

(ii) Treaty bodies should

94. Develop codes of conduct for members which would address such matters as independence and impartiality, the relationship of members with their governments and NGOs, and the involvement of members in any aspect of the consideration of reports or communications relating to their own countries.

(iii) NGOs should

95. Encourage the identification and election of qualified treaty body experts.

(H) INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

In addition to the preceding shorter term recommendations, some specific suggestions for step-by-step change directed at the longer term were introduced. These have been set out below as a contribution to the field and the shared goal of strengthening the enforcement of international human rights law in the twenty-first century.

96. The treaty bodies should introduce into the state reporting process, joint modular guidelines which group similar or related articles under the different treaties thematically, and which allow states to repeat information in their reports common to these modular groupings.

97. The treaty bodies should ask states parties to produce a single, consolidated report on the six human rights treaties. Compliance should be addressed by grouping articles of the treaties together on a thematic basis.

98. The treaty bodies should engage in joint examinations of reports; the treaty bodies should conduct, where appropriate, examinations in the country concerned.

99. The six treaty bodies should be merged into a single, permanent, full-time body which would consider state reports.

100. The potential for insensitivity or disregard of some rights, should be addressed by paying special attention to those categories of rights which have suffered from past neglect, such as many dimensions of sex discrimination. In particular, the clear demarcation of key thematic issues and the selection of members with insight, understanding and expertise on these subjects, should be ensured.