

Proposals – Terms of reference for the UNCAC (HUNGARY)

Hungary has been supporting the adoption of the relevant resolutions, thus agrees with the criteria already set for the review mechanism.

We present our proposals with respect to the terms of reference below.

The most important aspect of the review should be that it shall be conducted by experts. Hungary suggests that the experts be nominated by the member states, of whom the Secretariat makes a selection based on the professional curriculum, languages spoken and special expertise. The Secretariat shall draw a list of experts and make that list public. The Secretariat shall accept equal number of nominations from all member states. Transparency should be respected in the selection procedure. The list (containing a pool of experts) should be approved by the COSP or by any other means that is duly recorded.

In each examinations, we suggest that half of the experts represent the same continent as the examined country. One expert may serve in other examinations again only if no other suitable candidate is available. The examination is also followed by at least one member of the secretariat who ensures that the rules are followed and that the same level of expectations is set for all countries.

The examined country should have the choice as to which official language is used in the examination (among the six official ones).

The reports shall be made public on condition that the examined country agrees. The recommendations should be reported to the COSP.

During the examination other intergovernmental reports may also be taken into account (see OECD, GRECO), as long as they are not older than three or five years (as preferred).

The first round of evaluation should be made in a written form, thus enabling many parallel examinations at the beginning.

Please note that Hungary is on a flexible view.