

FIELD OPERATIONS

The OHCHR office in Macedonia was established in 1993 and was originally intended to support the mandate of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights. The legal authority for the OHCHR presence is based on annual resolutions of the Commission on Human Rights, extending the mandate of the Special Rapporteur and calling on the Secretary-General to support the Special Rapporteur by maintaining a field presence. The headquarters is located in Skopje. Ms. Silva Pestic, Head of Office, Ilindenska bb, UNPREDEP HQ, 91000 Skopje, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Phone: (389-91) 361168; Fax: (389-91) 363293; e-mail: silva_pestic_@_dpko-unpredep.

A human rights training programme for police, to be conducted under the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation, is in development, in consultation with the government. The main activities carried out as of August 1998 included weekly and monthly reports to the OHCHR on human rights developments; liaison work with the government, the OHCHR, and the UN human rights mechanisms; provision of information to the government, as well as to elements of civil society, notably non-governmental organizations, on aspects of the UN human rights programme; and regular workshops and training sessions with NGOs, academic institutions and others.



MOLDOVA, REPUBLIC OF

Date of admission to UN: 2 March 1992.

TREATIES: RATIFICATIONS AND RESERVATIONS

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

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Acceded: 26 January 1993.

Moldova's initial report was due 30 June 1995.

Civil and Political Rights

Acceded: 26 January 1993.

Moldova's initial report was due 25 April 1994.

Racial Discrimination

Acceded: 26 January 1993.

Moldova's initial, second and third periodic reports were due 25 February 1994, 1996 and 1998 respectively.

Discrimination against Women

Acceded: 1 July 1994.

Moldova's initial report was due 31 July 1995.

Torture

Acceded: 28 November 1995.

Moldova's initial report was due 27 December 1996.

Rights of the Child

Acceded: 26 January 1993.

Moldova's initial report was due 24 February 1995.



POLAND

Date of admission to UN: 24 October 1945.

TREATIES: RATIFICATIONS AND RESERVATIONS

Land and People: Poland has submitted a core document (HRI/CORE/1/Add.25) for use by the treaty bodies. Much of the report prepared by the government is dedicated to demographic data and statistical information on areas related to the national economy (e.g., consumer prices, goods and services, employment and earnings). Information is also provided about the political system and the judicial system.

Human rights are protected through the functions of the Ombudsman and the Prosecutor's Office. Codes of criminal, administrative and correctional procedures provide the legal guarantees of rights set out in the Constitution, including non-discrimination, equality between women and men in all areas of public, political, economic, social and cultural life, freedom of conscience and worship, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom to assemble and demonstrate, the right of association and integrity of person.

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Signed: 2 March 1967; ratified: 18 March 1977.

Poland's third periodic report (E/1994/104/Add.13) was considered at the Committee's May 1998 session; the fourth periodic report is due 30 June 1999.

Civil and Political Rights

Signed: 2 March 1967; ratified: 18 March 1977.

Poland's fourth periodic report (CCPR/C/95/Add.8) has been submitted and is scheduled for consideration at the Committee's July 1999 session; the fifth periodic report is due 27 October 1999.

Reservations and Declarations: Declaration under article 41.

Optional Protocol: Acceded: 7 November 1991.

Reservations and Declarations: Paragraph 2 (a) of article 5.

Racial Discrimination

Signed: 7 March 1966; ratified: 5 December 1968.

Poland's 15th periodic report was due 4 January 1998.

Reservations and Declarations: Article 22; paragraph 1 of articles 17 and 18.