



Universal Periodic Review of Montenegro by the United Nations Human Rights Council

May 2023

On 8 May 2023, the UN Human Rights Council reviewed the human rights situation in Montenegro under the Universal Periodic Review (UPR). This was Montenegro's fourth UPR. All UN Member States are reviewed once every four and a half years, since 2008.

Eighty-seven UN Member States participated in Montenegro's UPR. They made 247 recommendations. Montenegro accepted 226 and noted 21 recommendations.

The recommendations deal with many issues, groups and institutions:

Five areas with most recommendations



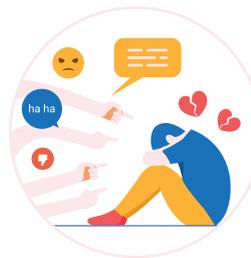
Gender inequality and discrimination, gender-based violence and hate speech against women

41 recommendations



Trafficking of adults and children

26 recommendations



Discrimination, hate speech against minorities and vulnerable groups

28 recommendations



Torture

23 recommendations



Freedom of the media and attacks on journalists

16 recommendations

WHAT TO DO? Some of the recommended actions:

In all five areas: prevent cases, investigate cases, prosecute and sanction perpetrators

1. Strengthen law, policies and mechanisms to prevent and combat discrimination and violence against women. Provide legal aid to and increase services for victims, collect disaggregated statistics on cases, implement adequately resourced action plans on gender equality, address sex-selective abortion, increase women's political participation
2. Promote respect and raise awareness on human rights, adopt policies to combat discrimination, hate speech and violence
3. Appoint a national rapporteur, and strengthen laws on human trafficking
4. Bring criminal code in line with Convention Against Torture, train officials to prevent torture
5. Strengthen laws to protect media freedom and adopt media strategy

Other areas highlighted in UPR



War crimes



Poverty



Education



Health



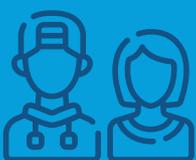
Corruption



Accept Inquiry procedure on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/treaty-bodies/cescr/inquiry-procedure>

Recommendations specify 11 groups



Children and young persons



Journalists



LGBTI community



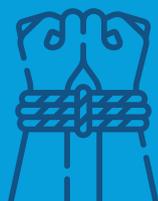
Migrants



National minorities



Older persons



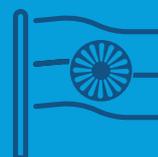
Persons in detention



Persons with disabilities



Refugees, asylum seekers and stateless persons



Roma and Egyptians



Women

Institutions most mentioned, and actions needed



Judiciary – reform, strengthen independence and impartiality, improve capacity to deliver and increase access to justice for victims, provide (free) legal aid, tackle corruption



Protector for Human Rights and Freedoms – obtain A-Status, strengthen independence, receive adequate resources, and implement Protector's recommendations

Full report of the review and all recommendations:

<https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G23/114/18/PDF/G2311418.pdf?OpenElement>

Report with Montenegro's position on 7 recommendations:

https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/hrbodies/upr/sessions/session43/me/A_HRC_54_14_Add.1_AV_Montenegro_E.docx

