

Anti-terrorism policy

1. Introduction

UPR Info works with all stakeholders of the UPR. As a non-advocacy NGO our mission is to support and strengthen the UPR mechanism by engaging with States, Parliaments, National Human Rights Institutions, Civil Society Organisations, Human Rights Defenders, journalists, academics, and many others. In this vein the work of UPR Info is global in nature and aims at enhancing the fundamental human rights of all people. However, in many parts of the world terrorism infringes these fundamental rights.

At UPR Info we do not engage with terrorist organisations or give money to organisations who carry out, fund or advocate terrorist activity. We work to ensure that our work and that of those we work with is free from interference and that resources are used for the purposes intended.

2. Terrorism in context?

At UPR Info we understand that there is no internationally accepted definition of the term 'terrorism'. Whilst there are global conventions and UN resolutions that refer to terrorism, the meaning of the term and to whom it applies is still contested. Confusion also stems from the practice in which the term is used to describe both violence perpetrated by a state, and violence perpetrated by individuals or non-state groups, both in situations of conflict and in peacetime. In general, the term is understood as relating to politically motivated violence perpetrated to cause death or injury to civilians with the aim of intimidating a wider audience. It is this definition that UPR Info uses for the framework of this anti-terrorism policy.

The UPR is a peer-to-peer mechanism designed to provide a holistic review of human rights commitments and abuses in every 193 UN Member State. UPR Info seeks to facilitate this process by engaging with multiple stakeholders on a range of human rights issues. In an increasingly complex world this work brings us into contact with new organisations that we are not entirely familiar with. In building professional working relationships with these groups, for the benefit of the UPR and the enhancement of human rights, we see it as our responsibility to understand who we are working with, how their funds have been obtained, and that their mission is in line with the values of UPR Info.

3. Code of Conduct

UPR Info, its staff and all its partners, commit to respect a code of conducts as follows:

1. We will not knowingly fund, support, or work with an organisation that has an intention to support, sponsor or commit a terrorist act.
2. We will demonstrate due care and attention in our allocation and distribution of funds so that the money does not get into the wrong hands or is misused to finance a terrorist organisation or to commit a terrorist act.
3. We will demonstrate due care and attention in choosing partners for advocacy programmes to ensure a platform is not given to terrorist organisation or to those linked to a terrorist act.
4. We will uphold high standards in our programme work to ensure that we and our partners work within the law.
5. We will report any evidence or suspicion of breach of this Code of Conduct.



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6. We will escalate any issues that give cause for concern to the appropriate legal bodies

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