POLICY BRIEF

Türkiye fourth cycle Universal Periodic Review priorities

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Scope and principal conclusion

The submission reviews implementation of recommendations from the preceding Universal Periodic Review and proposes practical priorities for the fourth cycle. It connects enforced disappearances, judicial independence, detention conditions, torture prevention and discrimination. Its central request is to evaluate actual safeguards and remedies rather than accept legislation as proof of implementation.

Findings from the case records

The report separates recommendations supported by Türkiye from those noted in the previous review. Formal acceptance and operational implementation are distinct. The assessment asks whether laws and institutions provide effective protection for individuals affected by detention, dismissal and administrative restrictions.

Alleged abductions and ill-treatment require prompt recording, independent investigation and information for families. Access to counsel, doctors and judicial control are presented as safeguards extending from the first stage of deprivation of liberty to subsequent proceedings.

The prison and discrimination sections address healthcare, overcrowding, assessment of good conduct, public stigmatisation and travel restrictions. The report also links judicial appointments and implementation of constitutional and European judgments to the practical effectiveness of remedies.

Priorities for action

1. States participating in the review should formulate specific recommendations and request evidence of implementation. Prioritise independent investigations into disappearances and ill-treatment, reliable records and protection of victims, families and legal representatives.

2. Strengthen independent judicial appointments and security of tenure and ensure implementation of binding judgments. Review individual criminal allegations and administrative restrictions with foreseeable criteria, evidence access and effective opportunities to challenge state action.

3. Ensure timely healthcare, dignified prison conditions and independent inspection. Review arbitrary barriers in release assessments and remove discriminatory administrative consequences. Track outcomes for affected individuals rather than counting legal amendments alone.

Evidence and limits

This summary concerns the source submission to the fourth review cycle. Its historical examples and proposals are not an updated finding that every recommendation remains unimplemented or that every individual case has the same outcome.

SRL Swiss, Universal Periodic Review Fourth Cycle Türkiye, source submission, pp. 2–10, recommendations 41–71.

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