

Conclusion

A broad range of global public policy-making processes has benefitted from the active involvement of global civil society. The same can be said for NGO involvement in the NPT Review Process. At the same time there are a number of ways in which NGO participation in the NPT Review Process in a consultative capacity could be made more effective and beneficial to that process. The options presented here are intended to stimulate further reflection and exploration toward that end.

Participation in any multilateral form is based on a combination of certain rights and obligations. In the case of States, these have obviously evolved and become clarified and codified over a long period of multilateral diplomacy. As civil society continues to become increasingly engaged in multilateral processes and deliberations, NGOs and all civil society entities should also increasingly function according to a clear, and also evolving, set of rights, procedures, and responsibilities.