

Reservations and Declarations: Declarations under articles 21 and 22.

Rights of the Child

Succeeded: 6 July 1992.

Slovenia's second periodic report was due 24 June 1998.
Reservations and Declarations: Paragraph 1 of article 9.

THEMATIC REPORTS

Mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights

Toxic wastes and products, Special Rapporteur on: (E/CN.4/1998/10, para. 73)

The report notes that Slovenia is among the countries in Eastern Europe that have become the targets of illicit movement and dumping of toxic wastes and dangerous products.



UKRAINE

Date of admission to UN: 24 October 1945.

TREATIES: RATIFICATIONS AND RESERVATIONS

Land and People: Ukraine has submitted a revised core document (HRI/CORE/1/Add.63/Rev.1) for use by the treaty bodies. The report prepared by the government contains demographic and statistical data and information on the general political structure and the general legal framework for the protection of human rights. Under the Constitution, justice is administered by professional judges and, in cases specified by law, by people's assessors and jurors. The independence and immunity of judges is guaranteed by the Constitution and laws.

Constitutional rights and freedoms are guaranteed and cannot be removed. When new laws are adopted or existing ones amended, the content and scope of existing rights and freedoms may not be limited. Constitutional human and citizens' rights may not be restricted except in the cases specified in the Constitution (e.g., war, state of emergency). Everyone is entitled to appeal to the Human Rights Commissioner of the Supreme Council of Ukraine for the protection of rights. The Commissioner exercises parliamentary supervision over the observance of constitutional human and citizens' rights and freedoms. At the request of the Human Rights Commissioner, the Constitutional Court considers questions relating to the conformity with the Constitution (constitutionality) of legislative and regulatory instruments which violate human rights. Everyone is entitled, after exhausting all national remedies for legal protection, to appeal for the protection of rights and freedoms to the

international judicial institutions or to the appropriate organs of international organizations of which Ukraine is a member or in which it participates (e.g., mechanisms under the European Convention). International treaties in force are part of domestic law. In cases where an international treaty embodies rules different from those contained in Ukrainian legislation, the rules of the international treaty apply.

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Signed: 20 March 1968; ratified: 12 November 1973.

Ukraine's fourth periodic report is due 30 June 1999.

Reservations and Declarations: Paragraph 1 of article 26.

Civil and Political Rights

Signed: 20 March 1968; ratified: 12 November 1973.

Ukraine's fifth periodic report is due 18 August 1999.

Reservations and Declarations: Paragraph 1 of article 48; a declaration under article 41.

Optional Protocol: Acceded: 25 July 1991.

Racial Discrimination

Signed: 7 March 1966; ratified: 7 March 1969.

Ukraine's 13th and 14th periodic reports were submitted as one document (CERD/C/299/Add.14) which was considered at the Committee's March 1998 session; the 15th periodic report was due 6 January 1998.

Reservations and Declarations: Paragraph 1 of article 17.

Discrimination against Women

Signed: 17 July 1980; ratified: 12 March 1981.

Ukraine's fourth and fifth periodic reports were due 3 September 1994 and 1998 respectively.

Torture

Signed: 27 February 1986; ratified: 24 February 1987.

Ukraine's fourth periodic report is due 25 June 2000.

Reservations and Declarations: Article 20.

Rights of the Child

Signed: 21 February 1990; ratified: 28 August 1991.

Ukraine's second periodic report is due 26 September 1998.

REPORTS TO TREATY BODIES

Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Ukraine's 14th and 15th periodic reports were submitted as one document (CERD/C/299/Add.14, March 1997) which was considered by the Committee at its March 1998 session. The report prepared by the government contains information on, *inter alia*: constitutional guarantees and protections; the evolving legal landscape and proposals for Ukrainian states conventions on human rights and the rights of indigenous peoples; the Declaration of the Rights of National Minorities, the Act on National Minorities, the Act on Minority Languages, the Education Act, the Act on Ukrainian Citizenship and