

UPR Recommendations on SOGIESC rights accepted by Cambodia during its third UPR

During its third **Universal Periodic Review (UPR)** in 2019, **Cambodia accepted nine recommendations specifically on the protection of Sexual Orientation Gender Identity and Expression and Sex Characteristics (SOGIESC) rights** and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR). The accepted recommendations on SOGIESC rights focused on three main legal and policy reforms:

- **Amending Article 45 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia to enable legal marriage equality for LGBTIQ couples**
- **Enacting laws and policies guaranteeing non-discrimination based on SOGIESC**
- **Enacting legislation allowing legal gender recognition for transgender people.**

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Recommendations	Recommending State
Amend the Constitution to enable legal marriage equality for same-sex couples	
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Amend article 45 of the Constitution so as to enable legal marriage equality with a view to pursuing full and equal treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons in all areas. (110.51)	Netherlands
Amend article 45 of the Constitution to allow same-sex couples to marry. (110.55)	Canada
Enactment of laws and policies guaranteeing non-discrimination on the basis of SOGIESC	
Introduce an anti-discrimination law that guarantees and explicitly prohibits all kinds of discrimination, including on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or sex characteristics. (110.45)	Iceland
Adopt, in consultation with civil society organizations, comprehensive legislation and policies against discrimination and violence based on sexual orientation or gender identity, and guarantee their implementation through all public entities, in particular in the education, health and labor sectors. (110.50)	Mexico
Introduce new legislation that guarantees equality and explicitly prohibits discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons. (110.52)	Sweden
Adopt effective measures to combat and punish discrimination and violence motivated by sexual orientation or gender identity. (110.53)	Uruguay
Introduce, by the end of 2023, an anti-discrimination law that guarantees equality and explicitly prohibits discrimination of all kinds, including on the basis of religion, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression or sex characteristics. (110.54)	Australia
Enact legislation to enable legal gender recognition for trans people	
Introduce a gender recognition law. (110.54)	Iceland

What is the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)?

- The UPR is a United Nations Human Rights Council mechanism that operates by reviewing **every UN Member States'** adherence to its **human rights obligations**. During the UPR, UN Member States provide **recommendations** on how the State under review could **improve human rights**, in line with its human rights obligations. The process takes place for each country **every 5 years**.
- During its third UPR in 2019, Cambodia received a total of 198 recommendations from 73 UN Member States, and the Royal Government of Cambodia **accepted 173 recommendations**, and noted 25 recommendations.
- By **accepting UPR recommendations**, the government makes a political commitment to implement the recommendation before the next UPR cycle.

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