



## What is **SIMORE?**

SIMORE, acronym in Spanish for *Monitoring* System on International Recommendations, is a database which allows accessing and monitoring the implementation of international human rights recommendations made to Paraguay by human rights mechanisms, both from the United Nations (UN) and from the Inter-American Court of Human Rights of the Organization of American States (OAS). State bodies from the Executive, Legislative, Judiciary, the Office of the Attorney General, the Ombudsman and the Ministry of Public Defence, worked together in the creation of this interinstitutional mechanism contributing to avoid the dispersion and duplication of actions and to ensure the effective implementation of recommendations. This process involved the technical cooperation of the Human Rights Advisor (HRA) for Paraguay of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and her team with the support and funding from the Universal Periodical Review (UPR) Trust Fund.

#### Sistema de Monitoreo de Recomendaciones

# SIMORE building methodology

TA UP TO 2013



Total number of recommendations made to Paraguay



Number of recommendations prioritized from 2007 to 2013 **SIMORE** is the result of an inter-institutional work comprising 7 thematic tables organized by subjects / groups of population:

Institutional Strengthening/LGBT

Poverty

Children and Adolescents

Older Persons / Persons with Disabilities

Persons Deprived of their Liberty

Women

Indigenous Peoples/Afro-descendants and Migrants

The thematic working groups sought to identify in each recommendation the following issues:

- State Institutions / Offices/ Units
- Public Policies
- Plans / Programs / Projects
- Indicators
- Progress report in the implementation of recommendations
- Challenges

This information was linked to the follow-up of each international recommendation made to Paraguay to ensure an effective compliance.

#### What is it SIMORE for?

- Strengthening the capacity and commitment of State institutions in the follow-up and monitoring of the implementation of international recommendations.
- Periodically releasing information on progress made and challenges arising in fulfilling human rights in Paraguay.
- Evaluating, reviewing and /or developing legislation, public policies, plans and programs in accordance with the international commitments on human rights made by the State.
- Making updated information available for the elaboration of national reports to international human rights bodies and mechanisms.
- Monitoring by civil society and, particularly, by human rights organizations the State actions in the area of human rights.
- Conducting research on the human rights situation in the country by the State, academic organizations, civil society and the media.
- Providing an easy access to information and data in response to queries to generate and consolidate a culture of human rights in the State, Academia, civil society and the media.
- Providing relevant information to strengthen the integration of a human rights-based approach in the national and international cooperation provided to the country by different actors, including the United Nations System.

#### **Achievements**

- The empowerment of state officials to strengthen the integration
  of human rights based approach in policies and in their annual
  work plans was achieved as a result of a methodology developed
  during the process for the creation of **SIMORE**, which involved
  around 28 State ministries and public institutions.
- The validation of public information by high level officials of state institutions contributes to obtaining political commitments and the formal involvement of the authorities.
- The adoption of the "Regulations" and the "Manual on the Use of SIMORE" allows for the periodic updating of information and the sustainability of the working methodology.
- At present, Paraguay has updated and specific information on the follow-up of international recommendations, allowing it to prepare reports regarding different issues and rights, to assess progress and challenges, and to strengthen decision-making for the protection and realization of human rights.
- SIMORE represents a successful experience and a good practice in terms of accountability and transparency, as well as on the articulated work achieved by the Paraguayan State, which it can be shared with other interested countries.

### **Challenges**

- Consolidate **SIMORE** providing its continuity and sustainability.
- Develop indicators to objectively evaluate progress in the protection of human rights by implementing recommendations.
- Ensure the integration of the challenges identified through SIMORE and by international recommendations in legislation, policies, plans and programs.

## You are invited to use SIMORE!

**SIMORE** is located on the server of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Users can easily access it by clicking on the SIMORE link at **www.mre.gov.py** or at the United Nations Human Rights Paraguay webpage **www.hchr.org.py**.

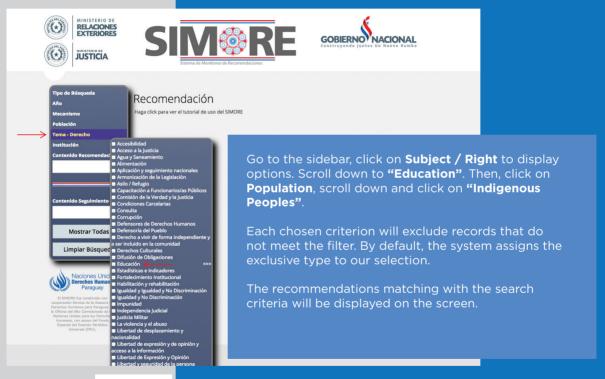


www.mre.gov.py www.hchr.org.py Queries can be made through various search criteria, such as the year the recommendation was issued, the mechanism that made the recommendation, the population or populations affected, issues or rights related to the recommendation and the State institution that is responsible for its follow-up.

### Search Example

Upon logging in at **SIMORE**, the user can access a tutorial explaining the use of the tool.

For example, if you have a query on "Education" linked to "Indigenous Peoples" the search would be of EXCLUSIVE type.





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#### **Coordination and Cooperation**

SIMORE is coordinated by the Human Rights Network of the Executive Branch through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Justice. Paraguay supported and received technical assistance from the United Nations Human Rights Adviser for Paraguay with the support and funding from the UPR Trust Fund, administered by OHCHR.











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