

NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS PARTICIPATION
IN THE 60th SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. Accreditation

National institutions (NIs) and/or associations of NIs will be accredited by the Secretariat of the Commission provided that a letter requesting such accreditation is sent by that institution/association (not by the Government of the institution). This should be on the letterhead of the institution. Separate requests will be required for the associations and NIs, respectively. The letter should be sent to the attention of:

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According to past practice of the Commission, such accreditation would have no bearing on the status of the institutions as Paris-Principle based ones - this being an issue determined by the Credentials Committee of the International Co-ordinating Committee. NIs and associations of NIs, as at the 59th Session of the Commission, will have a badge of a particular colour indicating that they are NIs.

NIs may receive their accreditation at Villa Les Feuillantines, Avenue de la Paix 13, Geneva from 0830-1700 during the time of the Commission (bring a copy of your accreditation request).

2. Participation

As at the 59th Session of the Commission a certain number of seats will be reserved for members of accredited (by the Secretariat of the Commission) NIs from which they may make their statements under agenda item 18(b).

3. Speakers

NIs and/or associations of NIs will be permitted to attend any part of the Commission but will only be permitted to speak under agenda item 18(b) for a period to be determined formally by the Bureau of the Commission. NIs may request to be placed on the speaker's list under agenda item 18(b) either through the letter requesting accreditation or personally at any time from the start of the Commission. Associations of NIs must make an independent request to speak.

4. Written statements

The Chair of the Commission will be provided by the Secretariat with a note to be read during the Commission enabling NIs to have their statements under agenda item 18(b) distributed (NIs will be required to provide to the Secretariat 250 copies of their statements plus ten copies for the interpreters; the Secretariat will not be able to undertake photocopying of statements).

5. Documentation

Similarly, NIs can submit to the Chair of the Commission documents which can be made available to the Commission (with justification, in an accompanying letter, of the relevance of such documents). Such documents might include conclusions of the various regional groups' meetings, etc.
