

Draft Notice for the Parallel Reports and Parallel Responses Submitted by International and National Civil Society Groups for the Fourth State Reports on the International Covenants on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)

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1. The parallel reports and parallel responses submitted by international and national civil society groups (hereinafter referred to as “civil society groups”) to the International Review Committee on the Fourth State Reports of the Two Covenants shall be received and sent by the Secretariat of the International Review Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the Secretariat”).
2. The period of collecting and sending the parallel reports of the civil society groups by the Secretariat starts from now until October 28, 2025; the period of collecting and sending the parallel responses of the civil society groups by the Secretariat before **12:00 PM, March 30, 2026**. Please prepare the Chinese and English version of the parallel reports and parallel responses in the electronic files and send them to the email address of the Secretariat (nhrr@mail.moj.gov.tw); the parallel reports and parallel responses submitted in hard copies shall also be provided in the electronic file and the postmark shall serve as proof.
3. In any of the following circumstances, the Secretariat will not provide assistance in sending the parallel reports and parallel responses:
 - (1) Late submission.
 - (2) The Chinese version, English version and the electronic file of the parallel reports and parallel responses are not attached.
 - (3) The documents are not submitted by the civil society groups.
4. If a civil society group wants to modify any content of the reports after the submission of parallel reports and parallel responses, it should submit the modified version before the deadline and the Secretariat will replace the initial document and file with the modified one.

5. In order to reduce the burden of the International Review Committee, please follow the following instructions to prepare the formatting of the parallel reports and responses:
 - (1) Please produce the report by computer instead of in handwriting.
 - (2) Regarding the covers of parallel reports and parallel responses: the name of the civil society group, relevant covenants and provisions shall be placed on the cover of the parallel report; the name of the civil society group, relevant covenants and provisions and a list of the issues shall be placed on the cover of the parallel responses.
 - (3) The content related to the parallel reports and parallel responses:
 - i. Chinese version: produced on A4 paper size, fixed line spacing 24 with BiauKai font size 14 and submitted in ODT or PDF file.
 - ii. English version: produced on A4 paper size, single line spacing with Garamond font size 14 and submitted in ODT or PDF file.
6. The Secretariat does not provide assistance to the translation and document formatting of parallel reports and parallel responses.
7. The parallel reports and parallel responses submitted by civil society groups shall be deemed to consent to disclosure, except for those expressly refuse to disclose by a declaration when sending to the Secretariat. The Chinese version and English Version of the parallel reports and parallel responses shall be issued on the website of Human Rights in Taiwan by the Secretariat for reference of the public.
8. The Secretariat shall respond when receiving the parallel reports and parallel responses from civil society groups. If the response from the Secretariat have not been received within 3 days after providing the parallel reports and parallel responses, please contact the Secretariat directly.
9. Contact number of the Secretariat: +886-2191-0189 ext.2132.