

Item 6. General Debate

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence

Current Challenges of the Universal Periodic Review



Mr. President;

Despite the fact that the UPR mechanism has achieved many of its primary goals, there are still challenges remaining. The Organization for Defending Victims of Violence (ODVV) identifies the following as the current challenges facing the UPR mechanism:

- A) Inadequacy of technical and contextual discussions
- B) Limited time given to NGOs to speak
- C) Politicization of the process
- D) Absence of a suitable mechanism to assess implementation of recommendations
- E) General and repeated recommendations
- F) Membership of serious human rights violators in the Human Rights Council

Mr. President;

As an active human rights NGO, the Organization for Defending Victims of Violence (ODVV), calls on the Human Rights Council to support the UPR, draws the attention of the Council to UPR challenges and calls on the HRC to:

- Increase the time allocated to NGOs and assign a more active role must be assigned to such organizations;
- Devised a mechanism to encourage the UPR Working Group's sessions to focus more on technical solutions for human rights challenges;
- Urge governments to avoid voting for continued membership of the states, with most serious records in human rights violations;
- Urge the Human Rights Council to mandate the Advisory Committee to study the possibilities of encouraging states to offer technical and useful recommendations away from political considerations. This can be an effective step to prevent politicization of the UPR mechanism by countries, which is currently one of the main challenges facing the mechanism.