

The Committee recommended that the government:

- ▶ take the necessary steps to remove the reservations to the Convention, as promised in the oral presentation by the government;
- ▶ incorporate the principle of equality into the text of the Constitution;
- ▶ introduce temporary special measures to strengthen the participation of women in the political, economic and social life of the country;
- ▶ examine strategies to ensure the better representation of women in decision-making posts in all fields;
- ▶ initiate, through the Ministry for the Advancement of Women, the adoption of measures aimed at eliminating the gap between the treatment of women and men in the public and private sectors;
- ▶ examine the gap between women and men in the labour force, particularly in the context of part-time work;
- ▶ reorient education programmes in schools to remove the stereotyped attitudes and perceptions of the role of women in society and to raise the awareness of men of their family responsibilities;
- ▶ with regard to violence against women, take all appropriate measures, including legislation, to combat the sexual abuse of women, in particular within the family, so as to ensure effective protection of women against domestic and other forms of violence;
- ▶ adopt effective measures to prevent abortion and review the social insurance benefits system with a view to allowing women to have access to free contraceptive methods;
- ▶ undertake an analysis of women's health needs and continue awareness-raising campaigns on mammography in order to ensure that more women make use of this service;
- ▶ take legislative steps to remove outdated laws that restrict women's right to remarry after divorce, as well as those that classify children as "legitimate/natural" or "illegitimate";
- ▶ ensure the better integration of refugee and migrant women into the social and economic life of the country; and,
- ▶ pursue and develop further its policy of disseminating information and increasing awareness of the Convention and integrate the provisions of the Convention and women's rights into the training curricula of professional groups, such as teachers, law enforcement and correctional officers, judges, social workers and health personnel, who deal with women.

#### **Torture**

Signed: 22 February 1985; ratified: 29 September 1987.

Luxembourg's second and third periodic reports were due 28 October 1992 and 1996 respectively.

*Reservations and Declarations:* Declarations under articles 21 and 22.

#### **Rights of the Child**

Signed: 21 March 1990; ratified: 7 March 1994.

Luxembourg's initial report (CRC/C/41/Add.2) has been submitted and is pending for consideration at the

Committee's May 1998 session; the second periodic report is due 5 April 2001.

*Reservations and Declarations:* Articles 3, 6, 7 and 15.

### **THEMATIC REPORTS**

#### **Voluntary Fund for victims of torture, Report of the S-G to the CHR: (E/CN.4/1997/27, para. 4)**

The report of the Secretary-General notes that Luxembourg contributed to the Fund in 1996.

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## **MALTA**

**Date of admission to UN:** 1 December 1964.

### **TREATIES AND REPORTS TO TREATY BODIES**

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

#### **Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**

Signed: 22 October 1968; ratified: 13 September 1990.

Malta's initial report was due 30 June 1992; the second periodic report was due 30 June 1997.

*Reservations and Declarations:* Article 13.

#### **Civil and Political Rights**

Acceded: 13 September 1990.

Malta's second periodic report was due 12 December 1996.

*Reservations and Declarations:* Article 13; paragraphs 2 and 6 of article 14; articles 19, 20, 21 and 22; declaration under article 41.

**Optional Protocol:** Acceded: 13 September 1990.

*Reservations and Declarations:* Article 1.

**Second Optional Protocol:** Acceded: 29 December 1994.

*Reservations and Declarations:* General reservation.

#### **Racial Discrimination**

Signed: 5 September 1968; ratified: 27 May 1971.

Malta's 13<sup>th</sup> periodic report was due 26 June 1996.

*Reservations and Declarations:* Articles 4 and 6.

#### **Discrimination against Women**

Acceded: 8 March 1991.

Malta's initial report was due 7 April 1992; the second periodic report was due 7 April 1994.

*Reservations and Declarations:* Paragraph 1 of article 2; article 4; articles 13, 15 and 16.

#### **Torture**

Acceded: 13 September 1990

Malta's second periodic report was due 12 October 1995.

*Reservations and Declarations:* Declaration under articles 21 and 22.

#### **Rights of the Child**

Signed: 26 January 1990; ratified: 30 September 1990.

Malta's initial report was due 29 October 1992.

*Reservations and Declarations:* Article 26.