New mechanisms must be found to encourage the participation of civil society in the reporting and monitoring process. However, it is equally important for NGOs to keep some distance from the official reporting and monitoring process. The challenge of civil society participation lies perhaps, not so much in finding ways of allowing NGO involvement in the drafting of government reports, but in developing, through institutional means, the capacity of NGOs to conduct reporting and monitoring on their own terms. While clearly desirable, the involvement of human rights NGOs in the process of drafting government reports does not mean the end of civil society participation, but only the beginning.