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MEMORANDUM

TO : **The Directors**
Climate Change Service
Environmental Management Bureau
Forest Management Bureau
Land Management Bureau
Mines and Geosciences Bureau

The Deputy Administrator
National Mapping and Resource Information Authority

The Executive Director
National Water Resources Board

FROM : **The Undersecretary**
Policy, Planning and International Affairs

SUBJECT : **REQUEST OF INPUTS IN THE 7TH ICESCR PERIODIC
REPORT LIST OF ISSUES PRIOR TO REPORTING**

DATE : **MAY 22 2023**

This has reference to the first Inter-Agency Coordination Meeting conducted last 02 May 2023 held at Mabini Bldg., Malacañang Compound. The meeting discussed the preparations to the submission of 7th International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) Periodic Report of the Philippines to the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights' List of Issues Prior to Reporting (LOIPR). The list of issues contains the clarificatory questions and comments that the government should officially respond. The deadline set by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) - Governance for the submission of inputs is on or before **09 June 2023**.

The ICESCR is a multilateral treaty that the UN General Assembly adopted, where countries endeavored to ensure that their citizens enjoy all social, economic and cultural rights espoused in the covenant. The Philippines signed the treaty, thus assumes the obligation to report compliance to the treaty regularly.

In compliance to the aforesaid, hereunder are the identified issues to be responded by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources:

ITEM	ISSUES TO BE RESPONDED
<p>Item 6 – Mitigation of climate change and progress on the reduction of per capita greenhouse gas emissions</p>	<p>Information on measures taken by the State party with regard to the mitigation of climate change, including specific measures and their impact, to meet the nationally determined contributions for reducing emissions that the State party has set itself under the Paris Agreement. Please also provide information on the progress made in reducing per capita greenhouse gas emissions and on targets that the State party has set for further emissions reductions.</p>
<p>Item 7 – Legislative and policy framework to ensure that business entities exercise human rights due diligence, progress on the development of national action plan on business and human rights</p>	<p>Information on the legislative and policy framework in place or envisaged to ensure that business entities exercise human rights due diligence throughout their operation and that they are held accountable</p>
<p>Item 8.c. – National Land Use Bill and Indigenous Communities Conserved Areas Bill</p>	<p>Enact the National Land Use Bill and the Indigenous Communities Conserved Areas Bill</p>
<p>Item 8.d. – Supreme Court decision in Diosdado Sama and Bandy Masanglay v. People of the Philippines</p>	<p>Give effect in its policy framework and legislation to the Supreme Court decision in Diosdado Sama and Bandy Masanglay v. People of the Philippines in violation of Presidential Decree No. 705, otherwise known as the Forestry Reform Code of the Philippines</p>
<p>Item 9.e. – Public budget allocated to social spending (i.e., social security, food, water and sanitation, housing, health and education)</p>	<p>Public expenditure as a percentage of GDP and, within total public expenditure, the proportion of the public budget that is allocated to social spending, including social security, food, water and sanitation, housing, health and education.</p>
<p>Item 22.b. – Support to farmers and fishers, measures to address negative effects of reclamation projects</p>	<p>The impact of the programmes to support farmers and small-scale fishers in securing their livelihoods, on measures taken to prevent illegal fishing activities among commercial fishing vessels in municipal waters and to address the negative effects of reclamation projects in municipal waters on small scale fishers and their communities and on progress made towards delineating municipal waters and coastal zoning;</p>

In view of this, we would like to request for inputs from your respective Offices on any of the issues as you deem appropriate, to be submitted on or before **May 26, 2023**.

For your information and appropriate action.

ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES, CESO I

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**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

PRESIDENTIAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT

14 April 2023

SEC. MARIA ANTONIA YULO-LOYZAGA
Secretary
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
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Attention: **JONAS R. LEONES**
Undersecretary, Policy, Planning, and International Affairs

ELENIDA DR. BASUG
Director, Climate Change Service

CHERYL LOISE T. LEAL
OIC Director, Policy and Planning Service

Madam:

This refers to the preparation of the State's written replies to the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights' list of issues in relation to the seventh periodic report of the Philippines. This list of issues contains clarificatory questions and comments that the government should officially respond to on or before 27 October 2023.

In this regard, we respectfully invite you and/or your designated representative/s to an inter-agency coordination meeting to discuss the preparation for the crafting of the replies and the important role your agency, Department of Environment and Natural Resources has in this undertaking. The meeting will be held on **2 May 2023**, Tuesday, at 9:30 am at the NEDA Multi-Purpose Building, Ortigas Center, Pasig City.

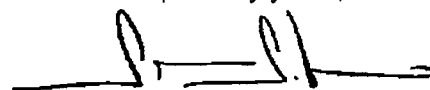
As a preliminary material for consideration, attached is the Matrix of List of issues in relation to the seventh periodic report with the corresponding agencies that should provide updated information/ actions taken. Also attached is the provisional agenda.

We would greatly appreciate receiving your agency's confirmation of attendance on or before 25 April 2023 (Tuesday) to the PHRCS and the NEDA-Governance Staff via email at officialphrcs@gmail.com and icescr@neda.gov.ph, copy furnish &GovS-agd@neda.gov.ph.

Should you have any questions or concerns, **Mr. Manuel Felix G. Abejo Jr.**, presidential staff officer and ICESCR focal treaty officer, of this office may be reached at 8736-3862, 8736-1449 or 8-249-8310 local 8045 and/or +63-928-3012319 on Viber.

Thank you.

Respectfully yours,



USEC. SEVERO S. CATURA
Executive Director



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

First Inter-Agency Meeting relative to the 7th ICESCR Periodic Report List of Issues Prior to Reporting (LOIPR)

2 May 2023 | 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM | Mabini Hall, Malacañang

ATTY. REVERIE PURE G. SAPAEN
OIC-Director, Governance Staff



National Economic and Development Authority



PRESENTATION OF THE LOIPR/ IDENTIFICATION OF AGENCY ASSIGNMENTS



National Economic and Development Authority

A. General Information

(1/2)

List of Issues	Agencies to Respond
2. Measures taken to ensure the protection of ESCR at the constitutional level	DOJ, PhilJA, OCA, PLLO, DILG, CHR, CSC
3. Census of Population and Housing conducted in 2020	DHSUD, DSWD, DepEd, PSA
4. Mandating the Commission on Human Rights to promote and protect ESCR	CHR, DBM, PLLO, Senate, HOR
5. Measures taken to prevent the intimidation, harassment, red-tagging, enforced disappearance and killing of human rights defenders	DOJ, CHR
5.a. Implementation of CHR recommendation emanating from its 2019 national inquiry on the situation of human rights defenders	DOJ
5.b. Adoption of human rights defenders protection bill	PLLO
5.c. On Inter-Agency Committee on Extra-Legal Killings, Enforced Disappearances, Torture and Other Grave Violations of the Right to Life, Liberty, and Security of Persons	DOJ, AO35 Secretariat
5.d. Definition of terrorism in the Anti-terrorism Act of 2020	NICA, ATC-PMC



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A. General Information

(2/2)

List of Issues	Agencies to Respond
6. Mitigation of climate change and progress on the reduction of per capita greenhouse gas emissions	CCC, DENR, NEDA-ANRES
6.a. Assessment of effects of climate change for ESCR enjoyment of the marginalized sectors	CCC, NEDA-ANRES
6.b. Development of a national adaptation plan with adequate resources	CCC, NEDA-ANRES
6.c. Strengthening preparedness for and the response to disasters	DND-OCD, NDRRMC, DILG
6.d. Institutions tasked with the elaboration and implementation of climate change adaptation measures and policies, and coordination mechanism	DND-OCD, NDRRMC
7. Legislative and policy framework to ensure that business entities exercise human rights due diligence, progress on the development of national action plan on business and human rights	DTI, SEC, PLLO, DENR, DFA
8./8.a. Implementation of Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act of 1997	NCIP
8.b. Obtaining IP free, prior, and informed consent	NCIP
8.c. National Land Use Bill and Indigenous Communities Conserved Areas Bill	PLLO, DHSUD, NCIP, DENR
8.d. Supreme Court decision in Diosdado Sama and Bandy Masanglay v. People of the Philippines	DENR, PLLO, OCA



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B. Issues relating to the general provisions of the Covenant (Arts. 1-5):

Maximum available resources (Art. 2 [1])

(1/3)

List of Issues	Agencies to Respond
9/9.a. Proportion of population living below the nationally defined poverty line	PSA
9.b. Levels of inequality, before and after taxes and transfers	PSA
9.c. GDP per capita and the level of public debt in proportion to GDP	PSA, NEDA-NPPS
9.d. Public revenue generation and an evaluation of the amount of tax evasion and tax avoidance and the fiscal cost of the main tax benefits	DOF, BIR
9.e. Public budget allocated to social spending (i.e., social security, food, water and sanitation, housing, health and education)	DBM, DSWD, DENR, DHSUD, DOH, DepEd, CHED, SSS, PhilHealth
9.f. Fiscal policy adopted to respond to the COVID-19	DOF, DBM
9.g. Military expenses as a percentage of GDP and of the public budget	DBM, DND
10. Implementation of Project Kasangga, protection for those who report cases of corruption, and explanation on low number follow-up actions on complaints under Corruption Watch Programme in 2020	OP-ODESLA, OMB, CSC



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B. Issues relating to the general provisions of the Covenant (Arts. 1-5):

Non-discrimination (Art. 2 [2])

(2/3)

List of Issues	Agencies to Respond
11/11.a. Adoption of a comprehensive anti-discrimination law	PLLO
11.b. Measures against discrimination in employment and status of HB 8243	PLLO
11.c. Measures to ensure ESCR of persons with disabilities	NCDA, DSWD, PLLO
11.d. Data on ESCR discrimination complaints and actions taken	NCDA, DOJ, OCA



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B. Issues relating to the general provisions of the Covenant (Arts. 1-5):

Equal rights of men and women (Art. 3)

(3/3)

List of Issues	Agencies to Respond
12. Participation of women in labour market, measures to reconcile family responsibilities with professional lives, and policies on parental leaves	PCW, DOLE, CSC
13. Measures in closing gender gap and combating de facto professional segregation by enhancing vocational training programmes for women	PCW, DOLE-NWPC, TESDA
14. Increasing the representation of women in political and public decision-making positions over the past 10 years	PCW, COMELEC, CSC

C. Issues relating to the specific provisions of the Covenant (Arts. 6-15):

Right to work (Art. 6)

(1/9)

List of Issues	Agencies to Respond
15. Measure to create decent and high-skill job opportunities, improve vocational training of young people, measures addressing shortage of job opportunities and skills mismatch and alleviate COVID-19 impacts, and having clear picture of informal employment	DOLE, DTI, TESDA, PSA

C. Issues relating to the specific provisions of the Covenant (Arts. 1-5):

Right to just and favourable conditions of work (Art. 7)

(2/9)

List of Issues	Agencies to Respond
16/16.a. Impact of the livelihood and emergency employment programme and formalization of workers in the informal sector	DOLE
16.b. Adoption of Magna Carta for Workers in the Informal Economy	DOLE, PLLO, Senate, HOR
16.c. Pending measure to end contractualization	DOLE, PLLO, Senate, HOR
16.d. Impact of RA No. 11058 including with regard to sweatshops	DOLE
16.e. Implementation of DOLE inspection programme on labour standards and wage laws	DOLE, DTI
16.f. Comprehensive health and safety measures in the workplace (COVID-19)	DOH, DOLE, CSC
17. Participation of workers in tripartite bodies, compliance with minimum wages, review of the two-tiered wage system	DOLE-NWPC
18. Protection for OFWs during COVID-19 and impact on remittances	DMW

C. Issues relating to the specific provisions of the Covenant (Arts. 1-5):

Trade union rights (Art. 8)

(3/9)

List of Issues	Agencies to Respond
19. Measure to prevent violence against trade union members, corporate repression; and, safeguards for trade union rights	DOLE, DOLE-BLR, PLLO

C. Issues relating to the specific provisions of the Covenant (Arts. 1-5):

Right to social security (Art. 9)

(4/9)

List of Issues	Agencies to Respond
20. Details on unemployment insurance benefits program	SSS
20.a. Measures to expand coverage of the Social Pension for Indigent Senior Citizens	SSS, DSWD
20.b. Measures to establish a framework for the social protection floor	DSWD, NEDA-SDS

C. Issues relating to the specific provisions of the Covenant (Arts. 1-5):

Protection of the family and children (Art. 10)

(5/9)

List of Issues	Agencies to Respond
21. Revised Penal Code and the Code of Muslim Personal Laws into line with the Magna Carta of Women and international human rights standards	NCMF, PCW
21.a. Prevention of the recruitment of children in armed conflict	AFP-CLOAC, CWC
21.b. Prevention and combat of child labour	DOLE, DSWD, DOJ
21.c. Combat the commercial sexual exploitation of children and increase prosecutions and convictions	CWC, DOJ
21.d. Amendment to the Anti-Violence against Women and Their Children Act and of the Anti-Rape Law	PCW, CWC, PLLO
21.e. Address and penalize acts of violence against women and girls	PCW, DOJ
21.f. Registration of all children at birth, and and provision of information on barriers to registration	PSA, DFA, NCMF, DILG
21.g. Address discrimination and abuse of older persons	DSWD, NSSC

C. Issues relating to the specific provisions of the Covenant (Arts. 1-5):

Right to an adequate standard of living (Art. 11)

(6/9)

List of Issues	Agencies to Respond
22/22.a. Measures taken to reduce the high number of persons living in poverty	DSWD, NAPC
22.b. Support to farmers and fishers, measures to address negative effects of reclamation projects	DA, DENR
22.c. Distribution of land to landless farmers/ Agrarian Reform Program	DAR
22.d. Addressing malnourishment and adopting a legislative framework protecting the right to adequate food and nutrition	DSWD, DOH-NNC
23. Social housing, national resettlement policy framework, rental housing subsidy bill	DHSUD

C. Issues relating to the specific provisions of the Covenant (Arts. 1-5):

Right to physical and mental health (Art. 12)

(7/9)

List of Issues	Agencies to Respond
24. Treatment and rehabilitation of people who use drugs	DDB, PDEA
24.a. Decriminalization of drug use and possession for personal use	DDB, PDEA
24.b. Address stigma and discrimination against people who use drugs	DDB, PDEA
24.c. Stop to extrajudicial killings in the context of the campaign against illegal drug	DDB, PDEA
24.d. Implementation of UN joint programme on human rights covering access to harm reduction services for people who use drugs	DOJ, DDB, PDEA, DOH
25. Access for indigenous peoples to health care	DOH, NCIP, PSA
26. Statistics on and elimination of shackling, and the results of National Disability Prevalence Survey	DOH, NCDA, PSA
27. Measures to reduce unsafe abortion and maternal deaths, access to and reproductive healthcare, and addressing the stigma on abortion	DOH, PCW, PSA, NCMF

C. Issues relating to the specific provisions of the Covenant (Arts. 1-5):

Right to education (Arts. 13-14)

(8/9)

List of Issues	Agencies to Respond
28/28.a. Enrolment of students in primary and secondary education, disaggregated by sex, region, disability, income, ethnicity and other factors	DepEd, PSA
28.b. Status of Basic Education Development Plan, and improving access the access to and quality of primary and secondary education	DepEd
28.c. Measures in evaluating the various policies for learners with disabilities	DepEd, NCDA
28.d. Address the negative impact of the violence of conflict on access to education, and to teachers and students of indigenous communities	DepEd, DND, AFP-CLOAC, NCIP
28.e. Measures on COVID-19 negative impact on education of children	DepEd

C. Issues relating to the specific provisions of the Covenant (Arts. 1-5):

Cultural rights (Art. 15)

(9/9)

List of Issues	Agencies to Respond
29. Internet access for disadvantaged and marginalized, and in public hospital, rural health units, public schools, SUCCs, and other public places	DICT
30. Promotion of the culture, traditions and knowledge of the diverse indigenous peoples	NCCA, NCIP

TIMELINE FOR SUBMISSIONS



National Economic and Development Authority

Timeline for Submissions

Activities	Schedule
1. Conduct of the 1 st Interagency meeting	May 2
2. Submission of agency inputs to NEDA-Governance Staff	June 9
3. Zero draft of the PH Reply prepared	July 10
4. Conduct of consultation with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)	July 11
5. Conduct of 2nd inter-agency meeting	July 13
6. Submission of CSOs inputs and additional inputs by agencies	July 28
7. Revision of draft PH Reply incorporating agency and CSO inputs	July 31 – Aug 4
8. Review and approval of NEDA Principals on the PH Reply to the 7 th ICESCR LOIPR	Aug 7 – Sept 21
9. Submission of NEDA-approved PH Reply to PHRCS	Sept 22
10. Endorsement of PHRCS to OP-Office of the Executive Secretary (OES)	Oct 2
11. Endorsement of OP-OES to Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)	Oct 23
12. Submission of DFA of the approved PH Reply to the Secretariat of UNCESCR/ Deadline of the PH Reply on the 7th ICESCR LOIPR	Oct 27



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National Economic and Development Authority





Treaty Body Reporting Procedure

Presidential Human Rights Committee Secretariat



CHR vis-à-vis PHRCS

CHR	PHRCS
National Human Rights Institution	National Mechanism for Reporting, Implementation, and Follow-up



CHR

National Human Rights Institution

- Operates independently from the State and from the government;
- Assists the State to meet its international human rights obligations;
- Provides advice so that international human rights standards are implemented at the national level;
- Investigates human rights violations and supports victims to seek justice and redress;
- Cooperates with partners at the national level and engage with international human rights system.



PHRCS

- Main provider of staff support to the PHRC in the fulfillment of its mandate and functions by virtue of AO No. 163 (s. 2006);
- Proposes and facilitates activities, as well as performs all other functions necessary to ensure the PHRC's effective fulfillment of its mandates;
- Provides technical and other support services for the effective work performance of the frontline offices in the OP;
- Provides technical support, in partnership with the DFA-UNIO and, when necessary, administrative and logistical assistance to the PHRC treaty lead agencies and their respective working groups;
- Engages with CSOs and NGOs, in aid of compliance review, policy research, communication development, and the collection, revalidation, and evaluation of data;



PHRCS

- Represents the ES, as Chairperson of the PHRC and/ or the PHRC in human rights oversight bodies that call for PHRC participation;
- Engages with the NHRI, i.e., the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines.

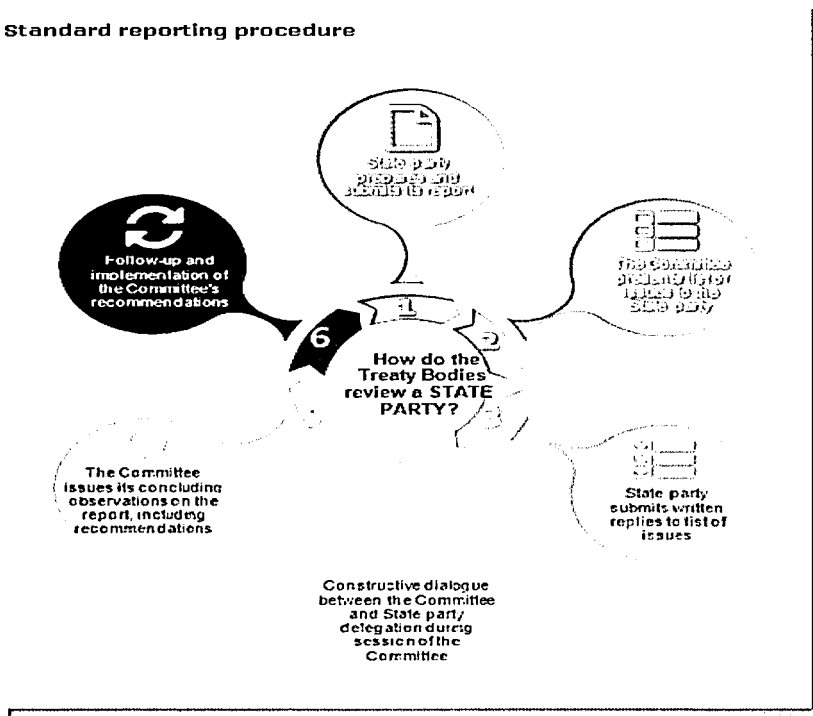


Section 5, Administrative Order No. 163 (s.2006)

- “The following are designated as Lead Agencies in coordinating compliance with international human rights treaties:
 - 1. Department of Justice - ICCPR
 - 2. Department of the Interior and Local Government - CAT
 - 3. National Commission on Indigenous Peoples - ICERD
 - 4. National Economic and Development Authority - ICESCR
 - 5. Department of Labor and Employment - CMW
 - 6. Philippine Commission on Women - CEDAW
 - 7. Department of Social Welfare and Development and Council for the Welfare of Children - CRC
 - 8. National Council on Disability Affairs - CRPD

Reporting Cycle

Standard reporting procedure



Reporting Cycle

Treaty	Initial reports (within)	Periodicity of reports
ICERD	1 year	2 years but <i>de facto</i> periodicity 4* years
ICESCR	2 years	5 years**
ICCPR	1 year	3 - 6 years***
CEDAW	1 year	4 years
CAT	1 year	4 years
CRC	2 years	5 years
CRC-OPAC	1 year	Integrated into next CRC report every 5 years; or 5 years for States not party to CRC
CRC-OPSC	2 years	Integrated into next CRC report every 5 years; or 5 years for States not party to CRC
ICRMW	1 year	5 years
CRPD	2 years	4 years
ICPPED	2 years****	-



Main steps in the Standard Reporting Procedure

- **Preparation of the periodic report;**
- Preparation of the list of issues (LOI) and replies to the LOI;
- **Response to the list of issues;**
- Pre-session working group;
- **Examination of the report/ constructive dialogue;**
- Concluding observations and recommendations;
- **Follow-up and implementation.**



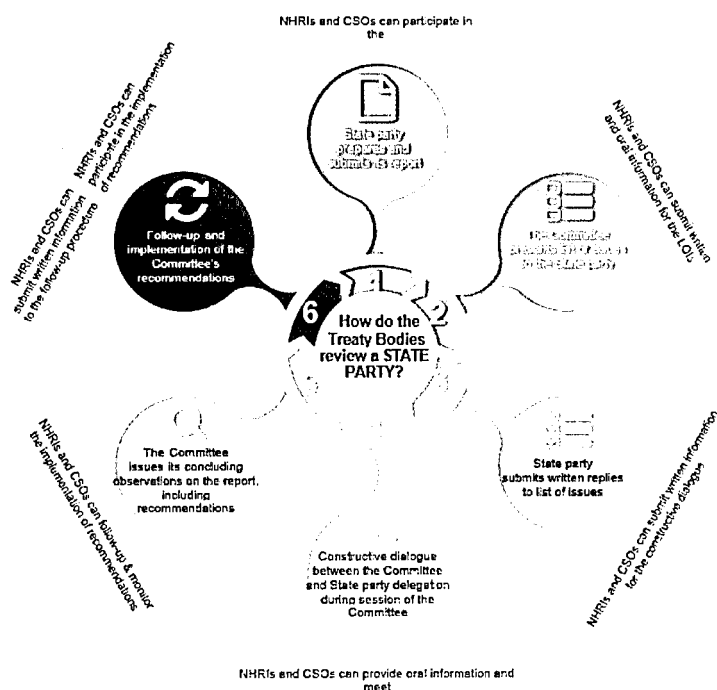
List of issues (LOI)

- **List of questions on selected issues, a request or updates on new laws, institutions, policies and programs, and specific disaggregated data and statistics.**
- It is developed based on a variety of sources:
 - Treaty text;
 - Periodic report; and
 - Information from other sources, including NHRI, CSOs, NGOs, and UN agencies.

Guidelines in preparing the replies to the LOI

- **Review the LOI carefully;**
- Gather relevant and updated information;
- **Consider the State's progress on each issue/ highlight achievements;**
- Provide complete and accurate information;
- **Be transparent about challenges and obstacles/ acknowledge limitations;**
- Respond in a timely manner.

Preparation of the written replies





Preparation of the written replies – CHR involvement

- Typically involved in the State's written replies;
 - Ensures that the replies are comprehensive, accurate, and reflective of the human rights situation on the ground;
 - Promotes a more collaborative and participatory approach to the preparation of the written replies.



Preparation of the written replies – CSOs and NGOs

- Not mandatory but can be beneficial:
 - CSOs provide important information and analysis on the human rights situation;
 - CSOs provide alternative perspectives and information that may not be available for government sources alone;
 - CSOs involvement can help promote greater transparency and accountability, as well as a more participatory approach;
 - CSOs involvement can help build a stronger partnership between the State and civil society.



Preparation of the written replies

- While the State is generally expected to respond to each question raised in the LOI, the treaty body concerned recognizes that there may be situations where this is not possible or appropriate.
- Examples:
 - Lack of information or data;
 - Practical or logistical constraints;
 - Sensitive or confidential information.



Preparation of the written replies

- Timeframe for providing information or data may vary depending on the specific requirements of the treaty body.



Best practices

- Engage with relevant stakeholders;
- Provide detailed and accurate information;
- Be concise and clear;
- Use a human-rights based approach;
- Use plain language;
- Check for accuracy;
- Review the structure;
- Ensure responsiveness;
- Verify consistency;
- Get feedback;
- Observe the word limit (10, 700 words);
- Meet the submission deadline.



Preparation of the written replies

- Zero draft
 - Ensure all stakeholders are involved in the drafting process;
 - Provide detailed and accurate information, etc.
- Initial draft
 - Review and revise the zero draft based on feedback from stakeholders;
 - Ensure that responses are concise, clear, and easy to understand;
 - Share the document to stakeholders to solicit feedback and suggestions.
- Final draft
 - Incorporate feedback and finalize the written replies;
 - Review the final draft for accuracy and completeness.



MARAMING SALAMAT PO!

UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Matrix of List of issues in relation to the seventh periodic report of the Philippines

The State party is requested to submit in writing the information requested below (not exceeding 10,700 words) by 27 October 2023

Issues to be responded	Agencies to respond
A. General information	
<p>2. Please provide information on measures taken to ensure the protection of economic, social and cultural rights at the constitutional level. Please also provide information on cases in which Covenant rights have been invoked or applied by courts, at all levels, including examples thereof, and on training for judges, lawyers and public officials on the Covenant. Please further provide information on measures taken to institutionalize writs of amparo concerning Covenant rights. Please provide information on how the legislature was involved in the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Committee's concluding observations on the combined fifth and sixth periodic reports of the State party, and the follow-up thereto, and in the development of the seventh periodic report.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Justice (DOJ) • Philippine Judicial Academy (PhilJA) • Office of the Court Administrator (OCA) • Presidential Legislative Liaison Office (PLLO) • Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) • Commission on Human Rights (CHR) • Civil Service Commission (CSC)
<p>3. Please provide information on data collected through the Census of Population and Housing conducted in 2020, in particular data that allows for <u>the assessment of the level of enjoyment of Covenant rights</u>, including those related to housing and education, by disadvantaged and marginalized individuals and groups, including indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities and people living in poverty, and on measures taken to ensure that such groups are not excluded from registration in the Philippine Identification System.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) • Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) • Department of Education (DepEd) • Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)
<p>4. Please provide information on measures taken to explicitly provide the Commission on Human Rights with the mandate to promote and protect economic, social and cultural rights and to ensure that it is allocated sufficient resources, with the autonomy to plan and manage its own budget. Please provide the Committee with an update on the status of the adoption of the Commission on Human Rights charter bill, and on the establishment of the Human Rights Institute of the Commission.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHR • Department of Budget and Management (DBM) • PLLO • House of Representatives (HOR) • Senate of the Philippines
<p>5. Please provide information on measures taken to prevent the intimidation, harassment, red-tagging, enforced disappearance and killing of human rights defenders, in particular those working to defend economic, social and cultural rights, and information and statistics on reported cases, investigations, prosecutions, convictions, the sanctions imposed on perpetrators and on the reparations provided to victims. Please also provide information on measures taken to:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOJ • CHR
<p>(a) Implement the recommendations of the Commission on Human Rights emanating from its national inquiry on the situation of human rights defenders, conducted in 2019;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOJ

(b) Adopt the human rights defenders protection bill;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLLO
(c) Ensure the independence and effectiveness of the Inter-Agency Committee on Extra-Legal Killings , Enforced Disappearances, Torture and Other Grave Violations of the Right to Life, Liberty, and Security of Persons (IAC), and information on its activities;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOJ • AO-35 Secretariat
(d) Ensure that the overly broad definition of terrorism in the Anti-terrorism Act of 2020 is not used to target civil society organizations, human rights defenders, journalists, minority groups, labour activities, indigenous peoples or critics of the Government.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA) • Anti-Terrorism Council-Program Management Center (ATC-PMC)
6. Please provide information on measures taken by the State party with regard to the mitigation of climate change , including specific measures and their impact, to meet the nationally determined contributions for reducing emissions that the State party has set itself under the Paris Agreement. Please also provide information on the progress made in reducing per capita greenhouse gas emissions and on targets that the State party has set for further emissions reductions. With respect to climate change adaptation policies and measures, please provide information on the following:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Change Commission (CCC) • Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) • NEDA - Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environment Staff (ANRES)
(a) How the State party assesses the effects of climate change on the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights, in particular for marginalized and disadvantaged individuals and groups;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCC • NEDA - ANRES
(b) Whether the State party has developed or envisages developing a national adaptation plan, with adequate allocation of all resources required to address the effects of climate change , including on economic, social and cultural rights;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCC • NEDA - ANRES
(c) Measures taken to strengthen preparedness for, and the response to, natural disasters and disaster risk reduction measures and measures taken to adopt a strategy to that end, with the adequate allocation of financial resources;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of National Defense (DND)-Office of Civil Defense (OCD) • Department of Science and Technology (DOST) • National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) • DILG
(d) The institutions tasked with the elaboration and implementation of climate change adaptation measures and policies for slow onset effects, in areas such as agriculture, housing and health, and how the coordination among institutions responsible for disaster preparedness and management is ensured.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DND-OCD • NDRRMC
7. Please provide information on the legislative and policy framework in place or envisaged to ensure that business entities exercise human rights due diligence throughout their operations and that they are held accountable for violations of Covenant rights. Please indicate the progress made on the development of the national action plan on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) • Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) (including the Sustainability or ESG [Environmental, Social, and

business and human rights in accordance with the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.	<p>Governance] Reporting)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLLO • DENR (*mining companies) • Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) • Department of Finance (DOF) (on Sustainability Finance) • PHRCS
8. Please provide information on measures taken by the State party to:	
(a) Fully and effectively implement the Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act of 1997 , including with regard to the demarcation and registration of indigenous peoples' territories;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) • DepEd (on education of IPs) • Commission on Higher Education (CHED) (on education of IPs)
(b) Obtain indigenous peoples' free, prior and informed consent with respect to the adoption of any legislation, policy or project affecting their lands or territories and other natural resources, and on steps taken to ensure that such a process is also respected by business entities and that it is not compromised by bribery and intimidation;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCIP
(c) Enact the national land use bill and the indigenous communities conserved areas bill;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLLO • DHSUD • NCIP • DENR
(d) Give effect in its policy framework and legislation to the Supreme Court decision in <i>Diosdado Sama and Bandy Masanglay v. People of the Philippines</i> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DENR • PLLO • OCA
B. Issues relating to the general provisions of the Covenant (arts. 1–5)	
Maximum available resources (art. 2 (1))	
9. Please provide updated information on the evolution of the following, covering the past 10 years:	
(a) The proportion of the population living below the nationally defined poverty line;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSA • DSWD (on cash transfer assistance)
(b) The levels of inequality, before and after taxes and transfers, if possible defined as the ratio between the total income accruing to the richest decile of the population and the total income of the poorest 40 per cent, and as the ratio between the assets owned by the richest decile of the population and the assets owned by the poorest 50 per cent;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSA
(c) The economy, especially through the annual variations in gross domestic product (GDP), GDP per capita and the level of public debt in proportion to GDP;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSA • NEDA-National Policy and Planning Staff (NPPS)
(d) The proportion of public revenue that is generated through taxes and as a percentage of GDP, the proportion of public revenue obtained through direct and indirect taxes, the corporate tax revenue rate, the percentage of total revenue that is generated from personal tax from all incomes collected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOF • Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) (to include accomplishments on TRAIN, CREATE, SSP, and PIFITA)

from the richest 10 per cent of the population, an evaluation of the amount of tax evasion and tax avoidance and the fiscal cost of the main tax benefits;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c Bureau of Customs (BOC)
(e)Public expenditure as a percentage of GDP and, within total public expenditure, the proportion of the public budget that is allocated to social spending, including social security, food, water and sanitation, housing, health and education;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DBM • DSWD • DENR • DHSUD • Department of Health (DOH) • DepEd • CHED • Social Security System (SSS) • Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth)
(f)Any fiscal policy adopted to respond to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOF • DBM
(g)Military expenses as a percentage of GDP and of the public budget.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DBM • DND
10.Please provide information on measures implemented under Project Kasangga , aimed at taking action against corruption, on the project's impact to date and on the remaining obstacles to combating corruption and nepotism. Please also provide information on measures taken to protect those who report cases of corruption and to effectively combat impunity, including steps to effectively apply anti-corruption laws. Please further provide an explanation for the low number of follow-up actions taken in response to the 846 corruption-related complaints received under the Corruption Watch Programme ¹ , in 2020, information on follow-up actions taken in response to complaints received in 2021 and further information on corruption complaints received by the Office of the Ombudsman and the Civil Services Commission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of the Deputy Executive Secretary for Legal Affairs (ODESLA) (*Project Kasangga, Integrity Management Program, and OP 8888) • Office of the Ombudsman (Ombudsman) • CSC c DBM (on PH-OGP initiative)
Non-discrimination (art. 2 (2))	
11.Please provide information on the following:	
(a)Steps taken to expedite the adoption of a comprehensive anti-discrimination law prohibiting all direct, indirect and multiple forms of discrimination on any grounds and providing for effective remedies for victims of discrimination, including within judicial and administrative proceedings;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLLO [
(b)Measures taken to add explicit guarantees against discrimination in employment on the basis of all Covenant groups and statuses and steps taken towards the passage of bill HB 8243;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLLO c NCSC (National Commission of Senior Citizens) (on information regarding discrimination on the provisions of SSS and GSIS laws that limit the contribution of senior citizens after retirement age)
(c)Measures taken to ensure that persons with disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Council on Disability

¹ Secretariat (NEDA-GovS) to check which agency/organization is in charge of this programme.

have access, without discrimination, to economic, social and cultural rights, and information on whether denial of reasonable accommodation is recognized as a form of discrimination;	Affairs (NCDA) • DSWD • PLLO
(d)The number of complaints of discrimination received with regard to Covenant rights, the investigations carried out, the decision rendered and the remedies provided to victims.	• NCDA • DOJ • OCA
Equal rights of men and women (art. 3)	
12.Please provide information on measures taken to increase the participation of women in the labour market, including by combating the stereotypes associated with the roles of women and men in the family and in society which perpetuate gender inequality, including in the informal sector. Please also provide information on measures taken to make it easier for parents to reconcile family responsibilities with their professional lives, such as by extending the public network of childcare services. Please further provide information on policies on maternity, paternity and parental leaves, and the result of a time-use survey, if any.	• Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) • Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) (on information regarding the Expanded Maternity Leave) • Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) (on accomplishments relating to EML) • CSC • PSA (on data from the Labor Force Survey and the time use survey)
13.Please provide information on measures taken to close the gender pay gap between men and women and to combat de facto professional segregation by enhancing vocational training programmes for women for the high-income sectors in which they are underrepresented.	• PCW • DOLE-National Wages and Productivity Commission (NWPC) • Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)
14.Please provide information on the progress made in increasing the representation of women in political and public decision-making positions over the past 10 years, as well as whether any temporary special measures are legally available and have been taken.	• PCW • Commission on Elections/ COMELEC (*on increased representation of women in political positions) • CSC
C. Issues relating to the specific provisions of the Covenant (arts. 6–15)	
Right to work (art. 6)	
15.Please provide information on measures taken to create decent and high-skill job opportunities , to expand, improve and upgrade vocational training, in particular for young people, and to address the shortage of job opportunities and the skills mismatch in the labour market . Please also provide information on measures taken to alleviate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the unemployment rate and on measures taken to increase the employment rate among persons with disabilities. Please further provide information on measures taken to ensure that the Labour Force Survey provides a clear picture of informal employment in the State party and on measures taken to improve the system of data collection on employment, underemployment and unemployment, and provide the most recent statistics	• DOLE • DTI • TESDA • PSA

thereon, disaggregated by sex, age, disability and other relevant factors.	
Right to just and favourable conditions of work (art. 7)	
16. Please provide information on the following:	
(a) The impact of the livelihood and emergency employment programme of the Department of Labour and Employment on the overall percentage of the workforce working in the informal sector, and on further efforts to accelerate the formalization of workers in the informal sector;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOLE
(b) Measures taken to expedite the adoption of the bill including the magna carta for workers in the informal economy and any measures taken in the interim to ensure that workers in the informal economy and non-standard forms of employment are covered by labour legislation and are entitled to adequate social protection;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOLE • PLLO • Senate • HOR • SSS (on coverage and services availed by workers in the informal economy)
(c) The proposed measures currently pending in Congress to end the practice of contractualization and any progress achieved to that end;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOLE • PLLO • Senate • HOR
(d) The impact of the adoption of Act No. 11058 on Occupational Safety and Health Standards, including with regard to sweatshops, and any other measures taken to ensure that labour legislation is strictly applied to sweatshop workers;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOLE
(e) Activities carried out through the inspection programme of the Department of Labour and Employment, including compliance orders issued, and statistics on the number of establishments or employers that do not comply with general labour standards, including wage laws;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOLE • DTI
(f) Information on comprehensive health and safety measures taken to protect all persons in the workplace in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOH • DOLE • CSC
17. With reference to the Committee's concluding observations on the combined fifth and sixth periodic reports of the State party, please provide details on how the State party ensures that the participation of workers in tripartite bodies is effective and genuine. Please also provide information on measures taken to ensure that all workers are covered by minimum wages and that minimum wages are regularly adjusted to account for increases in the cost of living. Please further provide information on measures taken to reinforce employers' compliance with the minimum wages, through labour inspections and complaint mechanisms, ensuring that those who fail to pay minimum wages are sanctioned with a penalties commensurate with their offences. Please provide information on steps taken to review the two-tiered wage system, with a view to ensuring that the floor wage is no lower than the minimum wage, which should ensure that workers and their families have an adequate standard of living.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOLE-NWPC

<p>18. Please provide information on measures and mechanisms adopted to protect Filipino overseas workers, in particular during the COVID-19 pandemic, including with respect to labour rights, access to vaccines and social services, as well as with regard to their ability to return to the Philippines in the face of restrictions on travel and freedom of movement. Please also provide information on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on remittances.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Migrant Workers (DMW)
<p>Trade union rights (art. 8)</p>	
<p>19. Please provide information on measures taken to prevent persecution, harassment, killings and other violence against trade union members, and information on measures taken to effectively investigate and prosecute those responsible for such acts, as well as information of alleged government and police inaction in that regard. Please also provide information on measures taken to prevent corporate repression against trade unions and anti-union discrimination, including union busting and violations of the right to strike. Please further provide information on measures taken to increase the effectiveness of mechanisms mandated to monitor violations of freedom of association and union rights and to expedite the prosecution of such cases. Please provide information on measures taken to ensure that the legislation in the State party guarantees trade union rights, including the right to strike.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOLE -Bureau of Labor Relations (BLR) (include measures to address the findings from the ILO High Level Tripartite Mission) • PLLO (*on measures to ensure that the laws in PH guarantees trade union rights, including the right to strike)
<p>Right to social security (art. 9)</p>	
<p>20. Please provide details on the unemployment insurance benefits programme, established in 2019 under the Social Security System, including on the number of claims that were not approved and on the number of unemployed persons not covered by the programme, and information on any support provided to unemployed persons. Please provide information on measures taken to:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSS (focus on unemployment insurance benefits of members) • DSWD (on indigent senior citizens)
<p>(a) Expand the coverage of the Social Pension for Indigent Senior Citizens to all those of statutory pension age, increase the amount of the benefit and regularly review and adjust it, with a view to ensuring an adequate standard of living for the beneficiaries and their families;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSS • DSWD • NCSC
<p>(b) Establish a framework for the social protection floor to ensure that there is a nationally defined set of basic social security guarantees for all workers, including those in the informal economy, aimed at preventing or alleviating poverty, vulnerability and social exclusion.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD • NEDA-Social Development Staff (SDS)
<p>Protection of the family and children (art. 10)</p>	
<p>21. Please provide information on measures taken to expedite the process of adopting legislation and bringing the Revised Penal Code and the Code of Muslim Personal Laws into line with the Magna Carta of Women and international human rights standards, in particular with a view to prohibiting child marriage and polygamy and providing for divorce. Please also provide information on measures taken to:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) • PCW • OCA (on efforts in harmonizing conflicting laws)
<p>(a) Prevent the recruitment of children in armed conflict, and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFP-Center for Law and

<p>please also provide information on investigations and prosecutions of all persons who forcibly recruit children under 18 years of age for use in armed conflict, as well as on measures taken to follow-up on the recommendations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child to ensure that the armed and security forces fully respect the rights of children;</p>	<p>Armed Conflict (AFP-CLOAC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CWC (*as CIAC CSAC head/ chair) • Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking (IACAT) • AO 35 Secretariat • Philippine National Police (PNP)-Women and Children Protection Center (WCPC)
<p>(b) Prevent and combat child labour, in particular in hazardous conditions, and ensure that persons who engage in the economic exploitation of children are prosecuted and the perpetrators punished;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOLE • DSWD • DOJ
<p>(c) Combat the commercial sexual exploitation of children and increase prosecutions and convictions in that area;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) • DOJ • OCA
<p>(d) Expedite the amendment to the Anti-Violence against Women and Their Children Act and of the Anti-Rape Law in order to, among other things, increase the age for determining statutory rape and the amendment to repeal the Penal Code provision that pardons the rapist in cases where the rapist subsequently marries the victim or where a wife pardons her the rapist-husband;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCW • CWC • PLLO
<p>(e) Increase efforts to address and penalize acts of violence against women and girls, including those perpetrated online, to address violence against women and girls with disabilities to provide support to victims;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCW • DOJ • IACAT
<p>(f) Ensure that children of Filipino overseas workers and all children born in the State party are registered at birth, including indigenous, ethnic minority and Muslim children, and provide information on remaining barriers to birth registration;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSA (include updates on the pending amendments of the Civil registry Law and efforts to register Filipinos without birth certificates which were done during the PhilSys Registration) • DFA/Philippine Missions/ Philippine Consulates (on birth registration of child born abroad) • NCMF • DILG • NCIP (on registration of ethnic minorities)
<p>(g) Address discrimination and abuse of older persons, encourage the reporting of such abuse and conduct a national survey on the extent of elder abuse, public campaigns, or professional awareness-raising programs on the issue.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD • NCSC • DILG-PNP (on statistics on abuse) • PLLO (on pending bills regarding ESCR of senior citizens)
<p>Right to an adequate standard of living (art. 11)</p>	

22. Please provide information on the following:	
(a) Measures taken to reduce further the high number of persons living in poverty and ensure that government services to them are delivered more effectively, including by ensuring that the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Programme covers all persons living in poverty, that its targeting is improved and that its overly strict eligibility criteria are relaxed;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD • National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC)
(b) The impact of the programmes to support farmers and small-scale fishers in securing their livelihoods, on measures taken to prevent illegal fishing activities among commercial fishing vessels in municipal waters and to address the negative effects of reclamation projects in municipal waters on small scale fishers and their communities and on progress made towards delineating municipal waters and coastal zoning;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Agriculture (DA) • DENR • DILG (on efforts of the Coast Guard, LGUs, and maritime police)
(c) Further measures taken to facilitate the distribution of land to landless farmers, including by continuing land distribution under the agrarian reform programme;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR)
(d) The impact of the measures taken to address malnourishment , including among children, pregnant women and lactating mothers, on progress made towards adopting a legislative framework protecting the right to adequate food and nutrition and towards enacting the bill providing a framework for the right to adequate food and on measures taken to overcome the challenges faced regarding implementation of the plan of action for nutrition.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSWD • DOH-National Nutrition Council (NNC)
23. Please provide information on the impact of measures taken to increase the provision of social housing for disadvantaged and marginalized individuals and families. Please also provide information on the extent of homelessness in the State party, using data disaggregated by sex, race, disability and other relevant criteria. Please provide details as to how the national resettlement policy framework aims to improve the living conditions of internally displaced persons in informal settlements and information on any specific impact of that policy framework to date and on measures to provide durable solutions for internally displaced persons in areas of return. Please also provide information on any progress made with regard to the adoption of the rental housing subsidy bill and the protection of the urban poor from the impact of immediate dislocation due to eviction and demolition arising from government projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHSUD
Right to physical and mental health (art. 12)	
24. With reference to the Committee's previous recommendations, please provide information on measures taken to ensure the availability of, and access to, harm reduction services and to ensure that the treatment and rehabilitation of people who use drugs are voluntary. Please also provide information on the following:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) • Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA)
(a) Any discussion on the decriminalization of drug use and possession for personal use and on implementing alternative measures to incarceration and other human rights-based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DDB • PDEA

approaches;	
(b)Measures taken to address stigma and discrimination , both by authorities and in society, against people who use drugs ;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DDB • PDEA
(c)Measures taken to effectively put a stop to extrajudicial killings in the context of the campaign against illegal drugs , to promptly and thoroughly investigate all reported cases and punish the perpetrators with sanctions commensurate with the gravity of the crime and to ensure the protection of the economic, social and cultural rights of the families of those who have been killed;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DDB • PDEA
(d)Measures taken to ensure that the United Nations joint programme on human rights in the Philippines is implemented effectively with the meaningful involvement of civil society organizations and that it is expanded to cover access to harm reduction services for people who use drugs in the Philippines.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOJ • DDB • PDEA • DOH
25.Please provide information, including statistics disaggregated by age and sex, on access for indigenous peoples to health care , including in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOH • NCIP • PSA
26.Please provide statistics on the number of people who are currently or who have been subjected to shackling and on measures taken to eliminate the practice of shackling people with psychosocial disabilities , as well as information on measures taken to develop adequate, high-quality and voluntary community-based support and mental health services. Please also provide the results of the National Disability Prevalence Survey conducted in 2016, in particular the results regarding the needs of, and barriers faced by, groups with differing levels of disability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOH • NCDA • PSA • DSWD
27.Please provide information, including statistics , on the impact of the measures taken to reduce the incidence of unsafe abortion and the high number of maternal deaths arising from abortion complications. Please also provide information on measures taken to relist emergency contraceptives and to improve access to the full range of sexual and reproductive health care, including access to contraceptives, including for Moro and indigenous women , women living in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas, women with disabilities and adolescents. Please further provide information on measures taken to address the stigma surrounding abortion and to provide adequate legal protection and redress to women who face abuse and ill-treatment when seeking post-abortion care.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOH • PCW • PSA • NCMF
Right to education (arts. 13–14)	
28.Please provide information on the following:	
(a)The enrolment of students in primary and secondary education, disaggregated by sex, region, disability, income, ethnicity and other relevant factors;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DepEd • PSA
(b)The status of the basic education development plan, 2030 , and in particular on measures envisaged to improve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DepEd

access to and the quality of primary and secondary education, including for indigenous children in remote and mountainous areas, and how such measures will be evaluated;	
(c) Measures taken to evaluate the various policies for learners with disabilities , including on the impact that they have had to date and on the challenges that remain;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DepEd • NCDA
(d) Measures taken to address the negative impact of the violence of conflict on access to education , including for children of indigenous communities, and measures taken to prevent the harassment of teachers and students of indigenous communities, including by the armed forces of the Philippines;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DepEd • DND • AFP-CLOAC • NCIP
(e) Measures taken to address the negative impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on education of children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DepEd
Cultural rights (art. 15)	
29. Please provide information on measures taken to increase Internet access, specifically for disadvantaged and marginalized individuals and groups and in rural areas, and to close the digital divide. Please also provide information on progress made in providing Internet connections in public hospitals, rural health units, public schools, State-funded universities and colleges and other public places.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Information and Communication Technology (DICT) • PSA
30. Please provide information on measures taken to promote the culture, traditions and knowledge of the diverse indigenous peoples in the State party and on measures taken to ensure that those groups have access to remedies for violations of their cultural rights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) • NCIP

**First Inter-Agency Meeting relative to the 7th ICESCR Periodic Report
List of Issues Prior to Reporting (LOIPR)**

02 May 2023 | 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM | Mabini Hall, Malacañang

SUMMARY OF AGREEMENTS

AGENDA	AGREEMENTS
Background/ Overview of the CDESCR Periodic Reporting Process and Roles of the Executive Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agencies to focus their inputs on their respective accomplishments on the implementation of programs, projects, and initiatives towards the progressive realization of the Covenant, rather than just iterations of policies.
Presentation of the LOIPR/ Identification of Agency Assignments and Discussion of Timeline for Submissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The reporting period covers agency initiatives implemented from 2017 onwards. ▪ The Secretariat to coordinate with agencies who are absent including DHSUD, DICT, DILG, DMW, NAPC, NCCA, and PLLO, among others. ▪ Agencies agreed to their assignments subject to the following revisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Item A.5.c. Remove AO 35 Secretariat ○ Item A.6.c. Add DOST ○ Item A.7. Add DOF for sustainability finance and PHRCS; SEC to provide inputs from the Sustainability or ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) Reporting ○ Item A.8.a. Add CHED and DepEd ○ Item B.9. Add PSA to provide other measures of poverty, and DSWD to provide data on cash assistance transfers ○ Item B.9.d. Add BOC; BIR to include efforts to collect taxes from large taxpayers, and the accomplishments on TRAIN, CREATE, SSP, and the draft bill on PIFITA ○ Item B.10. Add DBM for PH-OGP, OP-ODESLA to provide information on Integrity Management Program and OP 8888, Secretariat to check on the Corruption Watch Programme ○ Item B.11.b. Add NCSC for information regarding discrimination on the provisions of SSS and GSIS laws that limit the contribution of senior citizens after retirement age ○ Item B.12. DOLE to provide information on the Expanded Maternity Leave (EML), add GSIS on EML accomplishments, and add PSA to provide data from the Labor Force Survey and time use survey ○ Item C.16.b. Add SSS for the coverage and services availed of workers in the informal economy

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Item C.19. DOLE-BLR to provide measures to address the findings from the ILO High Level Tripartite Mission ○ Item C.20. SSS to focus on unemployment insurance benefits of members, and DSWD on indigent senior citizens ○ Item C.20.a. Add NCSC ○ Item C.21. Add OCA for efforts in harmonizing conflicting laws ○ Item C.21.a. Add PNP-Women and Children Protection Center (WCPC), Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking (IACAT) and AO 35 Secretariat ○ Item C.21.c. Add OCA ○ Item C.21.e. Add IACAT ○ Item C.21.f. PSA to include updates on the pending amendments of the Civil Registry Law and efforts to register Filipinos without birth certificates which were done during the PhilSys registration, and add NCIP for registration of ethnic minorities ○ Item C.21.g. Add DILG-PNP on statistics on abuse, and PLLO on pending bills regarding ESCR of senior citizens ○ Item C.22.b. Add DILG regarding efforts of the coast guards, LGUs, and maritime police ○ Item C.22.c. DAR to include updates on EO No. 4, Series of 2022 ○ Item C.26. Add DSWD ○ Item C.29. Add PSA
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Secretariat to update the 7th ICESCR LOIPR to reflect the proposed revisions of the agencies present. ▪ Agencies to submit their LOIPR assignments to NEDA-Governance by June 9, 2023.

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