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# The Human Rights Bodies

Human Rights	The Human
10 HR Treaty	Plenary Sessions
The CEDAW	Universal Periodic
23 independent	Special
Evaluation of the progress made	Advisory Committee
189 countries	Complaint





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- Monitoring compliance by the State with its reporting obligations
- Submitting alternative reports
- Following up on the “concluding observations”
- Submitting an individual complaint



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On **the national level**, the NGOs and IFUW NFAs are supposed to:

- Follow up on the national UPR recommendations
- Participate in the national UPR review
- Raise awareness about the UPR
- Invite a SR or IE on visit in the country



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**Thank you**