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Statement on South Africa's 2017 Draft Universal Periodic Review Report

The Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, established in accordance with The Human Rights Council Resolution 5/1, held its 27th Session from 1-12 May 2017 in Geneva. South Africa report was adopted on 12 May 2017 where **243** recommendations were passed by **102** state parties. Majority of the recommendations focus on abuse women and children's rights and gender based violence.

Women and children have suffered from the violence scourge for too long with little done by police and justice system. The 2012 UPR report highlight **151** recommendations of which a bulk reiterated on the troubling gender based violence. This was also reflected in the 2008 UPR report where **22** recommendations drew attention to the rise of gender based violence in the Republic. An analysis of the total number of recommendations since **2008 - 2017** indicates the rapidly deteriorating state of human rights in South Africa. Below is a link to the Draft Universal Periodic Review report on South Africa.

We call upon the government to take serious measures to give effect to all the **243** recommendations passed by the **102** state parties. In the upcoming months, Human Rights Institute of South Africa will organise and facilitate engagements with various stakeholders on the recommendations of the latest Universal Periodic Review Report.

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