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).