

Status of implementation of recommendations to Iceland in the second UPR cycle (2016)



Recommendation	Status	Responsibility
Acceptance of international norms		
Ratify and implement the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Recommendation No 115.25)		Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Social Affairs
Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture. (Recommendations No 115.1 – 115.13 and 115.19)		Ministry of Justice
Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. (Recommendations No 115.10 – 115.19)		Ministry of Justice
Ratify the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. (Recommendation No 115.19)		Ministry of Justice
Ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (The Istanbul Convention). (Recommendation No 115.20)		Ministry of Justice
Ratify the Convention against Discrimination in Education. (Recommendation No 117.10)		Ministry of Education, Science and Culture

Reservations

Reassess the reasons behind the reservations made to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. (Recommendation No 117.12)

Ministry of Justice

Cooperation with treaty bodies

Submit the overdue reports to the relevant treaty body mechanisms. (Recommendation No 115.21)

Ministry of Justice

Inter-State cooperation & development assistance

Meet the official development assistance target of 0.7 per cent of its gross national product. (Recommendation No 117.20)

Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Constitutional and legislative framework

Continue to amend the national legislation in line with the international human rights instruments. (Recommendation No 115.23)

Ministry of Justice

Implement into national law the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. (Recommendation No 115.24)

Ministry of Social Affairs and Ministry of Justice

National Human Rights Institution

Take measures aimed at establishing a national human rights institution in compliance with the Paris Principles. (Recommendations No 115.26 – 115.41)

Ministry of Justice

National Plan of Action on Human Rights

Develop a comprehensive national human rights action plan. (Recommendations No 115.39 – 115.42)

Ministry of Justice

Ensure that the new national plan of action is equipped with an evaluation mechanism. (Recommendations No 115.93, 117.18 and 117.19)

Ministry of Justice

Good governance

Improve financial supervisory mechanisms to ensure better control and transparency in order to combat corruption and tax evasion. (Recommendation No 117.23)

Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Justice

Equality and non-discrimination

Enact legislation that includes protection from discrimination on the basis of intersex status. (Recommendation No 115.44)

Prime Minister's Office

Adopt comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation. (Recommendations No 115.45 – 115.47 and 115.49 – 115.50)

Prime Minister's Office

Consider introducing anti-discriminatory legislation and establish a specialized body to combat racism and discrimination which could form part of a body with wider objectives in the field of human rights generally. (Recommendation No 117.24)

Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Justice

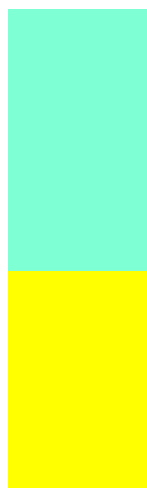
Racial discrimination

Combat effectively racial discrimination and hate speech and hate crimes, discrimination on the basis of ethnic

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origin and religion, racial prejudice and xenophobia, and strike down on hate crimes through legislation, law enforcement and administrative measures (Recommendations No 115.51 – 115.55, 115.57 and 117.27 – 117.28)

Consider introducing a criminal law provision that expressly considers the racist motivation of an offence as a specific aggravating circumstance. (Recommendation No 115.56)

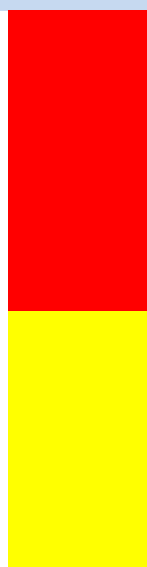


Ministry of Justice

Business & Human Rights

Ensure that policies, legislation, regulations and enforcement measures effectively serve to prevent the heightened risk of business involvement in abuses in conflict situations, which includes situations of foreign occupation. (Recommendation No 117.22)

Launch the process to design and implement the national action plan on business and human rights in accordance with the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. (Recommendation No 117.21)



Ministry of Industry and Innovation and Ministry for Foreign Affairs

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Right to life

Carry out the adoption of the action plan for the prevention of all forms of violence with a view to strengthening the framework for the protection of all victims, in particular those belonging to vulnerable groups. (Recommendation No 115.62)



Ministry of Justice

Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment

Establish without delay an effective, well-resourced and staffed national



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preventive mechanism according to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture. (Recommendation No 115.8)

Prohibition of slavery, trafficking

Exert further efforts to implement the national plan to combat human trafficking. (Recommendation No 115.60)

Ministry of Justice

Increase efforts to prosecute and convict human traffickers through the training of investigators, prosecutors and judges on detecting and prosecuting such crimes. (Recommendation No 115.59)

Ministry of Justice

Increase focus on supervisory and control mechanisms in the labour market. Develop a wider scope of protection against discrimination and more tools to address the rights of persons who are subject to human trafficking. (Recommendation No 115.61)

Ministry of Justice and
Ministry of Social Affairs

Eradicate the crimes of sexual abuse and trafficking in children. (Recommendation No 117.37)

Ministry of Justice

Gender-based violence and domestic violence

Guarantee adequate legal protection and rehabilitation of victims of sexual violence. (Recommendation No 117.36)

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Conduct follow-up activities related to the implementation of national legislation and awareness campaigns aimed at reducing the number of cases of domestic violence. Ensure that sentencing laws are appropriate and adequate to address domestic and sexual violence. (Recommendations No 115.84 and 115.88)

Ministry of Justice and
Ministry of Social Affairs

Intensify measures to raise awareness of domestic violence. Promote understanding of domestic violence among judges, prosecutors, police and the health officers concerned. Conduct follow-up activities related to the implementation of national legislation and awareness campaigns aimed at reducing the number of cases of domestic violence. (Recommendations No 115.86, 115.78 and 115.84)

Ministry of Justice

Update the Plan against Domestic and Sexual Violence. Pay special attention to combating domestic and sexual violence by implementing a new national action plan and ensure that it reinforces the provision of services to victims of sexual violence, both for women and girls and for immigrants and minority groups. (Recommendations No 115.82, 115.83 and 115.22)

Ministry of Justice and
Ministry of Social Affairs

Improve access to justice for women that are victims of domestic violence and gender-based violence. Closely monitor the investigation and prosecution of cases of domestic and sexual violence and their effectiveness and improve access to justice for victims of such violence. Promote understanding of this kind of violence among judges, police, prosecutors and other relevant professionals. Ensure that victims of domestic, gender-based and sexual violence are able to report incidents and press charges without fear of adverse consequences in case of losing in court. (Recommendations No 115.87, 115.89 and 117.34)

Ministry of Justice

Deepen the measures taken to combat gender-based violence, sexual abuses and violations suffered by women with a special focus on migrant women and women with disabilities. (Recommendations No 115.75 – 115.76)

Ministry of Justice, Prime
Minister's Office and
Ministry of Social Affairs

Put into practice a new action plan to combat sexual violence. Adopt a national plan against sexual and domestic violence that takes into account the specific needs and vulnerabilities of migrant women and women with disabilities. (Recommendations No 115.79 – 115.81)

Prime Minister's Office,
Ministry of Justice and
Ministry of Social Affairs

Strengthen awareness-raising plans and programmes on violence against women, including training programmes aimed at increasing sensitivity towards victims and their vulnerabilities. (Recommendation No 115.77)

Ministry of Justice, Ministry
of Social Affairs and Prime
Minister's Office

Address the causes of the high number of acquittals in sexual violence cases against women. (Recommendation No 115.85)

Ministry of Justice and
Prime Minister's Office

Freedom of opinion and expression

While continuing to protect freedom of opinion and expression consistent with article 73 of the Constitution, maintain article 233 (a) of the General Penal Code and article 27 of the Media Act, which explicitly prohibit hate speech and direct incitement to hatred. (Recommendation No 115.58)

Ministry of Justice

Administration of justice & fair trial

Undertake measures to ensure that domestic courts are put in a position to apply the principles stemming from the European Convention on Human Rights. (Recommendation No 117.15)

Ministry of Justice

Rights related to marriage & family

Provide protection for the family as the natural and fundamental unit of society. (Recommendation No 117.32)

Ministry of Justice and
Ministry of Social Affairs

Right to social security

Revise social benefit programmes for assisting vulnerable families. (Recommendation No 117.30)

Ministry of Social Affairs
and other ministries

Right to education

Continue the efforts in combating and preventing discrimination, especially against persons with disabilities, particularly with respect to the rights to education and social assistance. (Recommendation No 115.97)

Ministry of Social Affairs
and Ministry of Education,
Science and Culture

Take further steps to increase the budget for public education and continue to improve school facilities for children. (Recommendation No 117.31)

Ministry of Education,
Science and Culture

Participation of women in political and public life

Promote the political participation of women in public positions of power (Recommendation No 115.63)

Prime Minister's Office and
Ministry of Transport and
Local Government and
other ministries

Discrimination against women & status of women

Continue proactive efforts in order to ensure full gender equality in education and the labour market. (Recommendations No 115.70 and 115.73)

Prime Minister's Office and
Ministry of Education,
Science and Culture

Intensify the efforts to raise awareness among women and girls about their rights under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and on the individual communication procedures contemplated in its Optional Protocol. (Recommendation No 115.65)

Prime Minister's Office

Take general measures to eliminate gender stereotypes on the role and obligations of women and men, in particular through awareness-raising campaigns and education. (Recommendation No 115.66)

Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Education, Science and Culture

Eradicate discriminatory practices in the labour market that detrimentally affect women. (Recommendation No 117.33)

Prime Minister's Office

Adopt a new action plan to fully implement the equal pay standard in an effort towards fulfilling the Government's commitment to eliminate the gender pay gap before 2022. (Recommendations No 115.71, 115.72 and 115.74)

Prime Minister's Office

Accelerate tackling gender inequality, effectively protect women's rights and strike down at violence against women. (Recommendation No 115.67)

Prime Minister's Office

Advance the activities aimed at ensuring full realization of the rights of women, children, elderly people and persons with disabilities. (Recommendation No 115.43)

Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Social Affairs

Protection of children

Adopt a new national plan of action on children with adequate follow-up mechanisms for full implementation. (Recommendation No 115.92)

Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Justice and other ministries

Establish government-coordinated measures aimed at prevention of sexual abuse of children. Take further steps to protect the rights of the child, prevent child abuse, exploitation and violence. Increase professional and effective working procedures in addressing child sexual abuse cases. (Recommendations No 115.90, 115.91, 115.94 and 115.95)

Ministry of Social Affairs and Ministry of Justice

Children: Juvenile justice

Ensure that minors are separated from adults in places of detention. (Recommendation No 117.35)

Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Social Affairs

Persons with disabilities

Intensify steps to combat and prevent discrimination, especially against persons with disabilities, particularly with respect to the rights to education, housing and social assistance. (Recommendation No 115.96)

Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Social Affairs, Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Education, Science and Culture

Adopt comprehensive provisions to combat all forms of discrimination and to adapt the legislation to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. (Recommendation No 115.48)

Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Justice

Migrants, refugees & asylum seekers

Strengthen migration policies based on respect for the human rights of all migrants. Take measures for the promotion and protection of the rights of migrants and their families. (Recommendations No 115.99 – 115.100)

Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Social Affairs

Adopt a comprehensive integration strategy that ensures the proper integration of migrants and increases the awareness of migrant women of their

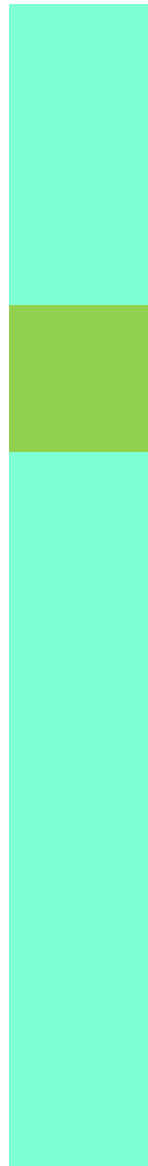
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rights and protection thereof. Develop programmes and strategies to increase the awareness of migrants of their rights and provide free legal aid and effective remedies if and when their rights are violated. (Recommendations No 115.101 – 115.102)

Improve the integration of children of migrants into the national health system. (Recommendation No 115.98)

Strengthen the measures for the effective implementation of the regulatory framework in the field of immigration, asylum and refugees, in particular by training the workers involved, as well as by accelerating efforts towards the adoption of the action plan 2016-2019, in order to ensure that migrants can be fully involved in society on an equal basis with citizens. (Recommendations No 115.103 – 115.104)

Review the legislation to ensure that it fully complies with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and international standards on refugees and asylum seekers. (Recommendation No 117.40)



Ministry of Health

Ministry of Social Affairs and Ministry of Justice

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