**Point of Views for the Functioning of the Treaty Bodies System**

**Contributions by Afghanistan**

In response to the request of co-facilitators of the review of the treaty bodies system the following points shall be suggested as written contribution to the purpose of further functionality of the treaty bodies system:

1. **Elimination of overloaded reports by the treaty bodies:** The state parties provide periodic reports and then usually its review schedule around one year later. This delay in the review of the state report is caused for decreasing the overall effectiveness of the periodic review on national level for protection and promotion of the human rights.
2. **Simplification of the state reports:** The periodic reports which are prepared by the state parties contain many different issues. During the review session of the state reports by the committee, the experts of the committee could not address all issues of the state reports, professionally and carefully. Therefore the committee needs to prioritize essential issues that the state party should focus on.
3. **Coherence and Removing overlaps:** Treaty bodies need to ensure consistency among themselves on common issues in order to provide coherent treaty implementation advice and guidance to States. In order to remove the overlaps, the treaty bodies need to have coordination among each other. Before releasing List of Issues/ Concluding Observations by the committee, it should be coordinated between treaty bodies for the sake of prevention of the duplication.
4. **Technical Assistance:** one of the way for strengthening the functionality and proficiency of the reporting system is providing technical assistance and advices for the state parties. Providing the technical assistance, definitely is effective to the implementation of Human Rights treaties and promotion and protection of Human Rights as a whole. During the preparation of the reports by state party, the treaty bodies should increase the level of their assistance and cooperation for the sake of efficiency.
5. **Follow up Sessions:** To follow up on the review and implementation of the recommendations, UN country team in consultation with national stakeholders, should develop programmatic responses to support the implementation of relevant recommendations, by systematically integrating the relevant outputs of all treaty bodies in, country analysis, strategy, programme and work plans.
6. **Conducting Research by the Treaty Bodies:** Identification of the gaps and providing technical expertise for removing the gaps has vital role in overall implementation of the human rights treaties. To this end, it would be necessary to conduct concise research enquiries on specific issues by the treaty bodies.
7. **Conducting Conferences and Seminars:** Conducting conferences and seminars on national and regional levels, can pave the way for exchanging the experience between the state parties on better realization and fulfillment of the human rights. Conducting such programs shall promote the efficiency of the treaty bodies.