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Gabon

Addendum

Views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments and replies presented by the State under review

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1. Gabon takes a particular interest in the universal periodic review mechanism, which is a fundamental tool for evaluating and upgrading public policies with regard to the observance and promotion of human rights.
2. This addendum is submitted to the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review as part of the process of adopting the outcome report on Gabon by the Human Rights Council at its fifty-third session in June 2023.
3. On 24 January 2023, at the forty-second session of the Working Group, Gabon received 259 recommendations from 101 recommending States that had participated in the interactive dialogue during the fourth cycle of the universal periodic review.
4. Gabon did not comment on the recommendations received, but chose to defer its response in order to examine them more closely in consultation with the various ministerial departments concerned.
5. This document sets out the official position of Gabon on each of the recommendations made.
6. After careful review of the 259 recommendations, Gabon supports 230 of them and notes 29.
7. Of the 230 supported by Gabon, 24 have been fully implemented and 206 are in the process of being implemented as part of the Government's planned reforms.
8. The 29 recommendations noted are those that Gabon will not be able to implement for legal and constitutional reasons, and also because they clash with existing cultural values and practices that, by their nature, only change over time and with the evolution of society, and therefore cannot be repealed by the authorities.
9. Gabon notes in part recommendations 6 and 14, which it cannot fully implement, because one half of the recommendation cannot be accepted while the other half is already implemented or in the process of being implemented.

Recommendations accepted

10. 7, 10, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 74, 76, 77, 78, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 87, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259.

Recommendations noted

11. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 60, 65, 73, 75, 79, 86, 88, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251.
12. Gabon reiterates its commitment to continuing the dialogue within the framework of the universal periodic review and the treaty body system, and to implementing all the recommendations accepted, in the belief that these mechanisms play a fundamental role in the promotion and protection of human rights throughout the world. Gabon undertakes to submit a midterm report on progress achieved to the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review.