

Notice for Participation at the International Review Conference of the Fourth State Reports 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 September 5, 2025 at the 5th meeting of the International Review Advisory Group of the International Review of the ICCPR and ICESCR Fourth State Reports

1. In order to make the conference go smoothly, promote the engagements of international human rights and enhance international participation during the International Review Conference (hereinafter referred to as “the Conference”) of the Fourth State Reports 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 Conference is the Department of Legal System, Ministry of Justice. It shall execute all works recommended and required by the International Review Advisory Group and the International Review Committee.
3. The Conference include the “Section of International Review on the State Reports” 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 Conference:
 - (1) Have participated in the review conference during the draft session of the Fourth State Reports of the Covenants.
 - (2) Have provided the parallel report of the Fourth State Reports of the Covenants.
 - (3) Have provided the parallel response of the list of issues of the Fourth State Reports of the Covenants.
5. The application for civil society groups to participate in the Conference 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 Conference 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

Conference are as follows:

(1) Section of International Review on the State Reports:

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 Conference as observers, but the said groups will not be allowed to speak.

(2) Section of Communicating with the Civil Society Groups:

- i. The civil society groups applying to communicate with the International Review Committee should complete the opinion sheet (see attachment) and provide the sheet to the Secretariat by email. The opinion sheet for each section should be completed separately. After the civil society groups submit the applications for communication, the International Review Advisory Group 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 State Reports. 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 Chairperson of the International Review Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the Chairperson”) and the time of the speech will be announced by the Chairperson at the Conference 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 Conference shall be held in accordance with the processes provided in the agenda and the Chairperson of the Conference 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 Conference. 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 Conference 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 Chairperson of the Conference 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 Conference (no subtitles are available and the simultaneous interpretation and sign language translation will be provided).
7. In order to strengthen international participation and promote democratic values, each session of the Conference offers international human rights organizations the opportunity to apply for observation or attendance. The International Review Advisory Group or the International Review Committee will comprehensively assess venue capacity and actual needs before confirming and arranging such requests.
 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 Conference.
 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.

Opinion Sheet for the Section Communicating with the Civil Society Groups in the International Review Conference of the Fourth State Reports of the Covenants

Name of Civil Society Group (Chinese and English): _____

Section: ☐ ICCPR ☐ ICESCR Section _____ (each opinion 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 opinion sheet separately and indicate the information of the section to help the International Review Advisory Group 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 opinion sheet 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 opinion sheet only prepared in Chinese will not be forwarded.