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### Equatorial Guinea

Addendum\*

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

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## **Replies by Equatorial Guinea to the recommendations made during the third universal periodic review**

123.1 Consider ratifying the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, in follow-up to the recommendation in paragraph 135.16 of the report of the Working Group from the second cycle (Burkina Faso); **(Accepted)**

123.2 Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Germany) (Ukraine); **(Accepted)**

123.3 Accede to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Paraguay); **(Accepted)**

123.4 Ratify other relevant international human rights instruments, including the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, and the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (Spain); **(Accepted)**

123.5 Step up internal consultations for the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Costa Rica); **(Accepted)**

123.6 Accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Togo); **(Accepted)**

123.7 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Cabo Verde) (Ukraine) (Denmark); **(Accepted)**

123.8 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, and fully implement Act No. 6/2006 prohibiting torture and guaranteeing reparation, including compensation (Germany); **(Accepted)**

123.9 Intensify its efforts to accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Georgia); **(Accepted)**

123.10 Intensify efforts to accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Ghana); **(Accepted)**

123.11 Ratify the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Rwanda); **(Accepted)**

123.12 Accelerate the process of ratifying the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Burundi); **(Accepted)**

123.13 Ratify the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (Senegal); **(Rejected)**

123.14 Ratify the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance, adopted by the African Union in Addis Ababa on 30 January 2007 (Zambia); **(Rejected)**

123.15 Extend standing invitation to all United Nations special procedures (Ukraine); **(Rejected)**

123.16 Accept a visit from the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland); **(Rejected)**

123.17 Consider extending a standing invitation to all special procedure mandate holders of the Human Rights Council (Latvia); **(Rejected)**

123.18 Apply effectively the 1998 United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Defenders and extend a standing invitation to the special procedures of the Human Rights Council, including the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders (Portugal); **(Rejected)**

- 123.19 Guarantee the full independence of the Office of the Ombudsman in its appointment and function in line with the Paris Principles (Republic of Korea); **(Accepted)**
- 123.20 Continue its efforts to put in place the rule of law in all its facets to allow the society of Equatorial Guinea to better benefit from the economic and commercial development of the country (Turkey); **(Accepted)**
- 123.21 Investigate and hold accountable security forces and other government officials for human rights violations and abuses, including reported extrajudicial killings, torture, and arbitrary arrests and detentions of journalists, civil society actors and political opposition members (United States of America); **(Rejected)**
- 123.22 Fully apply Act No. 6/2006 on the prohibition of torture and conduct independent inquiries against the alleged perpetrators of acts of torture, followed by legal proceedings as need be (Belgium); **(Accepted)**
- 123.23 Put an end to detention outside of any legal framework by setting up an independent body for the control of places of deprivation of liberty (France); **(Rejected)**
- 123.24 Repeal or amend legislation that infringes upon freedom of expression, association or peaceful assembly and institute a legal framework that protects these fundamental freedoms and punishes those who violate them (Australia); **(Accepted)**
- 123.25 Promote freedom of expression for the press and media and cease the imprisonment of journalists by decriminalizing defamation (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland); **(Accepted)**
- 123.26 Take effective measures to better protect the rights to freedom of expression, assembly and association, and investigate and prosecute all threats and attacks against human rights defenders (Germany); **(Accepted)**
- 123.27 Enact legislation to ensure full and adequate protection for human rights defenders so that they can exercise their activities in a democratic space free of restrictions (Switzerland); **(Accepted)**
- 123.28 Adopt and enact laws that efficiently recognize and protect all human rights defenders, ensure comprehensive, prompt and independent investigations of all allegations of human rights violations against human rights defenders and bring to justice the perpetrators of such crimes (Uruguay); **(Accepted)**
- 123.29 Adopt and implement legislation that recognizes and protects human rights defenders (Ghana); **(Rejected)**
- 123.30 Adopt the necessary steps to guarantee freedom of expression for human rights defenders and journalists, particularly by investigating and prosecuting threats and reprisals against human rights defenders and journalists (Argentina); **(Rejected)**
- 123.31 Adopt and apply legislation recognizing and protecting the fundamental rights of human rights defenders (Belgium); **(Accepted)**
- 123.32 Remove undue restrictions on civil society and the media by reforming Act No. 1/1999 to be consistent with international obligations on the rights to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly, and to streamline registration processes (United States of America); **(Accepted)**
- 123.33 Amend Act No. 1/1999 to facilitate the swift registration of civil society organizations that have submitted applications and evaluate all applications on their merits (Australia); **(Accepted)**
- 123.34 Bring legislation on freedom of expression and association into line with international standards, including through the amendment of NGO regulation Act No. 1/1999 (Netherlands); **(Rejected)**
- 123.35 Remove laws restricting NGO activity and reform Act No. 1/1999 regulating NGOs in order to facilitate their registration and enable their full and independent functioning (Iceland); **(Accepted)**

- 123.36 Take effective steps to prevent and punish cases of harassment and intimidation of human rights defenders (Chile); **(Accepted)**
- 123.37 Adopt effective measures to prevent and punish cases of harassment and intimidation of human rights defenders (Denmark); **(Accepted)**
- 123.38 Take all measures to protect and support opposition members, journalists, human rights defenders, including women human rights defenders, and civil society organizations, investigate all attacks against them and bring the perpetrators to justice (Iceland); **(Accepted)**
- 123.39 Enact a law clearly prohibiting discrimination against women and cancel the ministerial ruling of 18 July 2017 prohibiting girls from enrolling in and/or attending school during pregnancy (Canada); **(Rejected)**
- 123.40 Guarantee the rights to education and health, especially for children, including by ending the policy of excluding pregnant minors from school (France); **(Rejected)**
- 123.41 Complete the process of adopting the personal and family code and the process of drafting and adopting the bill on gender-based violence (Gabon); **(Accepted)**
- 123.42 Continue its policy of combating disparities between men and women, by adopting the draft personal and family code (Côte d'Ivoire); **(Accepted)**
- 123.43 Expedite the approval of the family code, which is aimed at eradicating gender-based disparities and preventing violence against women (Sierra Leone); **(Accepted)**
- 123.44 Speed up the approval of the personal and family code (Ukraine); **(Accepted)**
- 123.45 Accelerate the drafting and adoption of a law on gender equality that clearly prohibits discrimination against women, in line with the treaties and conventions ratified by the country, ensuring that it is adequately disseminated, known and respected (Chile); **(Accepted)**
- 123.46 Provide adequate annual financial assistance to programmes in the country aimed at changing the understanding of masculinity and promoting gender equality, and consider expanding such programmes throughout the country (Haiti); **(Accepted)**
- 123.47 Incorporate domestic and intrafamily violence as a crime, in particular violence against women and children, and adopt the necessary measures to ensure the training of the competent authorities (Mexico); **(Accepted)**
- 123.48 Adopt without delay a law prohibiting the infliction of corporal punishment on children in all settings, including in the family (Senegal); **(Accepted)**
- 123.49 Prioritize the protection of children's rights, eradicate corporal punishment in all settings, including at home, and repeal defence arguments to justify it (Algeria); **(Accepted)**
- 123.50 Prioritize the protection of the rights of the child, eradicating corporal punishment and domestic violence and enhancing access to education services (Kyrgyzstan). **(Accepted)**
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