

SAMOA

Date of admission to UN: 15 December 1976.

TREATIES: RATIFICATIONS AND RESERVATIONS

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

Discrimination against Women

Acceded: 25 September 1992.

Samoa's initial report and second periodic reports were due 25 October 1993 and 1997 respectively.

Rights of the Child

Signed: 30 September 1990; ratified: 29 November 1994. Samoa's initial report was due 28 December 1996.

Reservations and Declarations: Paragraph (1) (a) of article 28.



SAUDI ARABIA

Date of admission to UN: 24 October 1945.

TREATIES: RATIFICATIONS AND RESERVATIONS

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

Racial Discrimination

Acceded: 23 September 1997.

Saudi Arabia's initial report was due 22 October 1998.

Reservations and Declarations: Article 22.

Torture

Acceded: 23 September 1997.

Saudi Arabia's initial report was due 23 October 1998.

Reservations and Declarations: Paragraph 1 of article 3; article 30.

Rights of the Child

Acceded: 26 January 1996.

Saudi Arabia's initial report (CRC/C/61/Add.2) has been submitted and is pending for consideration at the Committee's September/October 2001 session; the second periodic report is due 24 February 2003.

Reservations and Declarations: General reservation.

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Since 1995, the situation in Saudi Arabia has been considered under the confidential 1503 procedure. At its 1998 session, the Commission on Human Rights decided to discontinue that consideration.

THEMATIC REPORTS

Mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights

Arbitrary detention, Working Group on:

(E/CN.4/1998/44, paras. 19, 21)

The report notes that urgent appeals on behalf of two persons were sent, and the government replied that the individuals named had either never been detained or had been released. No details of the cases were provided.

Disappearances, Working Group on enforced or involuntary:

(E/CN.4/1998/43, paras. 13, 405)

During the period under review, no new cases of disappearance were transmitted to the government. The one case on file with the Working Group (WG) concerned a businessman who was allegedly arrested in Amman in 1991 by Jordanian security forces and later handed over to the Saudi Arabian authorities. The case was clarified when the government informed the WG that the man had been released from detention.

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary execution, Special Rapporteur on:

(E/CN.4/1998/68, paras. 89, 92)

The report refers to information indicating that, in 1997, more than 70 foreign nationals were executed in Saudi Arabia. The SR also received information that prisoners were executed who were under 18 years of age at the time their crimes were committed.



SINGAPORE

Date of admission to UN: 21 September 1965.

TREATIES: RATIFICATIONS AND RESERVATIONS

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

Discrimination against Women

Acceded: 5 October 1995.

Singapore's initial report was due 4 November 1996.

Reservations and Declarations: Articles 2, 16 and 29; paragraph 1 of article 11.

Rights of the Child

Acceded: 5 October 1995.

Singapore's initial report was due 3 November 1997.

Reservations and Declarations: Articles 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17; articles 19, 32 and 37; paragraph 1 (a) of article 28.