Annex 1 Matrix of Recommendations from the Previous Cycle with Comments on Progress

Recommendation ¹	Position ²	Full List of Themes	Assessment/Comments on Level of Implementation
Theme: D43 Freedom of opinion	and expressio		
121.63 Observe the right of its citizens to express their views in dealing with the problems of the English-speaking provinces (Czechia); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Accepted	D43 Freedom of opinion and expression H1 Human Rights Defenders B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism A41 Constitutional and legislative framework S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent-based groups - media - human rights defenders	Not implemented. Expression of views regarding the English-speaking provinces continues to be criminalized through antiterror, anti-state, "false news" allegations. Journalists continue to be detained, charged, and convicted for coverage of, and support for peaceful expression of views on the English-speaking provinces.
and fulfil the rights to freedom of expression, association and of assembly, including by lifting restrictions on mobile and Internet services unless provided for by law, and comply with international human rights law and standards on the use of force (New Zealand); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Accepted	D43 Freedom of opinion and expression H1 Human Rights Defenders B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment A41 Constitutional and legislative framework A12 Acceptance of international norms S16 SDG 16 - peace,	Partially implemented. Since the 2017-2018 shutdown of the internet by the government, it appears not to have engaged in another mass internet shutdown. However, there are still concerns about freedom of expression on online platforms including social media. The overly broad cybersecurity and cybercrime law of December 2010 that restricts media freedom

		justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - media - human rights defenders	and freedom of expression online has yet to be amended.
121.121 Ensure freedom of expression, freedom of access to information and the right to assembly (Spain); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Accepted	D43 Freedom of opinion and expression H1 Human Rights Defenders A41 Constitutional and legislative framework S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - media - human rights defenders	Not implemented. Freedom of expression and freedom of access to information continue to be heavily restricted by government authorities. Journalists continue to be detained for covering protests, rallies, developments with English-speaking provinces, or information involving the President or other government officials.
121.122 Adopt measures to guarantee the freedom of the press and its diversity by allowing free access to media and information (Germany); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Accepted	D43 Freedom of opinion and expression A41 Constitutional and legislative framework S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - media	Not implemented. Freedom of the press continues to be heavily restricted by government authorities. Journalists continue to be detained for covering protests, rallies, developments in English-speaking regions, or information involving the President or other government officials.
121.124 Ensure the rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly for all, including journalists, human rights defenders and opposition party members, and lift any restrictions on these rights that are not in line with the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil	Accepted	D43 Freedom of opinion and expression H1 Human Rights Defenders B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism A41 Constitutional and legislative framework A12 Acceptance of	Not implemented. Cameroon continues to violate provisions of the Covenant by arbitrarily arresting, detaining, mistreating, and prosecuting journalists, including in military tribunals.

and Political Rights (Finland); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15		international norms S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - media - human rights defenders	
121.126 Respect the rights to peaceful assembly, and freedoms of association and expression, including when exercised online, and afford all of those detained all the rights enshrined in Cameroon's constitution and under international law (United States of America); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Accepted	D43 Freedom of opinion and expression H1 Human Rights Defenders B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism D51 Administration of justice & fair trial D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment A41 Constitutional and legislative framework A12 Acceptance of international norms S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - media - human rights defenders	Not implemented. The right to peaceful assembly, freedom of association and expression continue to be heavily restricted by government authorities. Journalists continue to be detained for covering protests, rallies, developments in Englishspeaking regions, or information involving the President or other government officials.
Theme: H1 Human Rights Defender	s		
121.66 Redouble efforts for the full and effective implementation of the official bilingual policy, and ensure that the English-speaking minority is not subject to inequality in access to public services, the administration of justice, and freedom of speech (Republic of Korea); Source of position:	Accepted	H1 Human Rights Defenders D43 Freedom of opinion and expression D51 Administration of justice & fair trial A41 Constitutional and legislative framework S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong	Partially implemented. President Biya ordered the enforcement of the 2019 bilingual law. However, freedom of speech continues to be restricted by government authorities. Journalists continue to be detained for covering protests, rallies, developments with

A/HRC/39/15		institutions Affected persons: - general - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent- based groups - media - human rights defenders	English-speaking provinces, or information involving the President or other government officials.
121.58 Ensure transparency of and provide information on the human rights situation in the English-speaking region, inter alia by allowing the United Nations and national and international human rights institutions and organizations access to the region (Netherlands); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Accepted	H1 Human Rights Defenders B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment A61 Cooperation with civil society A12 Acceptance of international norms B52 Impunity S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descent- based groups - media - human rights defenders	Not implemented. The right to peaceful assembly, freedom of association and expression continue to be heavily restricted by government authorities such that there is no transparency on the region. Journalists continue to be detained for covering protests, rallies, developments in English-speaking regions, or information involving the President or other government officials and face censorship.
121.51 Adopt legislation to protect human rights defenders and journalists (Czechia); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Rejected	H1 Human Rights Defenders D43 Freedom of opinion and expression B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment A41 Constitutional and legislative	Not implemented. The submitters are unaware of any legislation that protects journalists.

		framework S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - media - human rights defenders	
121.125 Take all necessary measures to enable human rights defenders, journalists and other members of civil society to carry out their legitimate activities without fear of reprisal, and free of all restrictions (Ireland); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Accepted	H1 Human Rights Defenders D43 Freedom of opinion and expression B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism A41 Constitutional and legislative framework S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - media - human rights defenders	Not implemented. Freedom of speech, expression, and the press continue to be heavily restricted and criminalized by government authorities. Journalists and others are unable to carry out their legitimate activities and actively engage in self-censorship, avoidance, and anonymity to avoid reprisal. Some have left the profession as a result and others have gone into exile to continue reporting without fear of reprisal.
Theme: B8 Human rights & counter	-terrorism		
121.91 Revise the antiterrorist law of 2014 in accordance with international human rights standards and obligations (Poland); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Noted	B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism D51 Administration of justice & fair trial D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment A41 Constitutional and legislative framework A12 Acceptance of international norms S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - media	Not implemented. The submitters are unaware of any revisions adopted to Law N°2014/028 on Repression of Acts of Terrorism.

		- human rights defenders	
121.92 Formally abolish the death penalty by amending its Penal Code and counterterrorism laws (Australia); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Rejected Noted	B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism D51 Administration of justice & fair trial D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment A41 Constitutional and legislative framework S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not implemented. The submitters are unaware of any abolishment of the death penalty in Cameroon's legislation.
121.93 Review and amend the 2014 antiterrorism law to ensure that it is not used to restrict freedom of expression, assembly and association (Switzerland); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Noted	B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism D43 Freedom of opinion and expression D51 Administration of justice & fair trial A41 Constitutional and legislative framework S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - media - human rights defenders	Not implemented. The submitters are unaware of any revisions adopted to Law N°2014/028 on Repression of Acts of Terrorism. To the contrary, it continues to be used as a basis for the restriction of freedom of expression, assembly, and association covered or participated in by journalists.
121.94 Review the texts relating to counter-terrorism by providing a more specific definition of terrorism (France); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Noted	B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism D43 Freedom of opinion and expression D51 Administration of justice & fair trial A41 Constitutional and legislative framework S16 SDG 16 - peace,	Not implemented. The submitters are unaware of any revisions adopted to Law N°2014/028 on Repression of Acts of Terrorism.

		justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - media - human rights defenders	
121.95 Review, with the full participation of all stakeholders concerned, before the upcoming review cycle, the 2014 counterterrorism law in order to harmonize it with all international standards on human rights and the right to a fair trial (Haiti); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Noted	B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism D43 Freedom of opinion and expression D51 Administration of justice & fair trial D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment A41 Constitutional and legislative framework A61 Cooperation with civil society A12 Acceptance of international norms S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - media - human rights defenders	Not implemented. The submitters are unaware of any revisions adopted to Law N°2014/028 on Repression of Acts of Terrorism.
121.96 Amend the 2014 antiterrorism law to bring the definition of terrorism into line with international human rights obligations and standards, repeal the death penalty, and end the use of military tribunals to try civilians (Canada); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Noted Rejected	B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism D43 Freedom of opinion and expression D51 Administration of justice & fair trial D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment A41 Constitutional and legislative framework A12 Acceptance of	Not implemented. The submitters are unaware of any revisions adopted to Law N°2014/028 on Repression of Acts of Terrorism. Military tribunals continue to be used and the death penalty remains in place.

		international norms S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - media - human rights defenders	
121.97 Maintain the existing moratorium on judicial executions, and consider commuting all current death penalty sentences to other forms of punishment (Namibia); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Rejected	B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism D51 Administration of justice & fair trial D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment A41 Constitutional and legislative framework S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not implemented. The submitters are unaware of any revisions adopted to Law N°2014/028 on Repression of Acts of Terrorism. Military tribunals continue to be used and the death penalty remains in place with an estimated total of 220 people sentenced to death as of 30 August 2021. The submitters understand that no formal executions under the death penalty have been carried out since 1997.
121.98 Finalize the abolition of the death penalty (Ukraine); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Rejected	B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism D51 Administration of justice & fair trial D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment A41 Constitutional and legislative framework S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not implemented. The submitters are unaware of any revisions adopted to Law N°2014/028 on Repression of Acts of Terrorism. Military tribunals continue to be used and the death penalty remains in place with an estimated total of 220 people sentenced to death as of 30 August 2021. The submitters understand that no formal executions under the death penalty have been carried out since 1997.

Theme D51 Administration of justic	e & fair trial		
121.99 Improve the implementation of the right to a fair trial and access to justice (France); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Accepted	D51 Administration of justice & fair trial S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not implemented. Journalists continue to be arrested and held incommunicado or arbitrarily. Journalists continue to experience lengthy pre-trial delays, and repeated delays or adjournments, during their trials and appeals. Journalists continue to be tried before military tribunals and not in civil courts in violation of international law.
121.100 Comply with procedural rights in trials, thus ensuring a fair trial for everyone, also in cases of alleged terrorism (Germany); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Accepted	D51 Administration of justice & fair trial B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not implemented. Journalists continue to be arrested and held incommunicado or arbitrarily, for cases of alleged terrorism and antistate charges. Journalists continue to experience lengthy pre-trial delays, and repeated delays or adjournments, during their trials and appeals. Journalists continue to be tried before military tribunals and not in civil courts in violation of international law.
121.101 Consider reasonable time frames for preventive detention (France); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Accepted	D51 Administration of justice & fair trial B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general	Not implemented. Journalists continue to be arrested and held incommunicado or arbitrarily for lengthy periods of time prior to trial.
121.102 Combat impunity by undertaking prompt, independent, effective and impartial investigations into	Rejected	D51 Administration of justice & fair trial B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism D25 Prohibition of	Not implemented. The government has opened investigations with respect to certain

allegations of human rights violations and crimes under international law by those held to account in accordance with international fair trial standards and the rule of law and without recourse to the death penalty, and ensure redress for victims (New Zealand); Source of position:		torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment B52 Impunity S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - law enforcement / police officials	deaths of journalists in custody in Cameroon. However, it has not done so for all relevant deaths and arbitrary detentions. In addition, investigations have not been transparent, impartial, and independent.
A/HRC/39/15 121.103 Acknowledge and investigate credible allegations of human rights violations and abuses, and hold those responsible to account (United States of America); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Accepted	D51 Administration of justice & fair trial B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment B52 Impunity S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - law enforcement / police officials	Partially implemented. The government has opened investigations with respect to certain deaths of journalists in Cameroon. However, it has not done so for all relevant deaths and arbitrary detentions. In addition, investigations have not been transparent, impartial, and independent.
121.108 Ensure that civilians are not tried by military courts (Poland); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Rejected	D51 Administration of justice & fair trial B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment D26 Conditions of detention S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - media - human rights defenders	Not implemented. Journalists continue to be tried before military tribunals and not in civil courts in violation of international law. While the government did release certain journalists tried by military tribunals from custody, no change was made to the underlying law that individuals facing terrorism or anti-state charges will be tried before military tribunals and not in civilian courts.
Theme: D25 Prohibition of torture of			
121.106 Pursue efforts to	Accepted	D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel,	Not implemented.

prevent torture and to improve prison conditions (Morocco); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15		inhuman or degrading treatment B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism D51 Administration of justice & fair trial D26 Conditions of detention S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - law enforcement / police officials	Journalists have been tortured in custody and suffer from poor prison conditions.
121.107 Release all those arbitrarily detained, make every effort to ensure the human rights of prisoners and detainees are fully observed, and ensure an end to practices of torture and illegal detention (New Zealand); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Accepted	D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism D51 Administration of justice & fair trial D26 Conditions of detention S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - media -human rights defenders - law enforcement / police officials	Partially implemented. Although some journalists have been released by the government, arbitrary detention continues.
121.109 Put an end to incommunicado detention and ensure that no person is deprived of liberty in secret or placed in unofficial detention facilities (Republic of Korea); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Noted	D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism D51 Administration of justice & fair trial D26 Conditions of detention S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions	Not implemented. Journalists have been detained incommunicado and placed in unofficial detention facilities.

121.110 End the practice of incommunicado detention and	Noted	Affected persons: - general - media -human rights defenders - law enforcement / police officials D25 Prohibition of	
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ensure that no one is detained in a secret or officially unrecognized place, including unregistered military detention centres (Austria); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15		torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism D51 Administration of justice & fair trial D26 Conditions of detention S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - media -human rights defenders - law enforcement / police officials	Not implemented. Journalists have been detained incommunicado and placed in unofficial detention facilities.
121.111 Carry out investigations into alleged torture and ill-treatment of detained persons, ban incommunicado detention and enact laws aiming at the prevention of torture in places of detention (Czechia); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	ccepted	D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism D51 Administration of justice & fair trial D26 Conditions of detention A41 Constitutional and legislative framework B52 Impunity S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - media	Not implemented. The government has opened investigations with respect to certain deaths of journalists in Cameroon. However, it has not done so for allegations of torture and ill-treatment of detained persons. To the submitters' knowledge, the government has not banned incommunicado detention or enacted laws to prevent torture in places of detention.

		-human rights defenders - law enforcement / police officials	
121.112 Investigate thoroughly all cases of the use of excessive force against demonstrators and participants in public gatherings, and all cases of torture and illegal detention by security forces (Poland); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Accepted	D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment H1 Human Rights Defenders B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism D51 Administration of justice & fair trial D26 Conditions of detention B52 Impunity S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - media -human rights defenders - law enforcement / police officials	Not implemented. The government has opened investigations with respect to certain deaths of journalists in Cameroon. However, it has not done so for cases of the use of excessive force against journalists or in cases of torture and illegal detention by security forces.
121.116 Investigate all reported cases of violations and abuses, and hold perpetrators to account in accordance with the rule of law, in the context of concerns raised about arbitrary arrests, excessive violence and extrajudicial executions by government forces, armed groups against members of the country's English-speaking minority, and allegations of torture of detainees suspected of belonging to terrorist groups (Slovakia); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Accepted	D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism D51 Administration of justice & fair trial D26 Conditions of detention B52 Impunity S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - minorities/ racial, ethnic, linguistic, religious or descentbased groups - media	Partially implemented. The government has opened investigations with respect to certain deaths of journalists in Cameroon. However, it has not done so for all relevant deaths and arbitrary detentions. In addition, investigations have not been transparent, impartial, and independent.

		-human rights defenders - law enforcement / police officials				
121.117 Endeavour to end all use of arbitrary arrest and detention of citizens, and the use of torture and other cruel treatment (Botswana); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Accepted	D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism D51 Administration of justice & fair trial D26 Conditions of detention S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - media -human rights defenders - law enforcement / police officials	Not implemented. The submitters are unaware of any activities endeavoring to end all use of arbitrary arrest and detention of citizens, the use of torture, and other cruel treatment. Journalists continue to be arbitrarily arrested and tortured in custody.			
121.118 Release prisoners deprived of their liberty for peacefully protesting (Poland); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Noted	D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment D43 Freedom of opinion and expression H1 Human Rights Defenders B8 Human rights & counter-terrorism D51 Administration of justice & fair trial S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - media -human rights defenders	Partially implemented. The government did release certain journalists tried by military tribunals from custody, however many other prisoners remain in custody,			
Theme: D26 Conditions of detention						
121.104 Allow independent	Noted	D26 Conditions of	Not implemented.			

international and regional human rights investigators unhindered access to investigate and monitor human rights violations, including through unannounced inspection visits, to all places of detention (New Zealand); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15		detention D51 Administration of justice & fair trial D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment A61 Cooperation with civil society A12 Acceptance of international norms B52 Impunity S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - media -human rights defenders - law enforcement / police officials	The submitters are unaware of any unhindered access which has been granted to human rights investigators to investigate and monitor human rights violations of journalists.
121.105 Take appropriate measures to align conditions of detention with international standards (Italy); Source of position: A/HRC/39/15	Accepted	D26 Conditions of detention D51 Administration of justice & fair trial D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment A41 Constitutional and legislative framework A12 Acceptance of international norms S16 SDG 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions Affected persons: - general - media -human rights defenders - law enforcement / police officials	Not implemented. The conditions of detention continue to violate international standards.

¹ From 2017 Cycle, established in A/HRC/39/15.

² Position established in A/HRC/39/15/Add.1, Views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments and replies presented by the State under review.