

6. Convention on the Rights of the Child, entered into force 2 September 1990.

Reports to Treaty Bodies

Where a State party report to a treaty-body is reviewed in calendar year 1998, there is a summary of the subjects which the governments addressed in their report and a summary of the concerns, comments and recommendations of the treaty-body.

Commission on Human Rights (CHR)

- (a) **Rapporteurs:** If there is a Special Rapporteur, Special Representative or Expert for the country in question, the report of that mechanism is the first to be discussed.
- (b) **Resolutions of the Commission on Human Rights:** If the CHR has adopted a country resolution, or if there is a Chairman's Statement on that country, that resolution/statement is summarized.

Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities

If the Sub-Commission has adopted a country-specific resolution, that resolution is summarized.

Thematic Reports, organized under three sub-headings:

- (a) **Mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights:** here, we summarize any substantive comments made by the thematic rapporteurs or working groups of the CHR concerning that country; the thematic mechanisms are listed in alphabetical order.
- (b) **Mechanisms and Reports of the Sub-Commission:** here we summarize any substantive comments made by Sub-Commission Rapporteurs or special reports of the Sub-Commission.
- (c) **Other Thematic Reports:** summarizes additional thematic reports including those of the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner on Human Rights to the CHR.

General Assembly (GA)

This section summarizes any reports to the GA including those of Special Rapporteurs, Representatives or Working Group, as well as any resolutions adopted by the GA.

Security Council (SC)

This section summarizes any relevant reports to the SC including reports of the Secretary-General or statements by the President of the SC, and relevant resolutions.

Field Operations

This section summarizes any relevant reports emanating from UN field offices and/or operations.

Other Reports

This section contains any other reports — for example, the eminent persons report on Algeria, which do not fit into the above categories.

Appendix

Each geographic volume also contains, as an appendix, the reporting schedule of the treaty-bodies, to the extent that it has been established, for all countries in the region.

3. The Thematic Volume

Volume 1 is devoted primarily to summarizing the work of the thematic mechanisms and related reports presented to the CHR, Sub-Commission, ECOSOC, GA and SC, as well as resolutions of these bodies. Also included, where relevant, are General Comments or General Recommendations of the treaty-bodies on specific issues. The subjects are alphabetically ordered.

Since it has not been possible to be totally comprehensive in the discussion of thematics, we include — under the heading "Additional Thematic Approaches" — information under three sub-headings:

- (a) Reports of the Secretary-General;
- (b) Studies of the Sub-Commission, both those concluded in 1998 and those ongoing; and
- (c) Draft Declarations and Draft Optional Protocols which are currently being elaborated.

SECTION B. BODIES, PROCEDURES AND TERMINOLOGY

This section is intended to provide very brief descriptions of bodies, procedures and terminology used throughout this report. As well, each volume contains a glossary of acronyms commonly used throughout the report.

1503 Procedure: ECOSOC Resolution 1503 (1970) authorized the Sub-Commission on Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to appoint a working group (i.e., the Working Group on Communications) to consider all communications received by the United Nations "with a view to bringing to the attention of the Sub-Commission those communications, together with replies of Governments, if any, which appear to reveal a consistent pattern of gross and reliably-attested violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms." Under the 1503 pro-