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## UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW

## Civil society strategy meeting

## THURSDAY MARCH 5, 5:00pm - 7:00pm Trades Hall, 147 Great North Rd

The Human Rights Foundation Aotearoa is holding a meeting for interested nongovernmental organisations (NGOs) to discuss strategy for the Universal Periodic Review.

In November last year, civil society reports on New Zealand's human rights performance were submitted to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process. These reports will be considered alongside the government's report at New Zealand's review by the Human Rights Council in May.

The government has just released its draft UPR report and invited interested stakeholders to comment on it. The deadline for feedback is March 17. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) is holding a consultation meeting in Wellington on March 2, but not in Auckland.

This civil society strategy meeting is an opportunity for NGOs to discuss and coordinate responses to the current stage of the UPR process, and will include a report on the Wellington MFAT consultation.

If time permits, strategy in relation to other human rights processes will be discussed, in particular the voluntary pledges the government is currently forming as part of its bid for election to the Human Rights Council.

## All welcome

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For further information on the Universal Periodic Review see <u>http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/nzupr09.htm</u>