

Recommendation	Position	Full list of themes	Assessment/comments on level of implementation by CAFF-ADHUM
Theme: Legal & institutional reform			
<p>35.22 Step up the process of establishing a national human rights institution that is fully compliant with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (the Paris Principles), by ensuring comprehensive human rights mandates and the necessary resources (Republic of Korea);</p> <p>Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legal & institutional reform - National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public officials 	See 35.23
Theme: National Human Rights Institution (NHRI)			
<p>35.23 Step up efforts to establish the national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles (Nepal);</p> <p>Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public officials 	<p>PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED</p> <p>See § 20-24 of the CAFF-ADHUM report.</p> <p>While the establishment of a Federal Institute for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights is to be welcomed, it is important to point out that the institute, as provided for in the law of May 12, 2019, has serious shortcomings.</p> <p>Indeed, the institute is limited to the federal level and is not competent to receive and examine individual complaints. As a result, the institute does not offer any progress in the fight against linguistic discrimination.</p> <p>The Federal Institute for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights should be interfederalized and allowed to receive and examine individual complaints and requests.</p>

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35.24 Accelerate the creation of a national institute that is in line with the Paris Principles (Qatar); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35	Supported	- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform SDGs: - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS Affected persons: - Public officials	See 35.23
35.25 Establish a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) (Denmark) (Rwanda) (Spain) (Ukraine); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35	Supported	- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform SDGs: - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS Affected persons: - Public officials	See 35.23
35.26 Establish a national human rights institution that is compliant with the Paris Principles (Jordan); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35	Supported	- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform SDGs: - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS Affected persons: - Public officials	See 35.23
35.27 Enhance its ongoing efforts for establishing a fully functioning independent national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles (Turkmenistan); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35	Supported	- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform SDGs: - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS Affected persons: - Public officials	See 35.23
35.28 Take the final steps towards the establishment of the national human rights institution based on the Paris Principles (Costa Rica); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35	Supported	- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform SDGs: - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS Affected persons: - Public officials	See 35.23

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<p>35.29 Complete the process of having a national human rights institution in compliance with the Paris Principles (Bangladesh); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<p>- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform SDGs: - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS Affected persons: - Public officials</p>	See 35.23
<p>35.30 Complete the process of putting in place a national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles (Greece); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<p>- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform SDGs: - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS Affected persons: - Public officials</p>	See 35.23
<p>35.31 Expedite the process of establishing a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles (India); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<p>- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform SDGs: - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS Affected persons: - Public officials</p>	See 35.23
<p>35.32 Provide a comprehensive mandate for its national human rights commission in compliance with the Paris Principles (Indonesia); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<p>- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform SDGs: - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS Affected persons: - Public officials</p>	See 35.23
<p>35.33 Continue efforts to establish a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles (Iraq); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<p>- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform SDGs: - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS Affected persons: - Public officials</p>	See 35.23

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35.34 Accelerate the implementation of a national human rights institution (A status) (Canada); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35	Supported	- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform SDGs: - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS Affected persons: - Public officials	See 35.23
35.35 Pursue A status accreditation under the Paris Principles for its national human rights institution (Australia); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35	Supported	- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform SDGs: - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS Affected persons: - Public officials	See 35.23
35.36 Speed up the establishment of the Federal Institute for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights, in accordance with the Paris Principles, providing it with a comprehensive mandate and with sufficient resources (Slovenia); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35	Supported	- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform - National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) SDGs: - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS Affected persons: - Public officials	See 35.23
35.37 Speed up the establishment of the Federal Institute for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights, in accordance with the Paris Principles (Senegal) (Mongolia); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35	Supported	- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform - National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) SDGs: - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS Affected persons: - Public officials	See 35.23
35.38 Establish and operationalize the federal human rights institute in accordance with Belgium's intention for a high-performance institute that is fully compliant with the Paris Principles (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35	Supported	- National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform - National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) SDGs: - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS Affected persons: - Public officials	See 35.23

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<p>35.39 Establish the Federal Institute for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights in accordance with the Paris Principles with a mandate and all the necessary resources to carry out its functions (Kazakhstan); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform - National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public officials 	See 35.23
<p>35.40 Undertake further steps for the full compliance of the federal human rights institute with the Paris Principles (North Macedonia); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform - National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public officials 	See 35.23
<p>35.41 Redouble efforts so that the Federal Institute for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights can serve as an independent human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles (Uruguay); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform - National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public officials 	See 35.23
<p>35.42 Step up efforts to effectively launch the work of the Federal Institute for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights, the law establishing which was adopted back in 2019 (Russian Federation); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform - National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public officials 	See 35.23

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<p>35.43 Accelerate the establishment of the Federal Institute for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights so as to bring it into full compliance with the Paris Principles (Djibouti); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform - National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public officials 	See 35.23
<p>35.44 Accelerate the establishment of the Federal Institute for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights in line with the Paris Principles, give it a comprehensive mandate and the resources necessary to enable it to carry out its mandate (Luxembourg); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform - National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public officials 	See 35.23
<p>35.45 Concretize the functioning of the Federal Institute for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights, with a broad mandate and resources to fulfil its objectives, including the possibility of receiving individual complaints (Ecuador); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform - National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public officials 	See 35.23
<p>35.46 Expedite the establishment of the Federal Institute for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights, in compliance with the Paris Principles (Ireland); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - Legal & institutional reform - National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public officials 	See 35.23
<p>36.6 Ensure that the Federal Institute for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights is allocated all competencies in line with the Paris Principles (Germany); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.3</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) - National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	See 35.23

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<i>Theme: Equality & non-discrimination</i>			

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<p>35.61 Continue the ongoing efforts to prevent and tackle discrimination on any ground, including by improving data disaggregation (Republic of Korea); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equality & non-discrimination - Racial discrimination - Data collection & research <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS - 17 - PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refugees & asylum seekers - Migrants - Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups - Persons with disabilities 	<p>PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED</p> <p>See § 25-34 of the CAFF-ADHUM report.</p> <p>In 2017, in the first evaluation report of the anti-discrimination laws of 2007, the experts pointed out the lack of a competent body to deal with linguistic discrimination in Belgium. Therefore, victims of discrimination on the basis of language cannot, unlike victims of discrimination on the other grounds mentioned in the legislation, benefit from the assistance, information and advice of a public institution created for this purpose. In 2022, the experts noted in the final report that a body competent to deal with discrimination based on language had still not been designated and reiterated its recommendation in this regard.</p> <p>The federal coalition agreement of February 2025 (Editor's note: agreement of the Belgian federal government for the 2025-2029 legislative term) makes no mention of any desire or determination on the part of the Belgian state to set up a public body responsible for ruling on linguistic discrimination, which means that Belgium does not intend to move in the desired direction on this issue.</p> <p>A body competent to deal with discrimination based on language should be designated, as provided for in Article 29 § 2 of the anti-discrimination law of 10 May 2007.</p>

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<p>35.62 Continue measures to combat discrimination on the grounds of race, religion, ethnicity, sex and physical condition and ensure inclusion in political and public life (Nepal);</p> <p>Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equality & non-discrimination - Freedom of thought, conscience & religion - Racial discrimination - Right to participate in public affairs & right to vote - Discrimination against women <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refugees & asylum seekers - Migrants - Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI) - Women & girls - Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups - Persons with disabilities 	See 35.61
<p>35.63 Continue efforts in combating all forms of discrimination and ensure that corrective disciplinary and other accountability measures are in place to combat racial profiling and incidents of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (State of Palestine);</p> <p>Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equality & non-discrimination - Rule of law & impunity - Racial discrimination - Access to justice & remedy <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refugees & asylum seekers - Migrants - Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups 	See 35.61

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<p>35.72 Take further steps to ensure a simplified and accessible mechanism for reporting acts of discrimination and intolerance (Botswana); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equality & non-discrimination SDGs: - 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS Affected persons: - Refugees & asylum seekers - Migrants - Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups 	See 35.61
<p>35.74 Take the awareness-raising measures necessary to enhance respect for cultural diversity and to combat stereotyping, discrimination and Islamophobia (Saudi Arabia); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equality & non-discrimination - Human rights education, trainings & awareness raising - Freedom of thought, conscience & religion - Racial discrimination SDGs: - 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS Affected persons: - Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups 	See 35.61
<p>35.75 Urge political leaders not to use racism and xenophobia in the exercise of their functions (Congo); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equality & non-discrimination - Racial discrimination SDGs: - 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS Affected persons: - Public officials - Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups 	See 35.61

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<p>35.76 Strengthen non-discrimination and equality measures, guaranteeing that the appropriate mechanisms for citizen participation are in place (Costa Rica);</p> <p>Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equality & non-discrimination - Right to participate in public affairs & right to vote <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups 	See 35.61
<p>35.77 Enhance efforts aiming at preventing and combating racism, racial discrimination and all other forms of discrimination (Italy);</p> <p>Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equality & non-discrimination - Racial discrimination <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Migrants - Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups 	See 35.61
<p>35.139 Intensify the fight against discriminatory practices in the field of employment (Angola);</p> <p>Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equality & non-discrimination - Labour rights and right to work <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8 - DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH - 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	See 35.61
<p>35.156 Adopt systemic measures in the sphere of education and training with the aim of suppressing hate speech (Slovakia);</p> <p>Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equality & non-discrimination - Human rights education, trainings & awareness raising - Right to education <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 - QUALITY EDUCATION <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public officials - Educational staff & students - Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups 	See 35.61

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<p>35.157 Continue efforts to address inequalities in education, and combat intolerance and hate speech among children, especially that targeting migrant and refugee children (Sudan) ;</p> <p>Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equality & non-discrimination - Human rights education, trainings & awareness raising - Right to education <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 - QUALITY EDUCATION - 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refugees & asylum seekers - Children in vulnerable situations (abused, living on the street, institutionalized, indigenous, migrant children etc.) - Children - Migrants 	See 35.61
<p>35.158 Continue efforts to reduce education inequalities, particularly those faced by migrant children and refugee children (Peru) ;</p> <p>Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equality & non-discrimination - Right to education <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 - QUALITY EDUCATION <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refugees & asylum seekers - Children in vulnerable situations (abused, living on the street, institutionalized, indigenous, migrant children etc.) - Children - Migrants 	See 35.61
<p>35.159 Continue to take necessary measures in curbing structural discrimination against persons of foreign origin in the field of employment (India) ;</p> <p>Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equality & non-discrimination - Labour rights and right to work <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8 - DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-citizens 	See 35.61

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<p>35.164 Step up efforts to combat racism and all forms of discrimination, including in the areas of housing, education and employment (Qatar); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equality & non-discrimination - Labour rights and right to work - Racial discrimination - Right to education - Right to adequate housing <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES - 11 - SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Migrants - Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups 	See 35.61
<p>35.165 Enhance national responses to discriminatory practices, including in the areas of housing, education and employment (Sri Lanka); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equality & non-discrimination - Labour rights and right to work - Right to education - Right to adequate housing <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 11 - SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES 	See 35.61
<p>35.171 Continue its efforts in promoting gender equality by tackling the underrepresentation of women in management and strategic positions, as well as promoting the rights of the child and the rights of persons with disabilities (Lao People’s Democratic Republic); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equality & non-discrimination - Advancement of women <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 - GENDER EQUALITY <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children - Women & girls - Persons with disabilities 	See 35.61
<p>35.173 Continue efforts exerted to strengthen national policies and strategies aimed at reducing the manifestations of discrimination against women and achieving de facto gender equality in wages and access to strategic and administrative positions (Tunisia); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equality & non-discrimination - Labour rights and right to work - Discrimination against women <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 - GENDER EQUALITY - 8 - DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Women & girls 	See 35.61

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<p>36.10 Devote additional resources to prosecuting hate crimes and countering discrimination against vulnerable groups, in particular Muslims, LGBTIQI+ persons, refugees and migrants, and persons of African origin (United States of America);</p> <p>Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.3</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equality & non-discrimination - Racial discrimination - Access to justice & remedy <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refugees & asylum seekers - Migrants - Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI) - Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups 	See 35.61
<p>36.17 Adopt and implement a comprehensive national action plan against racism and all related forms of discrimination based on racial, ethnic, national or religious stereotypes (Democratic People’s Republic of Korea);</p> <p>Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.3</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equality & non-discrimination - National Human Rights Action Plans (or specific areas) / implementation plans - Freedom of thought, conscience & religion - Racial discrimination <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups 	See 35.61
<p>36.26 Ensure equality and non-discrimination based on sexual orientation by lifting restrictions imposed on homosexual men from donating blood, and adopt the least exclusionary approach taking into account current scientific studies (Israel);</p> <p>Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.3</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equality & non-discrimination <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI) 	See 35.61

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<p>36.47 Ensure, as part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, that restrictions on citizens' rights and freedoms are imposed in exceptional cases only and are proportionate, and ensure that the health-care system is accessible to disadvantaged citizens and migrants and refugees (Belarus);</p> <p>Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.3</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equality & non-discrimination - Right to health <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 - GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refugees & asylum seekers - Migrants 	See 35.61
<p>36.56 Guarantee the right to employment of persons with disabilities by ensuring vocational training, adequate levels of accessibility and effective protection against discrimination (Cuba);</p> <p>Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.3</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equality & non-discrimination - Labour rights and right to work - Persons with disabilities: accessibility, mobility <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 - QUALITY EDUCATION - 8 - DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Persons with disabilities 	See 35.61
<p>36.69 Provide legislative guarantees for the effective protection of all migrant workers from various forms of discrimination, including in terms of working conditions and wages (Belarus).</p> <p>Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.3</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equality & non-discrimination - Labour rights and right to work - Constitutional & legislative framework <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8 - DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Migrants 	See 35.61

Theme: Cooperation & follow up with the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)

Recommendation	Position	Full list of themes	Assessment/comments on level of implementation by CAFF-ADHUM
<p>35.48 Regularly cooperate with civil society on follow-up to the recommendations from the universal periodic review (Malaysia);</p> <p>Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<p>- Cooperation & follow up with the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)</p> <p>- Cooperation with human rights mechanisms & requests for technical assistance</p> <p>SDGs:</p> <p>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</p>	<p>PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED</p> <p>See § 56-65 of the CAFF-ADHUM report.</p> <p>It took two years before an information and dialogue session with civil society was organized on June 22, 2023, on the implementation of the recommendations accepted by Belgium during its third UPR. As in the second cycle, this is the only follow-up meeting to which civil society actors have been invited to participate since the debriefing in June 2021.</p> <p>Regarding the fourth cycle of the UPR and the report that Belgium must submit by February 1, 2026, the Minister of Foreign Affairs explained that a consultation with civil society on the draft report would take place in due course, probably at the end of 2025. This once again limits the role of civil society and is contrary to the guidelines of the organization UPR Info, which stipulate that national consultations must begin one year before the review.</p> <p>Civil society should be consulted much more regularly to ensure a real follow-up of the UPR recommendations and to prepare the national reports in all transparency.</p>

Theme: National Mechanisms for Reporting & Follow-up (NMRF)

Recommendation	Position	Full list of themes	Assessment/comments on level of implementation by CAFF-ADHUM
<p>35.47 Establish a permanent national mechanism for implementation, reporting and follow-up regarding human rights recommendations, and consider the possibility of receiving cooperation for this purpose in the framework of Sustainable Development Goals 16 and 17 (Paraguay);</p> <p>Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Mechanisms for Reporting & Follow-up (NMRF) - Cooperation & Follow up with Treaty Bodies - Cooperation & follow up with the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) - Cooperation & Follow up with Special Procedures <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS - 17 - PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 	See 35.48
<i>Theme: Cooperation & consultation with civil society</i>			
<p>35.49 Collaborate actively and regularly with civil society (Albania);</p> <p>Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.35</p>	Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cooperation & consultation with civil society <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	See 35.48
<i>Theme: Ratification of & accession to international instruments</i>			

Recommendation	Position	Full list of themes	Assessment/comments on level of implementation by CAFF-ADHUM
<p>36.1 Ratify the core human rights treaties, including the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (Kazakhstan);</p> <p>Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.6</p>	Supported/Noted	<p>- Ratification of & accession to international instruments</p> <p>- Prohibition of torture & ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)</p> <p>SDGs:</p> <p>- 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <p>- Persons deprived of their liberty & detainees</p>	<p>NOT IMPLEMENTED</p> <p>See § 12-19 of the CAFF-ADHUM report.</p> <p>Belgium has still not ratified Protocol No.12 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights, which it signed 25 years ago (on November 4, 2000). Article 1 of the protocol stipulates that: "The enjoyment of any right set forth by law shall be secured without discrimination on any ground such as sex, race, color, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, association with a national minority, property, birth or other status."</p> <p>Protocol No.12 to the European Convention on Human Rights is one of the most effective international instruments in the fight against discrimination, as it has direct effect in the domestic legal systems of the countries that have ratified it, enabling their citizens to invoke it directly before their national courts.</p> <p>The Flemish Parliament, for its part, introduced its draft decree of assent on October 8, 2008, but has still not adopted it, no less than seventeen years later.</p> <p>However, the European Parliament resolution of February 7, 2018, on the protection and non-discrimination of minorities in the Member States of the European Union (2017/2937) specifies (§14) that the Parliament urges all Member States to sign, ratify, and ensure the implementation of Protocol No.12.</p>

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<i>Theme: Ratification of & accession to international instruments</i>			
37.1 Consider ratifying the core human rights instruments to which it is not yet a party, including the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Malawi); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8 - Para.37	Noted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ratification of & accession to international instruments - Migrants SDGs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8 - DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH Affected persons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Migrants 	See 36.1
<i>Theme: Constitutional & legislative framework</i>			

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<p>36.5 Ratify the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (Switzerland); Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.9, 10</p>	Noted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Constitutional & legislative framework - Ratification of & accession to international instruments <p>SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES <p>Affected persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups 	<p>NOT IMPLEMENTED</p> <p>See § 1-11 of the CAFF-ADHUM report.</p> <p>In 2001, Belgium signed the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities; 24 years later, and despite repeated recommendations by the Council of Europe and the recommendations made by the UN in the framework of the Universal Periodic Reviews of 2011, 2016 and 2021, this convention has still not been ratified. Belgium stated that it would entrust the Interministerial Conference on Foreign Policy (CIPE) with the task of defining the notion of national minority. The work of the CIPE has never been completed. The Council of Europe, in its Resolution 1301 designated which national minorities were to be protected in Belgium. Among them, the French-speaking people living in Flanders. Reference should be made to the resolution of the European Parliament of 2018.02.07 on the protection and non-discrimination of minorities in the Member States of the European Union (2017/2937), which states that the Parliament urges all Member States to sign, ratify and ensure the application of the Council of Europe Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities.</p> <p>The Belgian federal government has not included any provisions in the 2025-2029 government agreement aimed at ratifying the Framework Convention.</p>

Recommendation	Position	Full list of themes	Assessment/comments on level of implementation by CAFF-ADHUM
Theme: Cultural rights			
<p>36.54 Take effective measures to fully realize the cultural and linguistic rights of minorities, in particular the francophone minority in Flanders (Russian Federation);</p> <p>Source of Position: A/HRC/48/8/Add.1 - Para.9, 10</p>	Noted	<p>- Cultural rights</p> <p>SDGs:</p> <p>- 10 - REDUCED INEQUALITIES</p> <p>Affected persons:</p> <p>- Minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups</p>	<p>NOT IMPLEMENTED</p> <p>See 36.5</p> <p>In the absence of recognized rights, particularly the right to subsidies for their cultural activities, and subject to continuous administrative harassment by the Flemish Region both in municipalities with special linguistic status (municipalities with facilities) and in municipalities without facilities, the 300,000 French-speaking people living in Flanders (5% of the population) feel threatened by forced assimilation.</p>