

Annual Report

CAP LIBERTÉ de CONSCIENCE 2023



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What is « Coordination des Associations et des Particuliers pour la Liberté de Conscience »

- promoting and defending the universal principles of freedom of conscience, religion and belief, as defined and guaranteed by the various national, European and international legal texts governing these principles, whatever the category of persons to whom these principles apply and whatever their beliefs;
- promoting and defending freedom of conscience, religion and belief
- combating all forms of racism and discrimination based on actual or assumed membership or non-membership of an ethnic group, nation, race or religion; combating xenophobia and anti-Semitism.
- is to propose legislative reforms, administrative measures or any other public action in favour of human rights, both at national level and at the level of the European institutions, in order to ensure the equality of European citizens throughout Europe and to combat discrimination, particularly with regard to religious movements and schools of thought whose freedom of conscience, religion and/or belief is threatened or inadequately guaranteed;
- is to act to improve tolerance between believers of different religions, between believers and atheists, in favour of peace, non-violence, dialogue between cultures and encounters between religions.

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Dear members,

It is with great pride and a profound sense of purpose that I present to you the 2023 activity report of the Coordination des Associations et des Particuliers pour la Liberté de Conscience (CAP LC). This past year has been a testament to our unwavering commitment to defending the fundamental human right of freedom of religion or belief, and I am honored to share with you the remarkable achievements and impact of our organization.

As the President of CAP LC, I have had the privilege of leading a dedicated team of human rights advocates who have tirelessly worked to amplify the voices of those whose religious freedoms have been violated. Our organization has been at the forefront of addressing a diverse range of issues, from the persecution of religious minorities to the suppression of civil society, and we have consistently leveraged our presence at the United Nations to drive meaningful change.

Throughout 2023, CAP LC has been a steadfast champion of religious freedom, engaging with various UN mechanisms to raise awareness and advocate for the protection of this fundamental right. Our participation in the 52nd, 53rd, and 54th sessions of the UN Human Rights Council has been particularly impactful, as we have used these platforms to highlight human rights concerns in countries around the world.

In the 52nd session, we submitted written statements, participated in interactive dialogues, and organized side events to address issues ranging from the Khojaly massacre to the arbitrary detention of journalists and activists in Ethiopia. Our advocacy efforts also extended to France, where we engaged with the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief to discuss the protection of this fundamental right.

The 53rd session saw us continue our efforts to promote freedom of conscience and address human rights concerns, with a particular focus on Argentina, Turkey, and Ethiopia. We submitted written statements, published reports, and participated in interactive dialogues to raise awareness and drive action on these critical issues.

The 54th session of the Human Rights Council was a testament to the breadth and depth of our work. We submitted written statements, made oral statements, organized side events, and engaged in interactive dialogues on human rights situations in a wide range of countries, including Ethiopia, China, France, Germany, Iran, Lebanon, Sudan, Turkey, Ukraine, and Yemen. Our advocacy efforts covered a diverse range of issues, from addressing escalating human rights violations in Amhara, Ethiopia, to highlighting the need to end forced organ harvesting of Falun Gong practitioners in China.

Beyond our engagement with the UN Human Rights Council, CAP LC has also been actively involved in the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process, contributing to stakeholder submissions and shadow reports on human rights issues in countries such as Algeria, Armenia, France, Germany, Japan, and the United Arab Emirates. This multifaceted approach has allowed us to amplify the voices of those whose fundamental freedoms are under threat and to hold governments accountable for their human rights obligations.

Recognizing the critical importance of religious freedom, CAP LC has also been at the forefront of broader advocacy initiatives at the UN, including contributing to discussions on combating intolerance and discrimination based on religion or belief. By engaging with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and other key stakeholders, we have demonstrated our commitment to fostering a global environment that respects and protects the right to freedom of religion or belief.

One of the hallmarks of our work in 2023 has been the unwavering dedication and expertise of our team. Our organization has been fortunate to have a diverse group of human rights advocates, legal experts, and religious freedom specialists who have brought their unique perspectives and skills to the table. This multidisciplinary approach has allowed us to tackle complex issues with a nuanced and comprehensive understanding, ensuring that our advocacy efforts are grounded in sound legal and ethical principles.

As we look to the future, CAP LC remains steadfast in our commitment to defending the fundamental human

right of freedom of religion or belief. We recognize that the challenges we face are daunting, with religious minorities and vulnerable communities around the world continuing to face persecution, discrimination, and violence. However, we are buoyed by the knowledge that our work has made a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve, and we are more determined than ever to continue our advocacy efforts.

In the coming year, we will build on the successes of 2023, leveraging our expertise and networks to amplify the voices of those whose religious freedoms have been violated. We will continue to engage with the UN and other international bodies, working tirelessly to hold governments accountable and to promote the principles of religious tolerance, pluralism, and respect.

Moreover, we will strengthen our partnerships with civil society organizations, faith-based groups, and other human rights defenders, recognizing that the fight for religious freedom is a collective endeavor that requires the collaboration and solidarity of all who believe in the inherent dignity and worth of every human being.

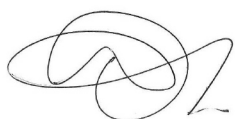
As we embark on this new chapter, I am filled with a profound sense of optimism and determination. The road ahead may be long and arduous, but I am confident that with the continued support and engagement of our friends and allies, we will succeed in our mission to create a world where freedom of religion or belief is a reality for all.

Thank you for your unwavering support and for your commitment to the cause of human rights and religious freedom. Together, we will continue to make a difference, one victory at a time.

Sincerely,

Thierry Valle

President, Coordination des Associations et des Particuliers pour la Liberté de Conscience



Christine Mirre

General Secretary Coordination des Associations et des Particuliers pour la Liberté de Conscience



CAP Liberté de Conscience and the United Nations Human Rights Council



The Coordination des Associations et des Particuliers pour la Liberté de Conscience (CAP LC) has been actively engaged in addressing various human rights concerns across the globe during the 52nd, 53rd, and 54th sessions of the UN Human Rights Council.

During the 52nd session, CAP LC submitted written statements, participated in interactive dialogues, and organized side events to highlight human rights issues in countries such as Azerbaijan, Ethiopia, France, the United Kingdom, Pakistan, Sudan, Taiwan, the United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, and Yemen. The organization advocated for the recognition of the Khojaly massacre in Azerbaijan, addressed the arbitrary arrest and detention of journalists and activists in Ethiopia, and engaged with the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief regarding the situation in France.

In the 53rd session, CAP LC continued its efforts to promote freedom of conscience and address human rights concerns. The organization submitted written statements, published reports, and participated in interactive dialogues on issues related to Argentina, Turkey, and Ethiopia.

During the 54th session, CAP LC's activities expanded to include a wide range of countries. The organization submitted written statements, made oral statements, organized side events, and engaged in interactive dialogues on human rights situations in Ethiopia, China, France, Germany, Iran, Lebanon, Sudan, Turkey, Ukraine, and Yemen. The focus areas included addressing escalating human rights violations in Amhara, Ethiopia, highlighting the need to end forced organ harvesting of Falun Gong practitioners in China, and discussing religious freedom issues in countries like France and Turkey.

Throughout these three sessions, CAP LC has demonstrated its commitment to addressing a diverse range of human rights concerns, advocating for the protection of fundamental freedoms, and promoting justice and reconciliation around the world.

52nd session of the Human Rights Council 27 February 2023 to 04 April 2023



Regarding Azerbaijan, CAPLC submitted a written statement titled “Khojaly: Recognize to Reconcile,” highlighting the need to recognize the Khojaly massacre as a crucial step towards reconciliation and addressing the ongoing human rights violations in the region.

In the case of Ethiopia, CAP LC raised concerns about the arbitrary arrest and detention of journalists and activists reporting on the persecution of the Amhara people. It also participated in an interactive dialogue with the International Commission of

Human Rights Experts on the situation of human rights in Ethiopia.

Addressing the human rights situation in France, CAP LC engaged in an interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, focusing on the protection of this fundamental right.

Regarding the United Kingdom, CAP LC advocated for strengthening international efforts to protect migrant children in the country.

Concerning Pakistan, CAP LC organized two side events at the HRC session, addressing human rights issues in Balochistan and the broader human rights situation in the country.

On Sudan, CAP LC delivered an oral statement and submitted a written statement highlighting the migration crisis in the country and the need for urgent attention and action.

In the case of Taiwan, CAP LC raised concerns about the abuse of tax laws to persecute spiritual minorities and called for the declaration of an International Day Against Judicial and Tax Persecution by State Power.

Addressing the United Arab Emirates, CAP LC presented a report on the human rights situation in the country, focusing on leadership challenges and future foresight.

Regarding Ukraine, CAP LC participated in the general debate, emphasizing the importance of addressing the human rights situation in the country.

Finally, in the case of Yemen, CAP LC organized a parallel event highlighting the need to recognize the diversity of Yemen and safeguard the rights of every Yemeni to determine their religion or belief. It also submitted a statement on the challenges of achieving peace and development in the Middle East and North Africa, with a specific focus on the situation in Yemen.

Throughout the 52nd session of the UN Human Rights Council, CAP LC demonstrated its commitment to addressing a wide range of human rights concerns, advocating for the protection of fundamental freedoms and the promotion of justice and reconciliation around the world.

Source : 52nd session of the Human Rights Council 27 February 2023 to 04 April 2023

Azerbaijan 52nd Human Rights Council regular session : Written Statement : Khojaly: Recognize to Reconcile

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/52nd-human-rights-council-regular-session-written-statement-khojaly-recognize-to-reconcile/>

Ethiopia

52nd Human Rights Council : Arbitrary arrest and detention journalists and activists reporting on the persecution of Amharas

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/52nd-human-rights-council-arbitrary-arrest-and-detention-journalists-and-activists-reporting-on-the-persecution-of-amharas/>

52nd regular session of the Human Rights Council Item 4: Interactive dialogue with the International Commission of Human Rights Experts on the situation of human rights in Ethiopia

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/52nd-regular-session-of-the-human-rights-council-item-4-interactive-dialogue-with-the-international-commission-of-human-rights-experts-on-the-situation-of-human-rights-in-ethiopia/>

France

Human Rights Council 52nd regular session of the Human Rights Council 27 February 2023 – 18 April 2023 Item 3: Interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief – Interactive Dialogue

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/human-rights-council-52nd-regular-session-of-the-human-rights-council-27-february-2023-18-april-2023-item-3-interactive-dialogue-with-the-special-rapporteur-on-freedom-of-religion-or-belief-inter/>

United Kingdom

The need to strengthen international efforts to protect migrant children in the UK

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/the-need-to-strengthen-international-efforts-to-protect-migrant-children-in-the-uk/>

Pakistan

Human Rights Council 52nd Regular Session : side-event Human Rights In Pakistan Balochistan in Focus

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/human-rights-council-52nd-regular-session-side-event-human-rights-in-pakistan-balochistan-in-focus/>

52nd regular session Human Rights Council : side event Human Rights in Pakistan CAP LC

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/52nd-regular-session-human-rights-council-side-event-human-rights-in-pakistan-cap-lc/>

Sudan

52 session United Nations Human Rights Council : Oral statement about the migration crisis in Sudan

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/52-session-united-nations-human-rights-council-oral-statement-about-the-migration-crisis-in-sudan/>

HRC 52 Written Statement The Migration Crisis In The Sudan

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc-52-written-statement-the-migration-crisis-in-the-sudan/>

Taiwan

52nd Human Rights Council : Abuse of Tax Law to Persecute Spiritual Minorities and Declaration of an International Day Against Judicial and Tax Persecution by State Power

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/52nd-human-rights-council-abuse-of-tax-law-to-persecute-spiritual->

[minorities-and-declaration-of-an-international-day-against-judicial-and-tax-persecution-by-state-power/](#)

United Arab Emirates

HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES – Leadership challenges and future foresight

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/human-rights-in-the-united-arab-emirates-leadership-challenges-and-future-foresight/>

Ukraine

Human Rights Council 52nd regular session of the Human Rights Council 27 February 2023 – 18 April 2023 General Debate Item 3

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/human-rights-council-52nd-regular-session-of-the-human-rights-council-27-february-2023-18-april-2023-general-debateitem-3/>

Yemen

United Nations Challenges of achieving peace and development in Middle East and North Africa : Yemen: A failure of the United Nations?

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/united-nations-challenges-of-achieving-peace-and-development-in-middle-east-and-north-africa-yemen-a-failure-of-the-united-nations/>

HRC52 Parallel Event | Recognising the Diversity of Yemen – Safeguarding the rights of every Yemeni to determine their religion or belief

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc52-parallel-event-recognising-the-diversity-of-yemen-safeguarding-the-rights-of-every-yemeni-to-determine-their-religion-or-belief/>

Religiou Freedom

HRC52 Side Event Invitation: “Hard to Believe”: Trends in Restrictions on Religious Conversion – 8 March 2023

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc52-side-event-invitation-hard-to-believe-trends-in-restrictions-on-religious-conversion-8-march-2023/>



53rd session of the Human Rights Council 19 June 2023 to 14 July 2023

Country-Specific Activities



Argentina: CAP LC submitted a written statement highlighting human rights abuses against members of the Buenos Aires Yoga School.

Turkey: A report was published on over 100 Ahmadi religion members under threat of deportation by Turkey.

Ethiopia: An interactive dialogue was held with the Special Adviser on Prevention of Genocide, focusing on item 3 presentation of reports.

General Activities

CAP LC also addressed religious freedom issues, emphasizing the need for granting justice to religious groups unjustly persecuted in the past, with lessons from recent events.

Conclusion

Throughout the 53rd session of the Human Rights Council, CAP LC demonstrated its commitment to promoting freedom of conscience and addressing human rights concerns globally. By engaging in various activities, including written statements, reports, and interactive dialogues, CAP LC played an active role in raising awareness about pressing human rights issues worldwide.

Source : 53rd session of the Human Rights Council 19 June 2023 to 14 July 2023

The Need for Granting Justice to Religious Groups Unjustly Persecuted in the Past: Lessons from Recent Events

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/the-need-for-granting-justice-to-religious-groups-unjustly-persecuted-in-the-past-lessons-from-recent-events/>

Argentina

HRC 53 Written statement, Human Rights Abuses Against Members of the Buenos Aires Yoga School

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc-53-written-statement-human-rights-abuses-against-members-of-the-buenos-aires-yoga-school/>

Turkey

HRC 53 ITEM 3 ID with SR on migrants 26 June 2026 Over 100 Ahmadi religion members under threat of deportation by Turkey

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc-53-item-3-id-with-sr-on-migrants-26-june-2026-over-100-ahmadi-religion-members-under-threat-of-deportation-by-turkey/>

Ethiopia

HRC 53 ITEM 3 ID with Special Adviser on prevention of genocide ITEM 3 Presentation of reports 4 July 2023

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc-53-item-3-id-with-special-adviser-on-prevention-of-genocide-item-3-presentation-of-reports-4-july-2023/>

54th session of the Human Rights Council 11 September 2023 to 13 October 2023

Country-Specific Activities



Ethiopia: CAP LC submitted a written statement urging the international community to address escalating human rights violations and crises in Amhara, Ethiopia. Additionally, they engaged in an interactive dialogue with the International Commission of Human Rights Experts on Ethiopia.

China: A written statement was submitted highlighting the need to end forced organ harvesting of living Falun Gong practitioners in China.

France: CAP LC made an oral statement on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) outcome of France, focusing on religious freedom issues. They also joined forces with United Sikhs to make a joint statement on the turban ban in France. Furthermore, they published a ground report from France, stirring European solidarity on the Sikh turban issue.

Germany: A side event was organized to discuss human rights in Germany, and a written statement was submitted addressing discrimination against young cleaners, caretakers, educators, marketers, engineers, architects, printers, and others who are believers of Scientology in Bavaria.

Iran: CAP LC participated in the general debate on the human rights situation in Iran, emphasizing the need for attention from the Council.

Lebanon: An oral statement was made on the promotion and protection of all human rights in Lebanon, including the right to development. Additionally, a written statement was submitted regarding the use of law and military justice to repress political dissent in Lebanon, specifically highlighting the Omar Harfouch case.

Sudan: An oral declaration was made during the interactive dialogue on the High Commissioner's oral update on the human rights situation in Sudan.

Turkey: Reports were published on the detention of 101 members of the Ahmadi religion of peace and light in Turkey. The issue was also discussed at the UN Human Rights Council amidst escalating religious persecution. Furthermore, a Turkish court ruled in favor of the 101 Ahmadi religion detainees.

Ukraine: Written statements were submitted on Ukrainian children in search of a way home from Russia and Ukrainian children who were taken away against their will from Ukrainian-occupied territories to Russia.

Yemen: CAP LC emphasized the importance of strengthening freedom of thought, conscience, religion, and belief in Yemen.

Conclusion

Throughout the 54th session of the Human Rights Council, CAP LC demonstrated its commitment to promoting freedom of conscience and addressing human rights concerns globally. By engaging in various activities, including written statements, oral declarations, interactive dialogues, side events, and joint statements with other organizations, CAP LC played an active role in raising awareness about pressing human rights issues worldwide.

Source : Human Rights Council 54th session 11 September 2023 to 13 October 2023

Ethiopia

HRC 54 written statement : Urgent Appeal to Address Escalating Human Rights Violations and Crisis in Amhara, Ethiopia

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc-54-written-statement-urgent-appeal-to-address-escalating-human-rights-violations-and-crisis-in-amhara-ethiopia/>

Item 4: Interactive dialogue with the International Commission of Human Rights Experts on Ethiopia

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/item-4-interactive-dialogue-with-the-international-commission-of-human-rights-experts-on-ethiopia-interactive-dialogue/>

China

HRC 54 Written Statement Forced Organ Harvesting of Living Falun Gong Practitioners in China has to End

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc-54-written-statement-forced-organ-harvesting-of-living-falun-gong-practitioners-in-china-has-to-end/>

France

THE PUNJAB FEED's ground report from France stirs European solidarity on the turban ban □ SIKH TURBAN

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/the-punjab-feeds-ground-report-from-france-stirs-european-solidarity-on-the-turban-ban-%e0%a5%a4-sikh-turban/>

Oral Statement 54th session Human Rights Council UPR outcome of France

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/oral-statement-54th-session-human-rights-council-upr-outcome-of-france/>

European nonprofit CAP Liberté de Conscience UNITED SIKHS make joint statement on France turban issue at UN Human Rights Council

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/european-nonprofit-cap-liberte-de-conscience-united-sikhs-make-joint-statement-on-france-turban-issue-at-un-human-rights-council-2/>

Germany

Side-event of the 54th session of the Human Rights Council UN Human Rights In Germany

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/side-event-of-the-54th-session-of-the-human-rights-council-un-human-rights-in-germany/>

Join Written Statement HRC 54 : Discrimination against Young Cleaners, Caretakers, Educators, Marketers, Engineers, Architects, Printers and Others Who Are Believers of Scientology, in Bavaria, Germany

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/join-written-statement-hrc-54-discrimination-against-young-cleaners-caretakers-educators-marketers-engineers-architects-printers-and-others-who-are-believers-of-scientology-in-bavaria-ge/>

Iran

HRC 54 Item 4: IRAN General debate on the human rights situations that require the Council's attention

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc-54-item-4-iran-general-debate-on-the-human-rights-situations-that-require-the-councils-attention/>

Libanon

Oral Statement Lebanon : Item 3: General debate on promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, *political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development – General Debate*

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/oral-statement-lebanon-item-3-general-debate-on-promotion-and-protection-of-all-human-rights-civil-political-economic-social-and-cultural-rights-including-the-right-to-development-general-de/>

HRC 54 Written Statement : The use of law and military justice to repress “political dissent” in Lebanon: the Omar Harfouch case

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc-54-written-statement-the-use-of-law-and-military-justice-to-repress-political-dissent-in-lebanon-the-omar-harfouch-case/>

Sudan

Oral declaration Item 2: Interactive dialogue on the High Commissioner oral update on the Human Rights situation in the Sudan

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/oral-declaration-item-2-interactive-dialogue-on-the-high-commissioner-oral-update-on-the-human-rights-situation-in-the-sudan/>

Turkey

HRC 54 written statement Report on 101 members of the Ahmadi Religion of Peace and Light detained in Turkey

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/report-on-101-members-of-the-ahmadi-religion-of-peace-and-light-detained-in-turkey/>

Ahmadi Religion Members Discussed at the UN Human Rights Council Amid Escalating Religious Persecution

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/ahmadi-religion-members-discussed-at-the-un-human-rights-council-amid-escalating-religious-persecution/>

Turkish court rules in favor of 101 Ahmadi religion detainees

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/turkish-court-rules-in-favor-of-101-ahmadi-religion-detainees/>

Ukraine

HRC 54 Written Statement Ukrainian children in search of a way home from Russia How does the child protection system work in Ukraine and in the world?

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc-54-written-statement-ukrainian-children-in-search-of-a-way-home-from-russia-how-does-the-child-protection-system-work-in-ukraine-and-in-the-world/>

HRC 54 ITEM 9 Ukrainian children who were taken away against their will from the Ukrainian occupied territories to Russia

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/hrc-54-item-9-ukrainian-children-who-were-taken-away-against-their-will-from-the-ukrainian-occupied-territories-to-russia/>

Yemen

Strengthening Freedom of Thought Conscience Religion and Belief in Yemen

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/strengthening-freedom-of-thought-conscience-religion-and-belief-in-yemen/>

United Nation Universal Periodic Review Working Group session 2023

Coordination des Associations et des Particuliers pour la Liberté de Conscience (CAP LC) Engagement in the 2023 UPR Sessions



AZERBAIJAN: During the 2023 UPR sessions, CAP LC addressed the damaging impact of landmines on the enjoyment of human rights in Azerbaijan. The organization highlighted the ongoing issue of landmine contamination, which continues to pose a serious threat to the safety and well-being of the Azerbaijani population, particularly in the areas affected by the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.

BANGLADESH: CAP LC participated in the UPR process for Bangladesh, contributing to the stakeholder submissions report. The organization's submissions focused on the persecution of the Ahmadi Muslim community, who face systematic discrimination, harassment, and violence in the country.

FRANCE: In the UPR review of France, CAP LC addressed the issue of detention conditions in the country. The organization's submissions highlighted concerns about overcrowding, poor sanitation, and inadequate access to healthcare in French prisons, which were found to violate the human rights of detainees.

GERMANY: CAP LC drew attention to the plight of Ahmadi Muslim refugees in Germany who are at risk of deportation to Pakistan, where they face severe persecution. The organization advocated for the protection of these individuals and called on the German government to uphold its obligations to provide safe haven for those fleeing religious persecution.

JAPAN: CAP LC, along with other human rights organizations, decried Japan's human rights violations during the UPR process. The organization's submissions focused on various issues, including the treatment of religious minorities, the death penalty, and the rights of vulnerable groups.

PAKISTAN: In the UPR review of Pakistan, CAP LC contributed to the stakeholder submissions report, highlighting the country's ongoing violations of religious freedom and the persecution of religious minorities, such as the Ahmadis.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: CAP LC played a prominent role in the UPR process for the United Arab Emirates, participating in the launch of a comprehensive shadow report that addressed a wide range of human rights concerns, including the suppression of civil society, the lack of political freedoms, and the mistreatment of migrant workers.

Throughout the 2023 UPR sessions, CAP LC demonstrated its commitment to defending universal human rights and upholding the principles of freedom of conscience and belief. The organization's active engagement in the review process contributed to raising awareness of critical human rights issues and advocating for meaningful reforms in the countries under scrutiny.

Source : United Nation Universal Periodic Review Working Group session 2023

AZERBAIDJAN

UPHOLDING UNIVERSAL COMMITMENTS: Addressing the damaging impact of landmines on the enjoyment of human rights.

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/upholding-universal-commitments-addressing-the-damaging-impact-of-landmines-on-the-enjoyment-of-human-rights/>

BANGLADESH

UPR Summary of stakeholders' submissions on Bangladesh Report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/upr-summary-of-stakeholders-submissions-on-bangladesh-report-of-the-office-of-the-united-nations-high-commissioner-for-human-rights/>

44th WG UPR Session BANGLADESH – 2023 Persecution of Ahmadis in Bangladesh

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/44th-wg-upr-session-bangladesh-2023-persecution-of-ahmadis-in-bangladesh/>

FRANCE

UPR Summary of stakeholders' submissions on France Report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/upr-summary-of-stakeholders-submissions-on-france-report-of-the-office-of-the-united-nations-high-commissioner-for-human-rights/>

43rd Session Universal Periodic Review FRANCE Les conditions de détention en France

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/43rd-session-universal-periodic-review-france-les-conditions-de-detention-en-france/>

GERMANY

Ahmadi Muslims in Germany who've fled state persecution are being deported back to Pakistan and it's putting their lives at risk

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/ahmadi-muslims-in-germany-whove-fled-state-persecution-are-being-deported-back-to-pakistan-and-its-putting-their-lives-at-risk-2/>

44th UPR Session Germany 06th – 17th November 2023 Religious asylum seekers in Germany

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/44th-upr-session-germany-06th-17thnovember-2023-religious-asylum-seekers-in-germany/>

JAPAN

Experts Decry Japan's Human Rights Violations

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/experts-decry-japans-human-rights-violations/>

PAKISTAN

Human Rights Council Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review Forty-second session 23 January–3 February 2023 Summary of stakeholders' submissions on Pakistan

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/human-rights-council-working-group-on-the-universal-periodic-review-forty-second-session-23-january-3-february-2023-summary-of-stakeholders-submissions-on-pakistan/>

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

SPECIFIC TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES OCTOBER 2022 PERIODIC REVIEW MECHANISM FOR THE FORTY-THIRD SESSION

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/specific-to-the-human-rights-situation-in-the-united-arab-emirates-october-2022-periodic-review-mechanism-for-the-forty-third-session/>

13 Human Right Organizations successfully launched the UAE's Shadow Report 2023: «A Way» for Universal Periodic Review 43rd Session

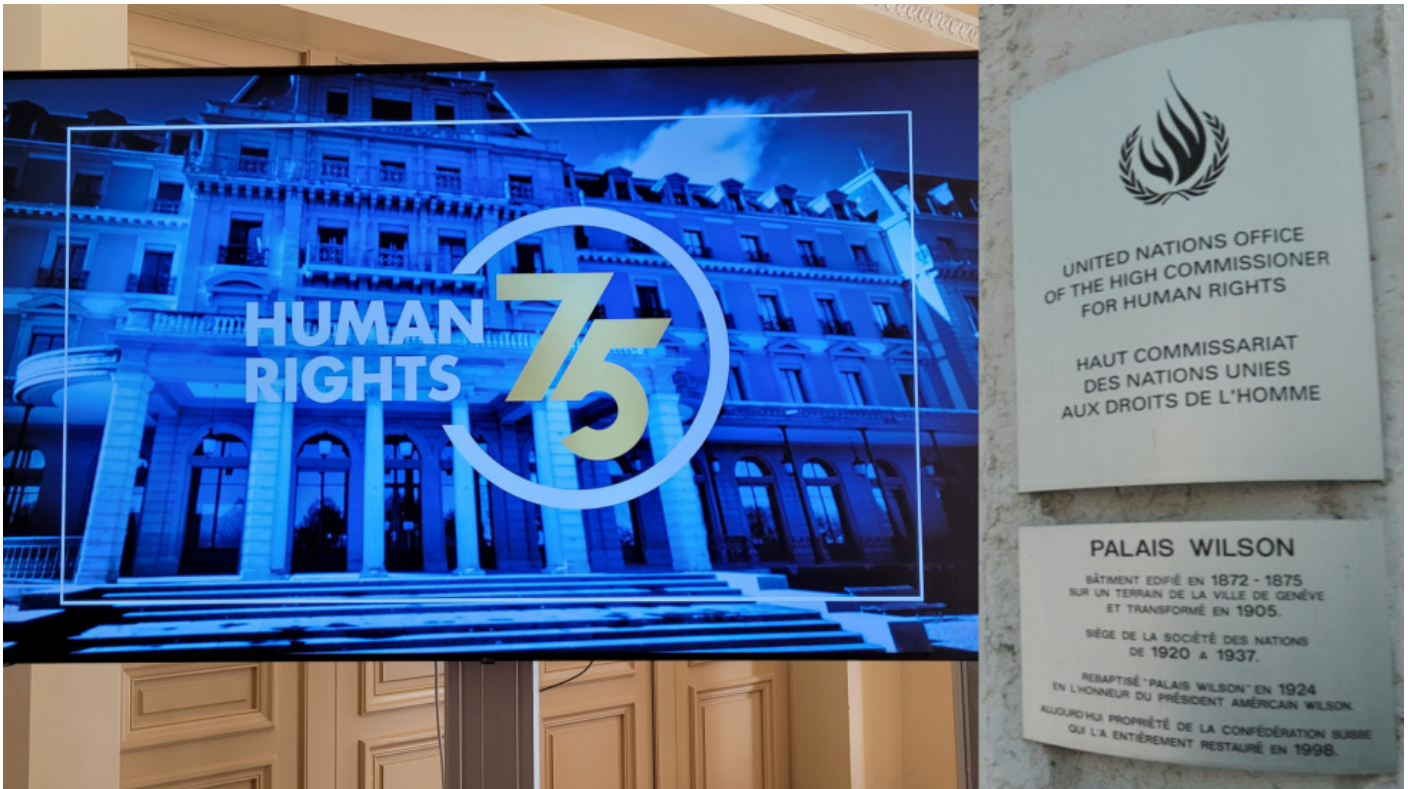
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The Coordination des Associations et des Particuliers pour la Liberté de Conscience (CAP LC) Advocates for Religious Freedom at the United Nations in 2023



In 2023, the Coordination des Associations et des Particuliers pour la Liberté de Conscience (CAP LC) has been actively engaging with the United Nations to address issues of religious freedom around the world.

ALGERIA: Religious freedom has been a key focus for CAP LC in Algeria. According to reports, a UN Special Rapporteur is set to conduct a fact-finding mission in the country, and CAP LC has ensured that the issue of religious freedom will be on the agenda. Additionally, the Ahmadi community in Algeria, known as the “Religion of Peace and Light,” has met with the UN Special Rapporteur to raise awareness of their concerns.

ARMENIA: CAP LC has also been monitoring developments in Armenia, where a UN expert on truth and justice is scheduled to visit the country from November 16 to 24, 2023. The organization is likely to follow up on this visit and advocate for the protection of religious minorities and the promotion of interfaith dialogue.

GLOBAL ADVOCACY: Beyond individual country situations, CAP LC has been actively involved in broader advocacy efforts at the United Nations. The organization has contributed to a call for inputs on the issue of “advocacy of hatred based on religion or belief: transformative responses.” This initiative aims to explore effective strategies to combat intolerance, discrimination, and violence against individuals based on their religious beliefs.

Furthermore, CAP LC has closely followed the work of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), which is set to release a report in April 2023 on “combating intolerance, negative stereotyping, stigmatization, discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against persons, based on religion or belief.” The organization is likely to analyze the report and use its findings to further strengthen its advocacy efforts.

Throughout 2023, CAP LC has demonstrated its commitment to promoting religious freedom and addressing issues of intolerance and discrimination at the global level. By engaging with the United Nations and its various mechanisms, the organization aims to raise awareness, influence policy, and contribute to the protection of the fundamental human right of freedom of religion or belief.

Source : Advocates for Religious Freedom at the United Nations in 2023

Algeria

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ALGERIA: Ahmadi Religion of Peace and Light people meet UN Special Rapporteur

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Armenia

UN expert on truth and justice to visit Armenia from 16 to 24 November 2023.

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The Tireless Efforts of CAP LC in 2023

Throughout the course of 2023, the Coordination des Associations et des Particuliers pour la Liberté de Conscience (CAP LC) has emerged as a formidable advocate for human rights and religious freedom on the global stage. The organization's unwavering commitment to addressing a diverse range of issues has been on full display during its engagements with the United Nations.

During the 52nd, 53rd, and 54th sessions of the UN Human Rights Council, CAP LC has consistently raised its voice to highlight human rights concerns in countries across the world. From the Khojaly massacre in Azerbaijan to the arbitrary detention of journalists and activists in Ethiopia, the organization has left no stone unturned in its pursuit of justice and accountability.

Recognizing the critical importance of religious freedom, CAP LC has been at the forefront of efforts to protect the rights of religious minorities. The organization has advocated for the Ahmadi community in countries like Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Turkey, where they face systematic persecution and discrimination. CAP LC's interventions have helped to shine a spotlight on these pressing issues, urging the international community to take decisive action.

The organization's engagement has extended beyond the Human Rights Council, as evidenced by its active participation in the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process. CAP LC has contributed to stakeholder submissions and shadow reports, addressing human rights violations in nations such as Algeria, Armenia, France, Germany, Japan, and the United Arab Emirates. This multifaceted approach has allowed the organization to amplify the voices of those whose fundamental freedoms are under threat.

Notably, CAP LC has also been involved in broader advocacy initiatives at the UN, including contributing to discussions on combating intolerance and discrimination based on religion or belief. By engaging with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and other key stakeholders, the organization has demonstrated its commitment to fostering a global environment that respects and protects the right to freedom of religion or belief.

As the world continues to grapple with complex human rights challenges, the tireless efforts of CAP LC at the United Nations have become increasingly vital. Through its unwavering dedication, the organization has emerged as a beacon of hope for those seeking to uphold the principles of human dignity, justice, and religious freedom. Moving forward, the international community can undoubtedly count on CAP LC to remain a steadfast champion in the fight for universal human rights.



International Activities of the ‘Coordination of Associations and Individuals for Freedom of Conscience’ in 2023

Algeria: In October 2023, the ‘Coordination of Associations and Individuals for Freedom of Conscience’ reported that members of the Ahmadi community in Algeria, known as the ‘Religion of Peace and Light’, met with the UN Special Rapporteur. This meeting provided an opportunity for the Ahmadi community to discuss their concerns and issues related to religious freedom and conscience in the country.

Taiwan: Throughout 2023, the ‘Coordination of Associations and Individuals for Freedom of Conscience’ was actively involved in various initiatives and events in Taiwan, advocating for the rights of the Tai Ji Men community.

In October 2023, the organization participated in an event in California, titled “Conscience, Justice and Freedom of Belief,” where they highlighted the case of Tai Ji Men.

In August 2023, the ‘Coordination of Associations and Individuals for Freedom of Conscience’ joined European and American human rights groups in calling on the Taiwanese government to quickly return the Tai Ji Men land.

In the same month, the organization also warned about the potential risks of “Transformational Justice” in Taiwan, cautioning that it could undermine the country’s democracy.

In July 2023, the ‘Coordination of Associations and Individuals for Freedom of Conscience’ participated in an event at the Taiwan Nation 228 Memorial Museum, where they discussed the history of human rights, trends in transitional justice, and the persecution of authoritarian regimes.

Earlier in the year, in April 2023, the organization was involved in an International Forum on Peace and Human Rights, focusing on the history of civil society’s power at the United Nations and the specific case of Tai Ji Men.

The ‘Coordination of Associations and Individuals for Freedom of Conscience’ also addressed the issue of social justice, tax reform, and the Tai Ji Men case in February 2023.

United Arab Emirates: In March 2023, the ‘Coordination of Associations and Individuals for Freedom of Conscience’ praised the United Nations for the United Arab Emirates’ organization of the COP28 climate conference.

Religion Freedom: In December 2023, the ‘Coordination of Associations and Individuals for Freedom of Conscience’ published an article titled “Our heritage is not preceded by a testament,” discussing the importance of religious freedom and the organization’s ongoing efforts to protect the rights of individuals and communities around the world.



Source

Algeria

Oct 2023 ALGERIA: Ahmadi Religion of Peace and Light people meet UN Special Rapporteur

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Taiwan

Oct 2023 California for Tai Ji Men: Conscience, Justice and Freedom of Belief

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Feb 2023 Social Justice, Tax Reform, and the Tai Ji Men Case

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United Arab Emirates

March 2023 International praise to the United Nations for the UAE's organization of the COP28 climate conference

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Religion Freedom

Dec 2023 Our heritage is not preceded by a testament

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Activities of the ‘Coordination des Associations et des Particuliers pour la Liberté de Conscience’ at the European Parliament in 2023

France: The ‘Coordination des Associations et des Particuliers pour la Liberté de Conscience’ organized an event at the European Parliament focusing on how a state’s treatment of religious minorities affects the way its citizens live together. The discussion highlighted the importance of promoting religious tolerance and protecting the rights of religious minorities in France and across Europe.

Iran: The organization held two conferences at the European Parliament addressing the oppression of minorities and women’s rights in Iran. The first conference focused on the general oppression of minorities in Iran, while the second specifically addressed the issue of religious freedom. Both events aimed to raise awareness about the ongoing human rights violations in Iran and called for action from the European Parliament to protect the rights of minorities and women in the country.

Sudan: The ‘Coordination des Associations et des Particuliers pour la Liberté de Conscience’ organized two events at the European Parliament discussing the ongoing conflict in Sudan. The first event focused on the various peace and security proposals put forward by the United Nations Security Council to address the conflict. The second event highlighted the devastating impact of the conflict on women in Sudan and emphasized the crucial role that women can play in the peace process. Both events aimed to raise awareness about the situation in Sudan and encourage the European Parliament to support efforts to bring peace and stability to the region.

In summary, the ‘Coordination des Associations et des Particuliers pour la Liberté de Conscience’ was actively engaged in organizing events and discussions at the European Parliament in 2023, focusing on issues related to religious freedom, minority rights, and women’s rights in France, Iran, and Sudan. These events sought to raise awareness, promote dialogue, and encourage action from the European Parliament to address human rights concerns in these countries.



Source :

France

How the way a state treats religious minorities affects the way its citizens live together.

<https://freedomofconscience.eu/how-the-way-a-state-treats-religious-minorities-affects-the-way-its-citizens-live-together/>

Iran

Conference EU Parliament : oppression of minorities in Iran and women rights

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Sudan

The various peace and security proposals put forward by the United Nations UN Security Council on the conflict in Sudan.

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Sudan

The devastating impact on women of the ongoing conflict in Sudan and the crucial role they can play in the peace process

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CAP Freedom of Conscience Amplifies Calls for Protecting Fundamental Freedoms at OSCE Session

The 2023 session of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) has provided a critical platform for the CAP Freedom of Conscience (CAP LC) organization to advocate for the protection of fundamental freedoms, particularly freedom of religion or belief, across the region.

During the OSCE's Plenary Session IV, which focused on "Fundamental Freedoms II," CAP LC delivered a powerful statement highlighting the concerning erosion of these rights, with a particular emphasis on the situation in France.

"In our statement, we raised the alarm about the alarming trends we have observed in France, where secularism and religious pluralism are being increasingly challenged by various legislative and policy initiatives," explained Emma, a representative of CAP LC who attended the OSCE session.

The CAP LC statement underscored the organization's deep concerns about the French government's efforts to restrict the religious freedoms of its citizens, particularly minority faith communities. "We urged the OSCE to closely monitor the situation in France and to ensure that the country upholds its obligations to protect the fundamental freedoms of all its citizens, regardless of their religious affiliation," said Emma.

The CAP LC's advocacy efforts at the OSCE session, however, extended beyond the specific case of France. The organization also participated in a side event titled "Addressing Anti-Religious Hate Crime in the OSCE Area," where it contributed to the crucial discussions on combating the growing problem of hate crimes targeting religious minorities across the region.

"The side event provided a valuable platform for us to share our expertise and experiences in addressing this pressing issue," said Emma. "We emphasized the need for a comprehensive, multi-stakeholder approach that not only strengthens legal frameworks but also fosters interfaith dialogue and tackles the root causes of religious intolerance."

One of the key issues highlighted by CAP LC during the OSCE session was the persecution faced by the Ahmadiyya Muslim community, a religious minority that has long been the target of discrimination and violence in various parts of the world.

"The OSCE Warsaw Human Dimension Conference 2023 dedicated significant attention to the plight of the Ahmadiyya community, and we were proud to be part of the efforts to amplify their voices and call for concrete actions to protect this vulnerable group," said Emma.

In addition to its participation in the Warsaw conference, CAP LC also attended a separate side event specifically focused on "Addressing Anti-Religious Hate Crime in the OSCE Area," where the persecution of Ahmadiyya was once again a central topic of discussion.

"The side event brought together a diverse array of stakeholders, including government representatives, civil society organizations, and religious leaders, to share their experiences and insights on combating anti-religious hate crimes," explained Emma. "CAP LC was able to contribute its expertise and advocate for greater international cooperation and support in addressing the unique challenges faced by the Ahmadiyya community."

The CAP LC's involvement at the OSCE session, however, went beyond just advocating for the protection of religious minorities. The organization also drew attention to the broader threats to fundamental freedoms, including the dangers posed by the so-called "anti-cult" movement.

In a 2022 OSCE side event on "The Anti-Cult Ideology and FECRIS: Dangers for Religious Freedom," CAP LC highlighted the ways in which the anti-cult ideology can contribute to the marginalization and persecution of minority religious groups.

“The anti-cult movement often serves as a cover for discrimination and the suppression of religious freedom,” said Emma. “By participating in this event, we were able to shed light on this insidious phenomenon and call for greater vigilance in addressing the underlying prejudices and biases that fuel such intolerance.”

Throughout the OSCE session, the CAP LC’s advocacy efforts were marked by a steadfast commitment to upholding the principles of secularism, religious pluralism, and fundamental freedoms. The organization’s participation in key events and its delivery of impactful statements have helped to ensure that these critical issues remain at the forefront of the OSCE’s agenda.

“The CAP LC’s involvement at the OSCE session has been a testament to our unwavering dedication to defending the rights and freedoms of all people, regardless of their faith,” said Emma. “We will continue to work tirelessly to hold governments accountable and to champion the cause of religious freedom, both within the OSCE region and beyond.”

As the international community grapples with the complex challenges of religious persecution and intolerance, the CAP LC’s voice and influence at the OSCE session have proven to be a vital asset in the ongoing struggle to protect the fundamental rights and dignity of all individuals.



Source

OSCE Warsaw Human Dimension 2023 discusses persecution of Ahmadi Religion members

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summary of the media and NGO mentions of the actions of CAP LC (Coordination des Associations et des Particuliers pour la Liberté de Conscience).

December 2023

- Bitter Winter reported on FECRIS's attempts to escape legal proceedings and the retaliation law striking FECRIS, putting it at risk of dissolution.
- HRWF reported on the Russian Orthodox Church TV channel being under EU sanctions and that over 85% of French people are against a new law threatening religious freedom in France.

October 2023

- Bitter Winter reported on Tai Ji Men events in California promoting love, peace, conscience, justice and freedom of belief. It also reported on the proposed freezing of assets being a danger for all faiths in Japan.
- Caliber.az and Musavat.biz reported on French human rights activists confirming the absence of ethnic cleansing in Karabakh and being against Armenian lobbyists.
- Several outlets including Washington Times, HRWF, European Times, and others reported on the Unification Church in Japan vowing to fight biased disbandment requests from the government, with 12 NGOs denouncing the dissolution attempts.

September 2023

- Coptic Solidarity published a statement supporting Iraqi Patriarch Louis Raphael Sako.
- Bitter Winter reported on Argentina's PROTEX and its dangerous ideology of fabricating victims of prostitution. It also published a letter to Argentinian authorities expressing concern about ill-founded accusations of trafficking.
- HRWF reported on a UN Special Rapporteur meeting members of the Ahmadi Religion of Peace and Light in Algeria.
- The Human Rights Council heard reports that the situation in Ethiopia has deteriorated and that Russia's current state policy criminalizes dissent and supports war through censorship.
- Omar Harfouche's case against corruption in Lebanon was discussed at the UN Human Rights Council.

August 2023

- Westnieuws reported on the dramatic fate of 15 Algerian Ahmadis in Turkish detention.
- European Times and Belgium Times reported on the OSCE human rights chief stressing the vital role of interfaith dialogue in fostering peace.
- The Geneva Times reported on the international community mobilizing for the Amhara people.
- China Spotlight and Epoch Times reported on NGOs calling for an end to China's forced organ harvesting.

July 2023

- ECOI.NET cited statements and reports submitted to the Human Rights Committee on incidents targeting the Amhara community in Ethiopia and the 2022 Report on International Religious Freedom in Japan.
- UN Watch reported on human rights activists calling for an investigation into harassment by UN

official Eric Tistounet.

- The Jerusalem Post reported on an international conference at the European Parliament discussing Jewish obligations to Azeris.

June 2023

- The Ahmadi Religion reported on 104 Ahmadis being discussed at the OSCE in Vienna.
- Geopolintel and ADN Live reported on UNADFI, calling it an opaque association gorging on public aid, and MIVILUDES, calling it a forgotten scandal by the mainstream press.

May 2023

- Bitter Winter and European Times reported on FECRIS potentially losing member associations and faking numbers, and losing the first round of a dissolution trial.
- The US State Department released its 2022 International Religious Freedom Report, which was covered by Bitter Winter, highlighting its strengths and weaknesses.
- Sahara Reporter wrote about over 200 human rights groups and individuals writing to Nigeria's president to demand the release of an Islamic singer on trial for alleged blasphemy.

April 2023

- Bitter Winter reported on its visit to Taiwan to witness for freedom of religion or belief.
- AIDLR (International Association for the Defense of Religious Freedom) made statements at the 52nd session of the Human Rights Council on abuse of tax law to persecute spiritual minorities and proposing an international day against legal and tax persecution by state power.
- Bitter Winter reported the FoRB Roundtable Brussels-EU expressing concerns about a law threatening conscientious objection and freedom of religion or belief in Georgia.
- Epoch Times and NTDTV reported on human rights experts from 9 countries visiting Taiwan's Legislative Yuan.

March 2023

- Radio Cité Genève featured an interview on its «Genève Internationale» program with Thierry Valle.
- The London Story published a joint statement from civil society organizations from India and their international allies concerned about democracy and human rights in India.
- GHRTV published a statement by Thierry Valle after GHRD's parallel event inside the UNHRC.
- Press Club Geneva held an event on challenges of the UN in achieving peace and development in the Middle East and North Africa.

February 2023

- ISHR called for support to renew the mandate of the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders at the 52nd Human Rights Council session.
- The Workers Rights reported on a shadow report by 13 human rights organizations raising concerns for the 43rd Universal Periodic Review session.
- HRWF reported on 2 NGOs denouncing human rights violations in Sri Lanka at the UN Human Rights Committee.

January 2023

- Correlation-net.org published a call for a Code of Conduct for fair and effective engagement with civil society organizations.
- Pbjlearning.com reported Taiwanese legislators stressing the ‘desperate’ need to implement a law against organ harvesting.



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