

Working Group on Arbitrary Detention

Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (WGAD) is a special procedure of Human Rights Council and the only non-treaty-based mechanism whose mandate expressly provides for the consideration of individual complaints aimed at qualifying detention as arbitrary or not. WGAD can engage with any UN Member State irrespective of what treaties that State has or has not ratified

MANDATE



Investigation of Individual Cases

To investigate cases of deprivation of liberty imposed arbitrarily or otherwise inconsistently with the relevant international standards set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights or in the relevant international legal instruments accepted by the States concerned



Seek and Receive Information

To seek and receive information from Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and receive information from the individuals concerned, their families or their representatives



Urgent Appeals and Communications

To act on information submitted to its attention regarding alleged cases of arbitrary detention by sending urgent appeals and communications to concerned Governments to clarify and to bring to their attention these cases



Field Missions

To conduct field missions upon the invitation of Government, in order to understand better the situations prevailing in countries, as well as the underlying reasons for instances of arbitrary deprivation of liberty



Formulate Deliberations

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Present Annual Report

To present an annual report to the Human Rights Council presenting its activities, findings, conclusions and recommendations