

# [China | Upcoming opportunities to protect human rights at the UN \(November 2020 update\)](#)

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**Identifying opportunities to cooperate with UN human rights mechanisms, including the Human Rights Council, the Treaty Bodies, and the Special Procedures independent experts, as well as ensuring civil society is able to actively engage is fundamental. We provide here opportunities from late 2020 until mid 2021 for civil society inputs and participation relating to human rights in China!**



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## [Special Procedures](#)

The Special Procedures are the independent UN human rights experts (Special Rapporteurs and Working Groups) appointed by the Human Rights Council to cover a specific area of human rights, or country. They can conduct visits to countries when invited, send letters of concern (called 'communications') to Governments regarding individual cases or problematic laws and policies, as well as report to the Human Rights Council or the General Assembly on specific topics to advance international human rights standards.

A number of Special Procedures are calling for inputs by civil society - either NGOs, scholars, or activists - ahead of their annual thematic reports:



Special Rapporteur on human rights defenders' upcoming report on **killings of HRDs**. You can find more information on this questionnaire [here](#), and submit to [defenders@ohchr.org](mailto:defenders@ohchr.org)

Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion's upcoming report on **anti-Muslim hatred and discrimination**. You can find more details [here](#), and submit information to [freedomofreligion@ohchr.org](mailto:freedomofreligion@ohchr.org)

Special Rapporteur on minority issues' upcoming report on **hate speech, social media, and minorities**. You can find out more about it [here](#), and submit information to [minorityissues@ohchr.org](mailto:minorityissues@ohchr.org)

Working Group on Discrimination against Women and Girls's upcoming report on **women's and girls sexual and reproductive health and rights in situations of crisis**. You can find more information [here](#), and submit to [wgdiscriminationwomen@ohchr.org](mailto:wgdiscriminationwomen@ohchr.org)

Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy's upcoming report on the **privacy rights of children under 18 and issues relating to their independence and autonomy** (more information [here](#)), as well as new **Data Privacy Guidelines on AI** (more information [here](#)). You can submit at [srprivacy@ohchr.org](mailto:srprivacy@ohchr.org)

Submissions have to sent in English, French or Spanish. If you have any security concern in reaching out to the Special Procedures, or if you need technical support, please contact ISHR.


## [Treaty Bodies](#)

Make sure to keep an eye on the [OHCHR dedicated webpage](#) to monitor China's reporting status, and check past State reports, civil society reports, List of Issues and Concluding Observations adopted.

[Click here](#) to download ISHR's Guide on the Treaty Bodies!

[Committee on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights \(CESCR\)](#) - Review of China, Hong Kong and

## Macao

The CESCR Committee is an independent expert body mandated to monitor State Parties' implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights ([ICESCR](#)). The Committee is scheduled  to start its third review of China, Hong Kong and Macao next year.

**The Pre-Sessional Working Group** is expected to meet on **8-12 March 2021** to prepare its **List of Issues** that will guide the Committee's review afterwards: civil society organisations and members can submit information to the Working Group for the List of Issues up to 2 months before (18 December 2020 at the latest). If you are interested it send a report, you can refer to the above three documents as a basis for your assessment:

- [Concluding Observations](#) from its last review cycle in 2014
- [State's report](#) prepared for this review cycle
- [ICESCR](#)

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