

FAFIA fact sheet

Universal Periodic Review

United Nations Human Rights Council

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Every four years, each country that is a member of the United Nations is reviewed for their implementation and adherence to human rights treaties. Within the UN system, the **Human Rights Council** is the body that oversees the Universal Periodic Review. The Human Rights Council is made up of 47 country representatives.

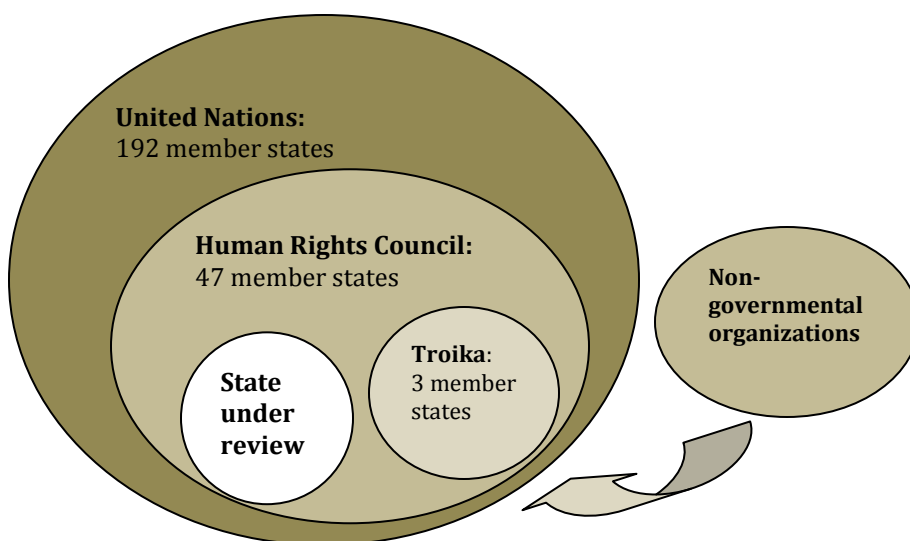
A group of three country representatives are chosen to facilitate the review of each country. This group is referred to as a “**troika**.”

Reviews take place through an interactive discussion between the country under review and other UN Member States. During this discussion any UN Member State can pose questions and make comments.

Non-governmental organizations can also submit information which is considered during the review. Non-governmental organizations can attend the UPR Working Group sessions and can make statements at the regular session of the Human Rights Council when the outcome of the review is considered.

After hearing from governments and non-governmental organizations, the Council makes **recommendations**, after which, the country being reviewed must identify which recommendations it will recognize.

Each country is responsible for following the recommendations made during the review. When a country comes up for a review, they must provide information on what they have been doing to implement the recommendations made during the previous review.



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