**COMMENTS**

**REVIEW OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS TREATY BODY SYSTEM**

1. Colombia State applauds the work of the co-facilitators, and extends its best wishes, hoping that the process will contribute to optimize the work and resources available in the system of bodies established in human rights treaties, in order to make it more efficient and effective for all actors.
2. The review process of the human rights treaty body system is relevant and necessary and is an opportunity to renew the system. For this reason, we support the work that has been carried out and the reports of the Secretary General. However, we must go further.
3. The objective of this process should be to coordinate and streamline reporting, as well as to facilitate more meaningful interaction between States parties and treaty bodies. Currently, the States most committed to the treaties are the ones with the greatest burden. In many cases, we also provide contributions and information to special procedures.
4. Taking into account the enormity of the burden that States must face in the process of submitting information to the System, certain important elements must be advanced: i) greater coordination of the treaty bodies and also with special procedures; ii) They must establish a fixed and foreseeable calendar for country reports; iii) Coordinate the recommendations of the different treaty bodies so that they are substantive, measurable, do not duplicate and are not contradictory between them.
5. It would be important for treaty bodies to advance in a harmonized methodology for both reporting and dialogue with countries.
6. It is important to establish a code of conduct for members of treaty bodies and to avoid conflicts of interest.
7. At the same time, Colombia draws attention to the content of the recommendations made by the treaty bodies. Sometimes they are unaware of the actions implemented by the States. Additionally, and with relative frequency, they contain generic aspirations, without referring to concrete proposals for action that effectively contribute to States complying with their human rights obligations, nor facilitate their monitoring.
8. Colombia considers it necessary to achieve better levels of articulation between the different treaty bodies, so that the documents of the Committee's concluding observations do not become repetitive and reiterative of recommendations already made in other areas by other bodies.
9. It is necessary to take stock of the methodology for receiving civil society documents, "parallel reports", with those required by the State. Normally, the members of the Committee base their assessments on what is indicated in these documents, which are published a few weeks or even days before the constructive dialogue with the human Rights treaty bodies for the consideration of the report. This gives the States little time to prepare.
10. We suggest reviewing the interactive dialogue methodology, to the extent that it ensures that the members of the Committee are left with all the necessary elements to assess the state of compliance of a State. Currently not all Committee members are informed about the process, there is little time to expose the main points and there is little rigor in the elaboration of the questions during the constructive dialogues.
11. It is necessary to establish a standardized methodology that allows to make evident the advances in recommendations made to the States, so the dialogues with the human rights treaty bodies for the consideration of the report are constructive spaces and are not limited to accountability.