## Appendix L. Checklist for Reporting to UN and Regional Human Rights Mechanisms

## **Factfinding**

- o "Traditional" sources:
  - U.S. State Department Human Rights Country Reports: http://www.state.gov/j/drl/rls/hrrpt/
  - o Amnesty International Reports: http://www.amnestyusa.org/our-work/countries
  - o Human Rights Watch Reports: http://www.hrw.org/publications
  - o The Advocates' Reports: http://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/Human\_Rights\_Reports.html
  - UK Home Office Reports
    - Country of origin information: http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/policyandlaw/quidance/coi/
    - Country-specific asylum guidance: http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/policyandlaw/guidance/csap/
- Second-tier sources:
  - o Law Reviews
  - o Credible news reports
- "On the ground" research coordinated with partner organization(s) in the country under review:
  - o Interviews
  - Surveys
- Diaspora fact-finding; and
- Extracts from news reports along with corroboration.

## **Developments in Domestic Law**

- ⇒ NOTE: For the Universal Periodic Review, submissions must include discussion of the domestic law framework.
- Description of any (favorable or unfavorable) recent draft legislation or proposed changes in administrative law:
  - Likelihood of enactment, political or other barriers to enactment or enforcement.
- Description of any pending litigation; and
- Description of any (favorable or unfavorable) recently adopted statutes, constitutional amendments, referenda, court rulings, etc.:
  - Reaction to changes, likely effects, implementation and compliance issues.

## Other

- o Statistics;
- Legal issues about interpretation of treaty language;
  - Procedural history with this and other UN bodies, including:
  - o "List of issues" references to the issue of the current submission:
  - o Relevant concluding observations and any comments in response; and
  - Subsequent actions taken in response to review.
- Quotes from news reports appearing in credible sources;
- Discussion of cultural context;
- Description of caselaw developments;
- o Proposals for change;
- Appendix with commentary on the law; and
- Questions for committee members to pose to country representatives during review sessions (can be in the submission itself and/or incorporated into one-pagers for advance advocacy).