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

Factfinding
- **“Traditional” sources:**
  - Amnesty International Reports: http://www.amnestyusa.org/our-work/countries
  - 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/guidance/coi/
- **Second-tier sources:**
  - Law Reviews
  - Credible news reports
- **“On the ground” research coordinated with partner organization(s) in the country under review:**
  - 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
- Statistics;
- Legal issues about interpretation of treaty language;
- Procedural history with this and other UN bodies, including:
  - “List of issues” references to the issue of the current submission;
  - 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;
- 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).