0075/2019/en/>
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- ⁸ A/HRC/37/17, recommendation 116.149 [Maldives]
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- ¹⁰ Amnesty International, *Still no answers: An update on the rights of victims of enforced disappearances in Sri Lanka*, 1 March 2022, <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/asa37/5278/2022/en/>
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- ¹² A/HRC/37/17, recommendations 116.70 [France], 117.36 [Estonia] and 116.86 [Brazil]
- ¹³ A/HRC/37/17, recommendations 116.94 [Holy See], 116.103 [Netherlands], 116.42 [Namibia] and 116.43 [Australia]
- ¹⁴ A/HRC/37/17, recommendation 116.65 [Switzerland]
- ¹⁵ Centre for Policy Alternatives, *Initial Concerns with the Report of the Commission of Inquiry to Investigate Allegations of Political Victimization and Subsequent Action*, 12 March 2021, <https://www.cpalanka.org/initial-concerns-with-the-report-of-the-commission-of-inquiry-to-investigate-allegations-of-political-victimization-and-subsequent-action/>
- ¹⁶ The 19th amendment to the Constitution which was in operation at the time of the previous review, attempted to de-politicise independent commissions such as the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (HRCSL). The Constitutional Council, made up of members of government, opposition as well as civil society, nominated members to independent commissions and the President was bound by those recommendations.
- ¹⁷ Commissioners were previously appointed through the Constitutional Council (under the 19th amendment to the Constitution). Among other things, Commissioners were able to consolidate a list of complaints of missing persons, launch a website, and make recommendations on interim relief.
- ¹⁸ For instance, Retired Supreme Court judge Upali Abeyratne served as the Chairman to the Presidential Commission of Inquiry on Political Victimization, when the Commission attempted to interfere in the prosecution of state actors accused of enforced disappearances, but was appointed as a Commissioner on the OMP. Notably, one of the new Commissioners resigned citing inadequate resources to act independently.
- ¹⁹ A/HRC/37/17, recommendations 117.45 [Australia], 117.27 [Canada] were noted (not supported).
- ²⁰ Prevention of Terrorism Act Amendment Act available at: http://documents.gov.lk/files/act/2022/3/12-2022_E.pdf
- ²¹ Amnesty International, *Commentary on the Prevention of Terrorism Act Amendment Bill*, 18 March 2022, <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/asa37/5372/2022/en/>
- ²² Amnesty International, *Increased marginalization, discrimination and targeting of Sri Lanka's Muslim community*, 19 March 2021, <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/asa37/3866/2021/en/>
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