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**UN ADVOCACY: USING THE UN TREATY BODIES AND
THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW TO ADVOCATE
FOR ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY**

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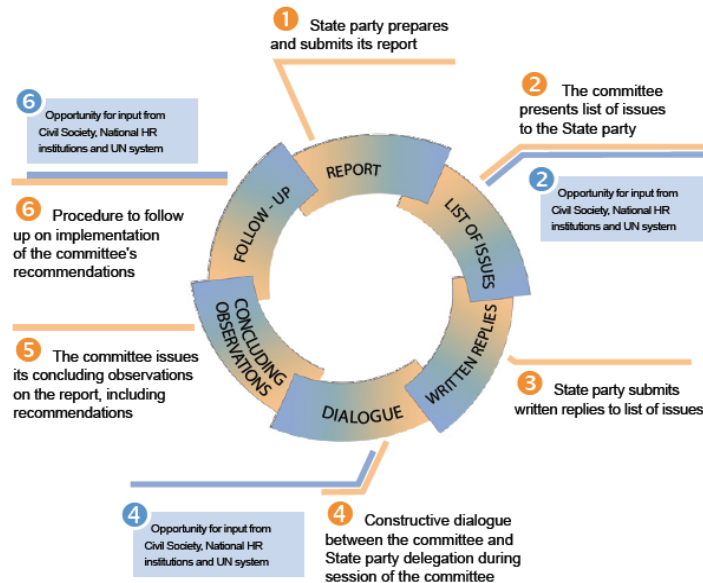
THE UN TREATY BODIES



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HOW CAN THE TREATY BODIES BE USED TO ADVOCATE FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY?

The reporting cycle under the international human rights treaties



An increasing number of treaty bodies are now using a simplified reporting procedure based on a questionnaire sent by a committee to the State party. The State party's response forms the report required under the specific treaty. This procedure is simplified as it merges steps 1 and 2 in the cycle chart above into only one step.

All documents of the reporting cycle are available at www.ohchr.org. Concluding observations are searchable by keyword through the Universal Human Rights Index at uhri.ohchr.org.

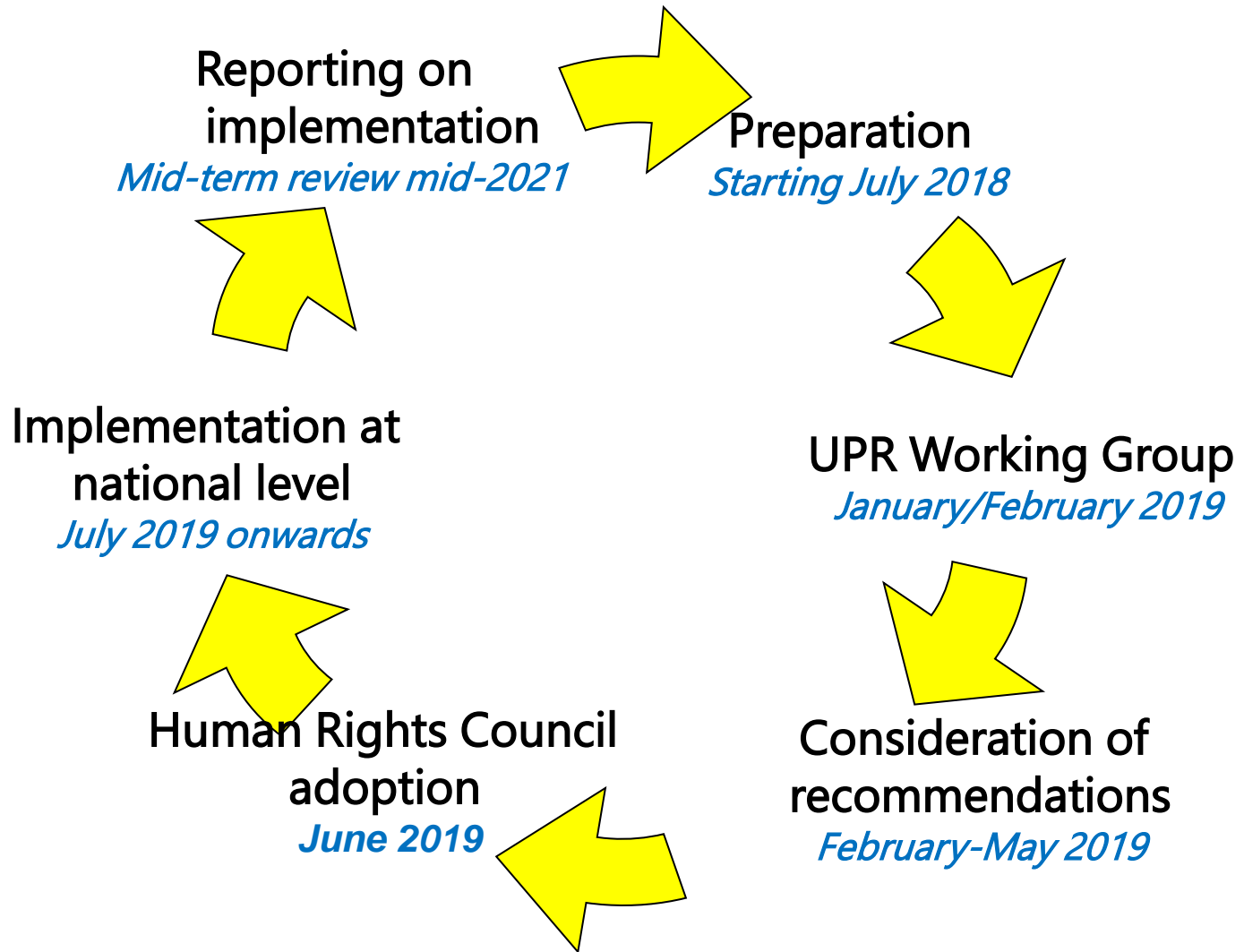
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THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW



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WHAT HAPPENS DURING A UPR REVIEW?



TREATY BODY INFORMATION- WHERE TO FIND IT

- DHCHR website for Treaty Bodies
- Treaty Bodies at a glance
- The Human Rights Treaty Body System, Fact Sheet No. 30/Rev.1 and individual Fact Sheets under each Committee.
- Human rights treaty bodies and their role supporting the 2030 Agenda
- Treaty body documentation database
- Calendar of reviews
- Universal Rights Index
- Jurisprudence database

UPR INFORMATION – WHERE TO FIND IT

For general UPR information on the website of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/UPRmain.aspx>

For information about the UPR of a particular country -> Documentation by country -> name of the country:

- National Report
- Compilation of UN information and the
- Summary of stakeholder information;
- Report of the UPR Working Group
- Response from the state under review
- Report of the session of the Human Rights Council at which the UPR outcome was adopted, and the related webcast archives

UPR Info: a Geneva-based NGO focusing on the UPR: www.upr-info.org. Useful database of all UPR recommendations!

"[...]the death penalty cannot be reconciled with full respect for the right to life, and abolition of the death penalty is both desirable and necessary for the enhancement of human dignity and the progressive development of human rights."

Human Rights Committee, Belarus October 2018