

**Notice for participation at the International Review Meetings of
the Third National Report on the International Covenant on Civil
and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the International Covenant on
Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) of the
International and National Civil Society Groups and the
International Human Rights Organizations**

Adopted on August 7, 2020 at the 5th meeting of the International Review Guidance
Team of the Third National Report on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
(ICCPR) and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)

1. In order to make the meetings go smoothly, promote the engagements of international human rights and enhance international participation during the International Review Meetings (hereinafter referred to as “the Meetings”) of the Third National Report on “International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights” and “International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights” (hereinafter referred to as “the Covenants”), hereby enacts this Notice.
2. The “Secretariat” of the Meetings is the Department of Legal System, Ministry of Justice. It shall execute all works recommended and required by the “International Review Guidance Team” and the “International Review Committee.”
3. The Meetings include the “Section of International Review on the National Report” and the “Section of Communicating with the

International and National Civil Society Groups (hereinafter referred to as “civil society groups.”).

4. Civil society groups with one of the following qualifications may apply to participate in the Meetings:

(1) Have participated in the review meetings during the draft session of the Third National Report of the Covenants.

(2) Have provided the parallel (shadow) report of the Third National Report of the Covenants.

(3) Have provided the parallel response of the list of issues of the Third National Report of the Covenants.

5. The application for civil society groups to participate in the Meetings is limited to online applications. On-site registration is not allowed. Any application submitted after the deadline will not be accepted. If sign language translation, simultaneous transcription services, assistive device, or other assistance are needed, please tick the session needed and provide your requirements at the time of submitting the online application. (The official website and application deadline of the Meetings will be announced on the website of Human Rights in Taiwan of the Ministry of Justice).

6. The entrance and speaking rules for the civil society groups participating in the Meetings are as follows:

(1) Section reviewing the National Report:

The questions from the International Review Committee will be

answered by the representatives of the government agencies. Each section will allow 40 civil society groups(each group is limited to one representative) to enter the site of the review meeting as observers, but the said groups will not be allowed to speak.

(2) Section communicating with the civil society groups:

- i. The civil society groups applying to communicate with the International Review Committee should complete the question sheet (see attachments) and provide the sheet to the Secretariat by email. The question sheet for each section should be completed separately. After the civil society groups submit the applications for communication, the "International Review Guidance Team" will coordinate the civil society groups that can speak in each section and the order of speaking after giving consideration to the order of the submitting communication applications, the relevance of the issues of the speech and the degree of participation in the drafting of the National Report. The Secretariat will announce the results of coordination in accordance with the first sentence of the fourth subparagraph.
- ii. After the said coordination, each of the civil society groups allowed entering the site and speak may recommend 3 representatives to enter the site (At least 1 seat will be arranged. In the circumstance that the seats are not enough, the other representatives invited will be arranged to have seats in the simultaneous broadcasting room). Only

1 representative for each group is allowed to speak. Each civil society group is limited to speak once, unless when approved by the Chairman of the International Review Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Chairman) and the time of the speech will be announced by the Chairman at the meeting after taking the number of groups that applied for speech in each session in consideration. In order to protect the rights and interest of other civil society groups which are listed in the order of speaking, a bell will ring once when 30 seconds are left before the expiration of the time limit of a speech and after hearing the bell ring, the representative of the civil society group shall prepare to end its speech. When the time expires, the bell will ring twice and after hearing the bell rang, the representative of the civil society group shall end its speech and the microphone will be silenced simultaneously.

- iii. The Meetings shall be held in accordance with the processes provided in the agenda and the Chairman of the Meeting may change it when necessary.
- (3) Representatives of the said civil society groups shall use their IDs to get the entrance pass when reporting for the Meeting. Anyone without the entrance pass will not be allowed to enter the site.
- (4) The civil society groups (including their representatives) that allowed to enter and speak upon application and the order of speaking will be separately announced on the official website of the Meetings and the

website of the Human Rights in Taiwan of the Ministry of Justice by the Secretariat; all civil society groups shall speak in the order announced. However, the actual chance of speaking may be decided by the Chairman of the Meetings depending on the circumstances.

- (5) Those who cannot enter may watch the live stream in the simultaneous broadcasting room or the official website of the Meetings (no subtitles are available and the simultaneous interpretation and sign language translation will be provided).
7. In order to provide chances for international human rights organizations to observe the Meetings, the international human rights organizations invited by the “International Review Guidance Team” or "International Review Committee" may participate in each section of the Meetings as observers.
8. In order to maintain and shape the order of the site for rational communication and exchange of opinions, all people entering the site shall not interfere with or disrupt the order in the site to show respect to the International Review Committee and all the people participating in the Meeting.
9. Any civil society group which does not comply with this Notice may be implemented certain action at the discretion of the International Review Committee.

**Question sheet for the Section Communicating with the Civil
Society Groups in the International Review Meetings of the Third
National Report of the Covenants**

Name of Civil Society Group (Chinese and English) :

Section: ICCPR ICESCR Section ____ (each question sheet shall include one section only)

1. Brief in Chinese and English (About 300 words)

2. The covenant provisions, concluding observations and recommendations, general comments and other references related to the said brief (required field, please sort the content from high to low, with its relevance with the provisions, concluding observations and recommendations or general comments)

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3. Attachments (please indicate the name of the attachments, if any)

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4. Notices

(1) For each section, please complete the question sheet separately and indicate the information of the section to help the International Review Guidance Team to coordinate the order of speaking of each section.

(2) Please briefly introduce the content you want to communicate with the members of the International Review Committee in both Chinese and English.

(3) Please provide the provisions of covenants, general comments or other references relevant to your speech. Please provide any other evidential

documentation that can help the review along with the information you provided in accordance with the said notice.

- (4) The question sheets of the civil society groups which are not listed in the speaking order or don't have the chance to speak, will be forwarded to the members of the International Review Committee. However, the question sheet only prepared in Chinese will not be forwarded.