

Rights of the Child

Acceded: 15 April 1993

Libya's initial report (CRC/C/28/Add.6) has been submitted and is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its January 1998 session; the second periodic report is due 14 May 2000.

THEMATIC REPORTS***Mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights*****Disappearances, Working Group on enforced or involuntary:** (E/CN.4/1997/34, paras. 226-227)

The report notes that no new cases of disappearance were received by the Working Group (WG) and that the one outstanding case, transmitted in 1994, concerns a Sudanese translator at the International Centre of Research of the Green Book, in Tripoli, who reportedly disappeared in 1993. The government has never responded to the information sent by the WG on this case. It therefore remains to be clarified.

Torture, Special Rapporteur on: (E/CN.4/1997/7, Section III; E/CN.4/1997/7/Add.1, para. 308)

The report notes that one urgent appeal was sent by the Special Rapporteur (SR) on behalf of eight students who were among a larger group holding a demonstration. The information received by the SR indicated that they had been interrogated under torture and, along with 16 others, summarily tried in secret and sentenced to various prison terms. The report indicates that the eight students were being held incommunicado in a prison outside Tripoli.

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MADAGASCAR

Date of admission to UN: 20 September 1960.

TREATIES AND REPORTS TO TREATY BODIES

Land and People: Madagascar has submitted a core document (HRI/CORE/1/Add.31) for use by the treaty bodies. The report prepared by the government includes demographic data and information on religion, the general political structure, political history and the general legal framework for the protection of human rights.

The 1992 Constitution stipulated that the government would undertake to establish an independent body responsible for the promotion and protection of human rights and the government has appointed an ombudsperson with this function. Under Malagasy law there is no special system for compensation for the violation of human rights; therefore actions alleging violations must be brought before the courts in terms of seeking remedy and/or damages. International human rights treaties are incorporated *de jure* into national law following accession or ratification.

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Signed: 14 April 1970; ratified: 22 September 1971. Madagascar's second periodic report was due 30 June 1990; the third periodic report was due 30 June 1995.

Civil and Political Rights

Signed: 17 September 1969; ratified: 21 June 1971.

Madagascar's third periodic report was due 31 July 1992; the fourth periodic report was due 3 August 1993.

Optional Protocol: Signed: 17 September 1969; ratified: 21 June 1971.

Racial Discrimination

Signed: 18 December 1967; ratified: 7 February 1969.

Madagascar has not submitted a report since 1989, covering the 10th through 13th periodic reports; the 13th periodic report was due 9 March 1996.

Reservations and Declarations: Article 22.

Discrimination against Women

Signed: 17 July 1980; ratified: 17 March 1989.

Madagascar's second periodic report was due 16 April 1994.

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Signed: 19 April 1990; ratified: 19 March 1991.

Madagascar's second periodic report is due 17 April 1998.

THEMATIC REPORTS***Mechanisms and Reports of the Sub-Commission*****States of emergency, Special Rapporteur on:** (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1997/19/Add.1, Section I)

The report notes that a state of emergency was declared on 23 July 1991 and subsequently extended and that a curfew is enforced in the capital.

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MALAWI

Date of admission to UN: 1 December 1964.

TREATIES AND REPORTS TO TREATY BODIES

Land and People: Malawi has not submitted a core document for use by the treaty bodies.

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Acceded: 22 December 1993.

Malawi's initial report was due 30 June 1996.

Civil and Political Rights

Acceded: 22 December 1993.

Malawi's initial report was due 21 March 1995.

Optional Protocol: Acceded: 11 June 1996.

Racial Discrimination

Acceded: 11 June 1996.

Malawi's initial report was due 11 July 1997.

Discrimination against Women

Acceded: 12 March 1987.

Malawi's second periodic report was due 11 April 1992; the third periodic report was due 11 April 1996.

Torture

Acceded: 11 June 1996.

Malawi's initial report is due 10 July 1998.

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Acceded: 2 January 1991.

Malawi's initial report was due 31 January 1993.