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## **Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review\***

### **Eritrea**

#### **Addendum**

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

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1. A total of 293 recommendations were made during the interactive dialogue held on 6 May 2024. Eritrea has examined all recommendations made, in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 27 and 32 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1 and paragraph 16 of annex to Council resolution 16/21.

2. The following recommendations formulated during the interactive dialogue have been examined by Eritrea and enjoy the support of Eritrea:

<i>No.</i>	<i>Para. Number of recommendations</i>	<i>State position</i>	<i>Comments</i>
1.	132.26	Supported	
2.	132.60	Supported	
3.	132.61	Supported	
4.	132.62	Supported	
5.	132.65	Supported	
6.	132.66	Supported	
7.	132.67	Supported	
8.	132.68	Supported	
9.	132.71	Supported	
10.	132.79	Supported	
11.	132.80	Supported	
12.	132.82	Supported	
13.	132.83	Supported	
14.	132.84	Supported	
15.	132.110	Supported	
16.	132.111	Supported	
17.	132.112	Supported	
18.	132.119	Supported	
19.	132.124	Supported	
20.	132.125	Supported	
21.	132.130	Supported	
22.	132.132	Supported	
23.	132.134	Supported	
24.	132.147	Supported	
25.	132.151	Supported	
26.	132.152	Supported	
27.	132.154	Supported	
28.	132.155	Supported	
29.	132.156	Supported	

<i>No.</i>	<i>Para. Number of recommendations</i>	<i>State position</i>	<i>Comments</i>
30.	132.168	Supported	
31.	132.169	Supported	
32.	132.170	Supported	
33.	132.171	Supported	
34.	132.172	Supported	
35.	132.173	Supported	
36.	132.174	Supported	
37.	132.175	Supported	
38.	132.176	Supported	
39.	132.177	Supported	
40.	132.178	Supported	
41.	132.179	Supported	
42.	132.180	Supported	
43.	132.181	Supported	
44.	132.182	supported	
45.	132.183	Supported	
46.	132.184	Supported	
47.	132.185	Supported	
48.	132.186	Supported	
49.	132.187	Supported	
50.	132.188	Supported	
51.	132.189	Supported	
52.	132.190	Supported	
53.	132.191	Supported	
54.	132.192	Supported	
55.	132.193	Supported	
56.	132.194	Supported	
57.	132.195	Supported	
58.	132.196	Supported	
59.	132.197	Supported	
60.	132.198	Supported	
61.	132.199	Supported	
62.	132.200	Supported	
63.	132.201	Supported	

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<i>No.</i>	<i>Para. Number of recommendations</i>	<i>State position</i>	<i>Comments</i>
64.	132.202	Supported	
65.	132.203	Supported	
66.	132.204	Supported	
67.	132.205	Supported	
68.	132.210	Supported	
69.	132.211	Supported	
70.	132.212	Supported	
71.	132.213	Supported	
72.	132.214	Supported	
73.	132.215	Supported	
74.	132.216	Supported	
75.	132.217	Supported	
76.	132.218	Supported	
77.	132.219	Supported	
78.	132.220	Supported	
79.	132.221	Supported	
80.	132.222	Supported	
81.	132.223	Supported	
82.	132.224	Supported	
83.	132.225	Supported	
84.	132.226	Supported	
85.	132.227	Supported	
86.	132.228	Supported	
87.	132.229	Supported	
88.	132.230	Supported	
89.	132.231	Supported	
90.	132.232	Supported	
91.	132.233	Supported	
92.	132.234	Supported	
93.	132.235	Supported	
94.	132.236	Supported	
95.	132.237	Supported	
96.	132.238	Supported	
97.	132.241	Supported	

<i>No.</i>	<i>Para. Number of recommendations</i>	<i>State position</i>	<i>Comments</i>
98.	132.243	Supported	
99.	132.244	Supported	
100.	132.245	Supported	
101.	132.246	Supported	
102.	132.247	Supported	
103.	132.248	Supported	
104.	132.250	Supported	
105.	132.251	Supported	
106.	132.252	Supported	
107.	132.254	Supported	
108.	132.257	Supported	
109.	132.262	Supported	
110.	132.263	Supported	
111.	132.264	Supported	
112.	132.266	Supported	
113.	132.268	Supported	
114.	132.271	Supported	
115.	132.272	Supported	
116.	132.273	Supported	
117.	132.277	Supported	
118.	132.278	Supported	
119.	132.280	Supported	
120.	132.282	Supported	
121.	132.283	Supported	
122.	132.284	Supported	
123.	132.285	Supported	
124.	132.286	Supported	
125.	132.287	Supported	
126.	132.289	Supported	

3. The following recommendations formulated during the interactive dialogue and on which a position had not been taken have been examined by Eritrea and have been noted:

<i>No.</i>	<i>Para. Number of Recommendations</i>	<i>State position</i>	<i>Comments</i>
1.	132.1	Noted	

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<i>No.</i>	<i>Para. Number of Recommendations</i>	<i>State position</i>	<i>Comments</i>
2.	132.2	Noted	
3.	132.3	Noted	
4.	132.4	Noted	
5.	132.5	Noted	
6.	132.6	Noted	
7.	132.7	Noted	
8.	132.8	Noted	
9.	132.9	Noted	
10.	132.10	Noted	
11.	132.11	Noted	
12.	132.12	Noted	
13.	132.13	Noted	
14.	132.14	Noted	
15.	132.15	Noted	
16.	132.16	Noted	
17.	132.17	Noted	
18.	132.18	Noted	
19.	132.19	Noted	
20.	132.20	Noted	
21.	132.21	Noted	
22.	132.22	Noted	
23.	132.23	Noted	
24.	132.24	Noted	
25.	132.25	Noted	
26.	132.27	Noted	
27.	132.28	Noted	
28.	132.29	Noted	
29.	132.30	Noted	
30.	132.31	Noted	
31.	132.32	Noted	
32.	132.33	Noted	
33.	132.34	Noted	
34.	132.35	Noted	
35.	132.36	Noted	

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<i>No.</i>	<i>Para. Number of Recommendations</i>	<i>State position</i>	<i>Comments</i>
36.	132.37	Noted	
37.	132.39	Noted	
38.	132.40	Noted	
39.	132.41	Noted	
40.	132.42	Noted	
41.	132.44	Noted	
42.	132.45	Noted	
43.	132.46	Noted	
44.	132.47	Noted	
45.	132.48	Noted	
46.	132.49	Noted	
47.	132.50	Noted	
48.	132.51	Noted	
49.	132.52	Noted	
50.	132.53	Noted	
51.	132.54	Noted	
52.	132.55	Noted	
53.	132.56	Noted	
54.	132.57	Noted	
55.	132.58	Noted	
56.	132.63	Noted	
57.	132.64	Noted	
58.	132.69	Noted	
59.	132.70	Noted	
60.	132.72	Noted	
61.	132.73	Noted	
62.	132.74	Noted	
63.	132.75	Noted	
64.	132.76	Noted	
65.	132.77	Noted	
66.	132.78	Noted	
67.	132.81	Noted	
68.	132.85	Noted	
69.	132.86	Noted	

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<i>No.</i>	<i>Para. Number of Recommendations</i>	<i>State position</i>	<i>Comments</i>
70.	132.87	Noted	
71.	132.88	Noted	
72.	132.89	Noted	
73.	132.90	Noted	
74.	132.91	Noted	
75.	132.92	Noted	
76.	132.93	Noted	
77.	132.94	Noted	
78.	132.95	Noted	
79.	132.96	Noted	
80.	132.97	Noted	
81.	132.98	Noted	
82.	132.99	Noted	
83.	132.100	Noted	
84.	132.101	Noted	
85.	132.102	Noted	
86.	132.103	Noted	
87.	132.104	Noted	
88.	132.105	Noted	
89.	132.106	Noted	
90.	132.107	Noted	
91.	132.108	Noted	
92.	132.109	Noted	
93.	132.113	Noted	
94.	132.114	Noted	
95.	132.115	Noted	
96.	132.116	Noted	
97.	132.117	Noted	
98.	132.118	Noted	
99.	132.120	Noted	
100.	132.121	Noted	
101.	132.122	Noted	
102.	132.123	Noted	
103.	132.126	Noted	



<i>No.</i>	<i>Para. Number of Recommendations</i>	<i>State position</i>	<i>Comments</i>
104.	132.128	Noted	
105.	132.131	Noted	
106.	132.133	Noted	
107.	132.135	Noted	
108.	132.136	Noted	
109.	132.137	Noted	
110.	132.138	Noted	
111.	132.139	Noted	
112.	132.140	Noted	
113.	132.141	Noted	
114.	132.142	Noted	
115.	132.143	Noted	
116.	132.144	Noted	
117.	132.145	Noted	
118.	132.146	Noted	
119.	132.148	Noted	
120.	132.149	Noted	
121.	132.157	Noted	
122.	132.158	Noted	
123.	132.159	Noted	
124.	132.160	Noted	
125.	132.161	Noted	
126.	132.162	Noted	
127.	132.163	Noted	
128.	132.164	Noted	
129.	132.165	Noted	
130.	132.166	Noted	
131.	132.167	Noted	
132.	132.206	Noted	
133.	132.207	Noted	
134.	132.208	Noted	
135.	132.209	Noted	
136.	132.239	Noted	
137.	132.240	Noted	

<i>No.</i>	<i>Para. Number of Recommendations</i>	<i>State position</i>	<i>Comments</i>
138.	132.242	Noted	
139.	132.249	Noted	
140.	132.253	Noted	
141.	132.255	Noted	
142.	132.256	Noted	The appropriate age for marriage has already been established. Pursuant to article 46 of Proclamation 2/1991 (a proclamation issued to amend the transitional Civil Code of Eritrea), the appropriate age for marriage is 18 years and it is applicable to both male and female equally.
143.	132.258	Noted	
144.	132.259	Noted	
145.	132.260	Noted	
146.	132.261	Noted	
147.	132.265	Noted	
148.	132.267	Noted	
149.	132.269	Noted	
150.	132.270	Noted	A proclamation prohibiting female genital mutilation has already been enacted (proclamation 158/2007).
151.	132.274	Noted	
152.	132.275	Noted	
153.	132.276	Noted	
154.	132.288	Noted	
155.	132.290	Noted	

4. In total, out of 293 recommendations received, 126 enjoy the support of Eritrea, and 155 are noted. Additional clarification is provided on another 7 recommendations, indicating which part of the recommendation has been supported and which part has been noted. Besides that, clarification is also provided on 5 recommendations which are rejected on the basis of factual mistakes and their irrelevance to our national context.

5. **Additional clarification:**

**Recommendation 132.38**

Supported: Fully cooperate with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Noted: give access to the UN special procedures mandate holders to verify, report and advice on the human rights situation.

**Recommendation 132.43**

Supported: cooperate fully with OHCHR.

Noted: Extend a standing invitation to the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea and to all special procedures.

**Recommendation 132.59**

Supported: and with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, allowing visits and technical reports.

Noted: Collaborate with the special procedures of the Human Rights Council.

**Recommendation 132.127**

Supported: Ensure the full independence and impartiality of the judiciary

Noted: and that the jurisdiction of military courts is limited to military personnel

**Recommendation 132.129**

Supported: Strengthen institutions that promote the rule of law and ensure that justice administrators are independent, professional and qualified

Noted: and to guarantee that military courts can only try military personnel, not civilians

**Recommendation 132.150**

Supported: Redouble efforts to combat the prevalence of child marriage

Noted: and establish a ban on corporal punishment of children

**Recommendation 132.153:** Take steps to abolish the registration of marriages at the end of national service. There is no law or practice in Eritrea that requires the registration of marriage at the end of national service. Since the information contained in this recommendation is factually incorrect, this recommendation has been rejected.

**Recommendation 132.279**

Supported: Take appropriate measures to ensure the promotion and protection of children's rights, including the right to health and education,

Noted: as well as to cease and prevent the recruitment and use of children in armed conflict

**Recommendation 132.281:** (Put in place measures to protect children and women from recruitment into armed groups and militia). There are no militias and armed groups in Eritrea; since the information contained in this recommendation is factually incorrect, this recommendation has been rejected.

**Recommendation 132.291:** Decriminalize consensual sexual relations between adults of the same sex, guarantee non-discrimination against LGBTI people and combat violence against them.

**Recommendation 132.292:** Decriminalize same-sex conduct between consenting adults.

A position has been taken in all previous UPR cycles that the government of Eritrea rejected recommendations related to same sex marriage. In the same vein, Recommendation 291 and 292 are rejected. Consensual same sex marriage is a crime in the transitional penal code of Eritrea.

**Recommendation 132.293:** Undertake structural and legislative reforms so that Eritreans can return to their country with dignity and without them or their family members being penalized for having left Eritrea. There are no laws or practices prohibiting the return of Eritreans to their family and penalizing them and their families. Since the information contained in this recommendation is factually incorrect, this recommendation has been rejected.