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### Universal Periodic Review

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Jeg har i min egenskab af formand for Dansk Interparlamentarisk Gruppes Bestyrelse modtages vedlagte brev med spørgeskema fra IPU i Genève om FN's såkaldte Universal Periodic Review.

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Universal Periodic Review er den gennemgang af menneskerettighedssituationen i alle FN's 192 medlemslande, der blev vedtaget i forbindelse med etableringen af FN's Menneskerettighedsråd i 2006. I 2011 bliver det Danmarks tur til at få gennemgået situationen på menneskerettighedsområdet, og spørgsmålet fra IPU handler derfor om, om Folketinget agter at involvere sig i forberedelsen af denne gennemgang.

Da spørgsmål om menneskerettigheder typisk vil berøre Udlændinge- og Integrationsudvalgets arbejdsområde, vil jeg derfor henlede din opmærksomhed på den kommende gennemgang og spørgsmålet fra IPU.

Jeg har sendt et tilsvarende brev til formanden for Retsudvalget.

Med venlig hilsen

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**THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW: STOCKTAKING OF THE  
CONTRIBUTION OF PARLIAMENTS**

Dear Mr. President,

In the two years since the United Nations Human Rights Council started its universal periodic review (UPR) of the fulfilment of human rights obligations and commitments by Member States, some hundred countries have reported and discussed efforts at home to promote human rights and taken on board recommendations for further improvement from their peers at the Council.

The IPU and the United Nations attach great importance to a strong contribution of parliaments to the work of the UPR. Parliaments can provide essential input by discussing the draft national report before it is submitted to the Council, by taking part in the national delegation presenting the report to the Council, and by overseeing the implementation of its recommendations. Last year, the IPU carried out several initiatives to promote knowledge of the UPR among parliaments and to encourage parliamentary involvement in the process. More information on the UPR and the list of countries which have undergone the review or will do so shortly is available on the website of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights at <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/UPRMain.aspx>.

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cc: Ms. Mette Vestergaard, Secretary of the Danish Inter-Parliamentary Group

We are keen to have a better understanding of the extent to which parliaments have taken notice of and made a contribution to the UPR. The attached questionnaire is part of this stock-taking exercise to which I kindly invite your Parliament to take part by providing the requested information to us by 25 March 2010. A high response rate will help us to strengthen future efforts to enhance the contribution of parliaments to the UPR and showcase best practices that they may serve as an inspiration to others.

Our secretariat would naturally be pleased to provide any further information you may require on the UPR in general, or concerning your country in particular.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anders B. Johansson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Anders B. Johansson  
Secretary General





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## The universal periodic review: Stocktaking of the contribution of parliaments to the United Nations Human Rights Council

### QUESTIONNAIRE

Please complete this form and send it back no later than **25 March 2010**



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*The Human Rights Council was created in March 2006 as an inter-governmental body within the United Nations system made up of 47 States responsible for strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights around the globe. Part of its mandate is to carry out, on the basis of country reports and other information, a Universal Periodic Review to assess the human rights situations in all 192 United Nations Member States and to make recommendations.*

1. For those countries whose human rights situation has already been reviewed by the Human Rights Council (see attached calendar): Has your parliament been involved in the preparation of the country report? YES  NO

If yes, please elaborate on the kind of parliamentary input.

2. For those countries whose human rights situation will be reviewed by the Human Rights Council in 2010 or 2011: Do you intend to bring this matter to the attention of parliament so as to ensure its early involvement in the preparation of the country report? YES  NO

If yes, please elaborate on the kind of parliamentary input.

3. For those countries whose human rights situation has already been reviewed by the Human Rights Council: Was one or more member(s) of your parliament a member of the official delegation which presented the country to the Council? YES  NO

If yes, please elaborate their principal responsibility?

4. For those countries whose human rights situation has already been reviewed by the Human Rights Council: Has your parliament been informed by the Executive of the recommendations that have been made by the Council and accepted by the Government? YES  NO

If yes, please highlight what, if any, steps parliament has taken to help ensure the implementation of the recommendations.

5. Does your parliament intend to take further measures on the procedure of the universal periodic review? YES  NO

If yes, please specify which ones.

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1st session (2006)	2nd session (2006)	3rd session (2006)	4th session (2006)	5th session (2006)	6th session (2009)	7th session (2010)	8th session (2010)	9th session (2010)	10th session (2011)	11th session (2011)	12th session (2011)
Morocco	Gabon	Botswana	Cameroon	Central African Republic	Côte d'Ivoire	Angola	Guinea	Liberia	Mozambique	Seychelles	Swaziland
South Africa	Ghana	Burkina Faso	Djibouti	Chad	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Egypt	Guinea-Bissau	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Namibia	Sierra Leone	Togo
Tunisia	Mali	Burundi	Mauritius	Comoros	Equatorial Guinea	Madagascar	Kenya	Malawi	Niger	Somalia	Uganda
Algeria	Zambia	Cape Verde	Nigeria	Congo	Eritrea	Gambia	Lesotho	Mauritania	Rwanda	Spain	United Republic of Tanzania
Bahrain	Benin	Turkmenistan	Senegal	Vanuatu	Ethiopia	Qatar	Kiribati	Lebanon	Sao Tome and Principe	Palau	Zimbabwe
India	Japan	Tuvalu	Bangladesh	Viet Nam	Bhutan	Fiji	Kuwait	Madagascar	Myanmar	Papua New Guinea	Syrian Arab Republic
Indonesia	Pakistan	United Arab Emirates	China	Yemen	Brunei Darussalam	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Kyrgyzstan	Marshall Islands	Nauru	Samoa	Tajikistan
Philippines	Republic of Korea	Uzbekistan	Lebanon	Afghanistan	Cambodia	Iran	Laos	Maldives	Nepal	Singapore	Thailand
Argentina	Sri Lanka	Colombia	Malaysia	Uruguay	Cyprus	Kazakhstan	Grenada	Mongolia	Oman	Solomon Islands	Timor Leste
Ecuador	Tonga	Bahamas	Saudi Arabia	Belize	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Bolivia	Guyana	Honduras	Paraguay	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Trinidad and Tobago
Brazil	Guatemala	Barbados	Cuba	Chile	Costa Rica	Nicaragua	Haiti	Jamaica	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Suriname	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Netherlands	Peru	Israel	Mexico	Mali	Dominica	El Salvador	Spain	Panama	Saint Lucia	Belgium	Antigua and Barbuda
Finland	France	Liechtenstein	Canada	Monaco	Dominican Republic	Italy	Sweden	United States	Australia	Denmark	Iceland
United Kingdom	Switzerland	Luxembourg	Germany	New Zealand	Norway	San Marino	Turkey	Andorra	Austria	Greece	Ireland
Poland	Romania	Montenegro	Russian Federation	Slovakia	Portugal	Slovenia	Armenia	Bulgaria	Estonia	Hungary	Lithuania
Czech Republic	Ukraine	Serbia	Azerbaijan	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Albania	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Belarus	Croatia	Georgia	Latvia	Moldova