**Status** Definitions

**Requested** - Visit request to a Government

A mandate-holder requests a country visit to a Government, which may or may not propose a general time frame or specific dates for the visit.

**Invited** - Invitation from a Government

A Government spontaneously invites a mandate-holder to visit the country without having received a prior country visit request from the same mandate-holder (or his or her predecessors). The invitation may or may not propose a general time frame or specific dates for the visit.

An invitation by a Government to a mandate-holder after a country visit request has been sent by that same mandate-holder (or her or his predecessors) is classified as an “acceptance of visit request”, even if the invitation does not refer to the prior country visit request.

**Reminder** - Reminder of visit request

A mandate-holder sends a reminder to a Government relating to a country visit request previously sent by that same mandate-holder (or by his or her predecessors).

**Accepted by State** - Acceptance of visit request

A Government accepts a country visit request by a mandate-holder in principle without proposing either a general time frame or specific dates for the visit.

In cases where the acceptance of the country visit request includes dates proposal, the document is classified as “dates proposal”.

**Declined by State** \* - Declination of visit request

A Government declines a country visit request by a mandate-holder.

**Accepted by mandate holder**- Acceptance of invitation

The mandate-holder accepts the invitation sent by a Government for a country visit.

In cases where the acceptance of the invitation includes dates proposal, the document is classified as a “proposal of dates”.

**Declined by mandate holder** \* - Declination of invitation

The mandate-holder declines the invitation sent by a Government.

**Acknowledged by State**\* - Acknowledgement of visit request

An acknowledgement letter is not an acceptance letter. It simply acknowledges receipt by the Government of a request for visit. It does not provide any precise period of visit. The acknowledgement may also include general comments indicating that a visit could possibly occur at a later stage.

**Acknowledged by mandate holder** \* - Acknowledgement of invitation

An acknowledgement letter is not an acceptance letter. It simply acknowledges receipt by the mandate holder of an invitation to visit a country. It does not provide any precise period of visit. The acknowledgement may also include general comments indicating that a visit could possibly occur at a later stage.

**Proposal of dates** - Dates proposal

– either by the Government / by the mandate-holder

The Government or the mandate-holder provides either a general time frame or specific dates in which the country visit can occur.

**Agreed with dates** - Agreement with dates

– either by the Government / by the mandate-holder

The Government and the mandate-holder have both agreed on specific dates for the country visit to take place.

**Postponed** - Postponement of visit

– either by the Government / by the mandate-holder

The Government or the mandate-holder postpone an agreed upon country visit, which may or may not propose new dates for the visit.

**Cancelled** \* - Cancellation of visit

– either by the Government / by the mandate-holder

The Government or the mandate-holder cancel an agreed upon country visit.

**Suspended** \* - Suspension of visit

– either by the Government of the mandate-holder

The Government or the mandate-holder suspend an on-going country visit.

**Visit underway**

The country visit is currently taking place.

**Report forthcoming**

A country visit report by the mandate-holder to the Human Rights Council is forthcoming.

**Reported/Completed** - Report to the HRC

A country visit report has been submitted to the Human Rights Council or has been presented to the Human Rights Council.

**Inactive** \* - Inactive request or invitation

A visit request by a mandate-holder or an invitation by a Government on which no action has been taken for at least 5 years by either the Government or the mandate-holder concerned.

\* New status, added as of *(date)*.