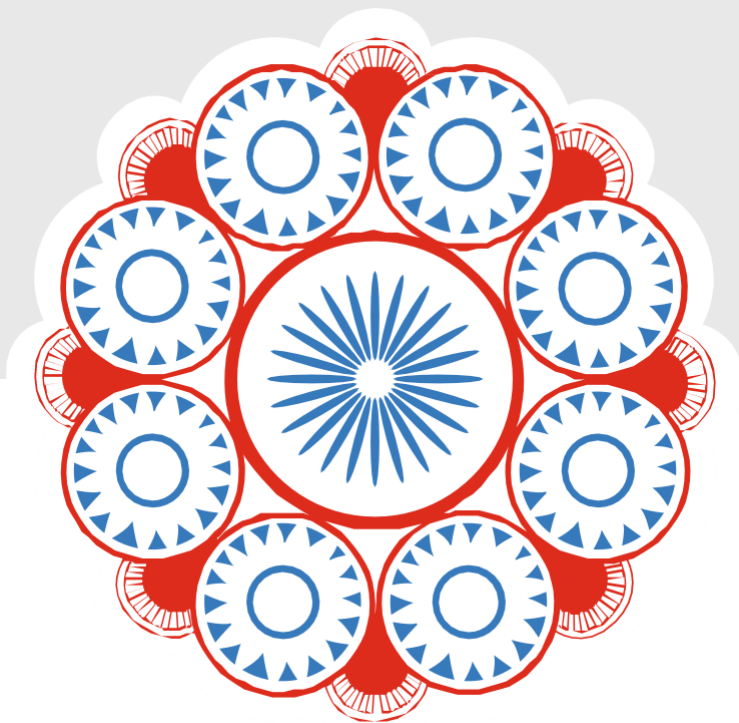


PARAGUAY 2022-2024



CANDIDATE TO
THE UNITED NATIONS
HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL



Ministerio de
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OPENNESS + COOPERATION + DIALOGUE

The Republic of Paraguay presents its candidacy to the Human Rights Council for the term 2022-2024, which elections will take place during the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Paraguay, in the Human Rights Council, based its actions and initiatives in three main axes:

- **Openness and collaboration** with all Human Rights mechanisms, encouraging transparency, access to information, and the active participation in the Universal Periodic Review process.
- **Cooperation with the initiatives** of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and promotion of technical assistance and cooperation for capacity building in terms of follow up and implementation of human rights recommendations.
- **Dialogue with the Civil Society**, allowing important progress in terms of strengthening constructive inter exchange platforms with civil society and democratic culture, as well as the protection of the most vulnerable sectors.

PARAGUAY REAFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT AND ITS OPEN AND TRANSPARENT COLLABORATION WITH THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW; PARAGUAY HAS ACCEPTED ALMOST ALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS RECEIVED IN THE FIRST AND SECOND CYCLES (2011 AND 2016); AND IS CURRENTLY EXAMINING 210 RECOMMENDATIONS RECEIVED IN THE THIRD CYCLE (2021).



OPENNESS

Paraguay is committed to multilateralism as a key tool to advance, through processes of dialogue, exchange and agreements, towards the consolidation of a comprehensive human rights agenda that transforms the international community into more respectful, inclusive and supportive societies.

Paraguay adds value to the recommendations received from Treaty Bodies and Special Procedures established by the HRC, and as a sign of its absolute willingness to collaborate with international mechanisms, since 2003 maintains its standing invitation to mandate holders. Likewise, Paraguay values the presence of the OHCHR's Human Rights Adviser in the country, with whom it maintains an open and permanent dialogue.

PARAGUAY ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN REVIEW PROCESSES UNDER THE UPR MECHANISM, THUS MAKING CONSTRUCTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND ASSUMING WITH RESPONSIBILITY THEIR FOLLOW-UP THROUGH THE DIFFERENT CYCLES.



+ TRANSPARENCY + INFORMATION

Paraguay maintains a permanent collaboration with the Human Rights Treaty Bodies. It regularly fulfills its obligations regarding the submission of periodic reports; it cooperates in good faith within the framework of individual complaints procedures brought before those whose jurisdiction it has accepted, and performs a seriously follow-up on the recommendations issued by them.

Paraguay promotes freedom of expression, press freedom and mechanisms to protect the work of journalists, through specific initiatives, such as the signing of the Letter of Intent of the safety of journalists between the three Branches of the Paraguayan State and the UNESCO, as well as with national laws for the protection of the press workers.

PARAGUAY HAS COMMITTED WITH THE ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION AND TRANSPARENCY; IT COUNTS WITH A NATIONAL PLAN TO PREVENT CORRUPTION, AS WELL AS A LAW ON FREE CITIZEN ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION AND TRANSPARENCY. THIS HAS CONTRIBUTED, AMONG OTHER ASPECTS, TO IMPROVE IN THE LAST YEARS ITS POSITION IN THE RANKING OF "INTERNATIONAL TRANSPARENCY" ON CORRUPTION.



+ WOMEN

Paraguay sponsors the participation of experts in the Commissions and Committees of the UN and OAS Human Rights systems, prioritizing the gender equality. Paraguay promotes greater participation of women in decision-making spheres.

In 2016, Tania Abdo was elected as an expert of the Human Rights Committee. In 2019, she was elected Vice President of the Committee, and reelected for the 2021-2024 membership. Currently, Paraguay supports the candidacy of Myriam Peña to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

75% OF CANDIDATES FOR
INDEPENDENT EXPERTS FROM PARAGUAY
AT THE UN AND OAS HAVE BEEN WOMEN.

PARAGUAY

SIMORE PLUS

SISTEMA DE MONITOREO DE RECOMENDACIONES
DERECHOS HUMANOS Y DESARROLLO SOSTENIBLE

+ HUMAN RIGHTS + SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

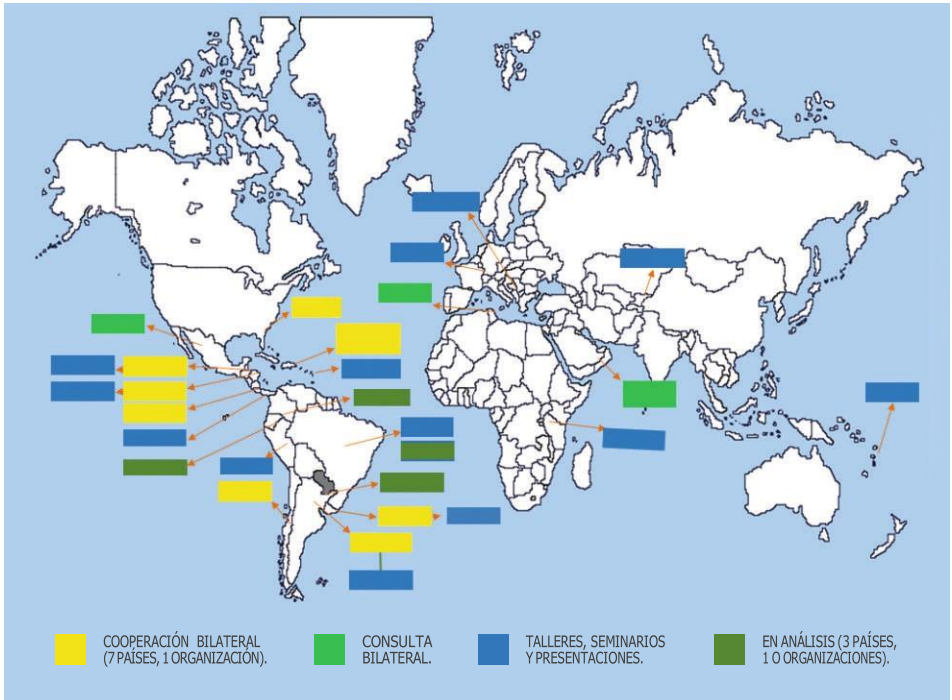
The **SIMORE Plus** is a permanent inter-institutional mechanism that facilitates the follow-up of about 1600 recommendations issued in the frame of both, the Universal and Inter-American Systems, linking them with the SDG's, in addition to enable a civil society participation platform.

It is supported by an online platform with public access, based on a network of around 167 Focal Points, representing 72 institutions of the three Branches of the State and independent entities.

Paraguay promotes international cooperation initiatives on human rights, support to mandate holders, abolition of death penalty, struggle against poverty, right to food, to health, to education, decent housing, healthy environment, rights of children and adolescents, women, indigenous peoples, human rights defenders, people with disabilities, older people, promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-repetition, and International Humanitarian Law, among others.

**COMISIÓN
DS PARAGUAY**
#ParaguaySostenible

PARAGUAY GRANTS ESPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THE 2030 AGENDA, AS A MAPROAD LINKED TO HUMAN RIGHTS ENSHRINED IN SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS. FACING THIS AMBITIOUS AGENDA THE COMMISSION "ODS PARAGUAY" WAS ESTABLISHED, IN ORDER TO COORDINATE INTERINSTITUTIONAL ACTIONS TO MONITOR, FOLLOW-UP AND IMPLEMENT THE SDG'S.



COOPERATION + EXCHANGE + LEARNING

Paraguay, based on SIMORE Plus experience, has led the promotion of NMIRFs in the Human Rights Council. As a member during 2015-2017 term, and then in 2019, Paraguay has promoted resolutions 30/25 (2015); 36/29 (2017); and 42/30 (2019), regarding international cooperation to build capacities in this kind of national mechanisms.

Paraguay was presented as an example during the Human Rights Council's 28th session, since SIMORE Plus represents a best practice which crystallizes the key role accomplished by NMIRFs, to significantly collaborate with the human rights mechanisms, assuring a greater impact of their recommendations.

PARAGUAY SUPPORTS THE OHCHR BY SHARING THE SIMORE PLUS EXPERIENCE IN SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS ADDRESSED TO SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES, CENTRAL AMERICA, ANGLOPHONE CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES, PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING COUNTRIES, EASTERN AND NORTHERN AFRICA, CENTRAL ASIA AND THE PACIFIC.

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SISTEMA DE MONITOREO DE RECOMENDACIONES
EN DERECHOS HUMANOS HONDURAS

Gobierno de Chile
SIMORE
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COSTA RICA
SIMOREPLUS
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en Derechos Humanos

SIMOREG
Sistema de Monitoreo de Recomendaciones para Guatemala de la
Sistema de Derechos Humanos

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+ SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

Paraguay, implements a South–South Technical Cooperation Program named SIMORE PARAGUAY, providing bilateral assistance to develop and install NMIRFs, based on the national SIMORE Plus experience.

SIMORE PARAGUAY technical cooperation program has been implemented in several Latin American countries: Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, the Dominican Republic and Uruguay.

SIMORE
INTERAMERICANO

PARAGUAY HAS COOPERATED WITH
THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN
RIGHTS TO ESTABLISH THE INTER AMERICAN SIMORE,
IN ORDER TO FACILITATE REGIONAL FOLLOW UP
OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE INTERAMERICAN
HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM.



DIALOGUE + UNDERSTANDING + AGREEMENT

Paraguay established permanent spaces for dialogue with civil society, within the framework of the Interinstitutional Commission for the Compliance of International Judgments and Recommendations (CICSI), the Human Rights Network of the Executive Branch, and the OSC Plus platform, incorporated as an innovation of the SIMORE Plus mechanism.

These shared spaces turn into platforms for views and experiences exchange, and allow understanding with Civil Society. They also contribute to consolidate an institutional framework that enables the development and implementation of public policies in accordance with human rights standards.

Paraguay promotes Friendly Settlements Agreements within the scope of Inter-American Human Rights System. Approximately 40% of the average Petitions and Cases before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights are processed in the sphere of this mechanism. The Paraguayan experience in this matter has been considered as a good practice at regional level.

PARAGUAY HAS LEAD AN INCREASE OF STATE INSTITUTIONS WHICH HAVE INCORPORATED TO THEIR ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE A SPECIALIZED AREA TO MANAGE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES, MAKING POSSIBLE A BETTER COORDINATION BETWEEN THEM AND WITH CIVIL SOCIETY.



PARAGUAY COMMITS TO...

Strengthen **the multilateral system as an instrument for human rights promotion and protection**, fostering dialogue, negotiation, openness and consensus seeking.

Support and promote initiatives aimed at **universalization of ratifications** of main human rights instruments, as well as **standing invitations** to special procedures mandate holders.

Reinforce **the collaboration with the Treaty Bodies**, submitting periodic reports and making the corresponding follow-up to their recommendations.

Continue supporting the **work of special procedures mandate holders**, and maintain the **standing invitation** which Paraguay has extended since 2003.

Promote and support initiatives to address **serious human rights situations**, **seeking to raise international human rights protection standards**, particularly in favour of groups in situations of greater vulnerability.



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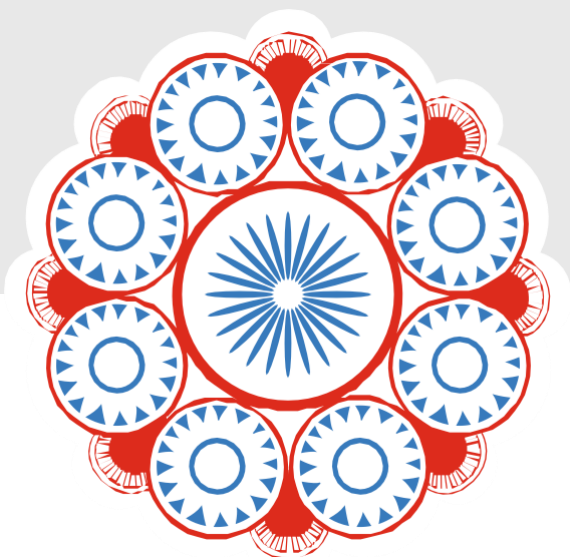
Promote **international cooperation and technical assistance in terms of capacity-building** as useful instruments to facilitate **effective fulfillment of Human Rights**, in particular consolidating the cooperation program developed in matters of NMIRFs.

Keep working on the **enhancement of human rights institutionalization**, and continue the construction process of human rights indicators.

Foster **dialogue with civil society and its involvement in the work of the Council**, recognizing its role and supporting initiatives against all forms of reprisals.

Continue **strengthening SIMORE Plus as national mechanism for implementation reporting and follow up**, in order to enhance the impact of State actions on the ground.

Reinforce the process of **development and implementation of policies, plans and programs with Human Rights approach**, deploying significant efforts to overcome the challenges to make them effective.



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