

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Date of admission to UN: 11 November 1981.

TREATIES: RATIFICATIONS AND RESERVATIONS

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

Racial Discrimination

Succeeded: 25 October 1988.

Antigua and Barbuda's initial and second through fifth periodic reports were due 24 November 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995 and 1997 respectively.

Reservations and Declarations: Article 4.

Discrimination against Women

Acceded: 1 August 1989.

Antigua and Barbuda's fourth periodic report is due 31 August 2002.

Torture

Acceded: 19 July 1993.

Antigua and Barbuda's initial and second periodic reports were due 18 August 1994 and 1998 respectively.

Rights of the Child

Signed: 12 March 1991; ratified: 5 October 1993.

Antigua and Barbuda's initial and second periodic reports were due 3 November 1995 and 1997 respectively.



ARGENTINA

Date of admission to UN: 24 October 1945.

TREATIES: RATIFICATIONS AND RESERVATIONS

Land and People: Argentina has submitted a core document (HRI/CORE/1/Add.74) for use by the treaty bodies. The report prepared by the government includes demographic data and information on socio-economic indicators, Argentina's political organization, the structure of government and the legal framework for the protection of human rights.

Under the Constitution treaties are the supreme law and, since 1992, have taken precedence over national legislation. The legal framework for the protection of human rights is established by laws and supplemented by administrative arrangements including the Office of the Under-Secretary for Human Rights within the Ministry of the Interior, the Government Procurator for the Prison System (to protect the human rights of inmates in the federal prison system) and the National Institute to

Combat Discrimination, Xenophobia and Racism. There is also a Commission on Human Rights Guarantees (established by the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate) and the Ombudsman (Defensor del Pueblo). Remedies for violations include amparo, habeas corpus, extraordinary appeal and administrative appeals.

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Signed: 19 February 1968; ratified: 8 August 1986.

Argentina's second periodic report (E/1990/6/Add.6) has been submitted and is scheduled for consideration at the Committee's November/December 1999 session; Argentina's third periodic report is due 30 June 2001.

Civil and Political Rights

Signed: 19 February 1968; ratified: 8 August 1986.

Argentina's third periodic report has been submitted but has not yet been scheduled for consideration by the Committee; the fourth periodic report is due 11 July 2002.

Reservations and Declarations: Paragraph 2 of article 15; declaration under article 41.

Optional Protocol: Acceded: 8 August 1986.

Racial Discrimination

Signed: 13 July 1967; ratified: 2 October 1968.

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

Discrimination against Women

Signed: 17 July 1980; ratified: 15 July 1985.

Argentina's fourth periodic report is due 14 August 1998.

Reservations and Declarations: Paragraph 1 of article 29.

Torture

Signed: 4 February 1985; ratified: 24 September 1986.

Argentina's fourth periodic report is due 26 June 2000.

Reservations and Declarations: Declarations under articles 21 and 22.

Rights of the Child

Signed: 29 June 1990; ratified: 4 December 1990.

Argentina's second periodic report was due 2 January 1998.

Reservations and Declarations: Article 1; paragraphs (b), (c), (d) and (e) of article 21; paragraph (f) of article 24.

THEMATIC REPORTS

Mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights

Disappearances, Working Group on enforced or involuntary: (E/CN.4/1998/43, paras. 13, 24, 25, 27, 43, 48, 57, 92-101)

The report addresses the question of compensation for victims, and notes that an Argentine law — No. 24,411, adopted in January 1995 — pertains to compensation for victims of enforced disappearance or death caused by the action of the armed forces, the security forces, or paramilitary groups, prior to the return of democracy. Act No.