

**Optional Protocol:** Acceded: 26 May 1998.

*Reservations and Declarations:* Article 1.

### **Racial Discrimination**

Signed: 9 June 1967; ratified: 4 October 1973.

Trinidad and Tobago's 11th and 12th periodic reports were due 3 November 1994 and 1996 respectively.

### **Discrimination against Women**

Signed: 27 June 1985; ratified: 12 January 1990.

Trinidad and Tobago's initial and second periodic reports were due 11 February 1991 and 1995 respectively.

*Reservations and Declarations:* Paragraph 1 of article 29.

### **Rights of the Child**

Signed: 30 September 1990; ratified: 5 December 1991.

Trinidad and Tobago's second periodic report is due 3 January 1999.

## **THEMATIC REPORTS**

### **Mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights**

#### **Religious intolerance, Special Rapporteur on:**

(E/CN.4/1998/6, paras. 48, 69, 91)

The report refers to violations of freedom of religion and belief against Christianity and notes information provided by the government. The information stated that the Public Service Examinations Board had made special arrangements to enable any candidate who was a member of the Seventh Day Adventists to take examinations on a Friday, rather than on Saturday as was generally required, in order to respect the religious beliefs of all citizens. The Special Rapporteur recalled that the government had previously stated that candidates — including members of the Seventh Day Adventists — taking some of the examinations, if successful and appointed, are required to work, and in fact do work, on Saturdays as necessary. At that time, the Board did not consider it intolerant to ask such candidates to sit an examination on a Saturday.



## **URUGUAY**

**Date of admission to UN:** 18 December 1945.

### **TREATIES: RATIFICATIONS AND RESERVATIONS**

**Land and People:** Uruguay has submitted a core document (HRI/CORE.1/Add.9/Rev.1) for use by the treaty bodies. The report prepared by the government contains demographic and statistical data as well as information on the political and economic history, the structure of government, the authorities responsible for overseeing

implementation of human rights, remedies for violations and the role of international cooperation in implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

The general legal framework for the protection of human rights is established in the Constitution, as well as laws, decrees and administrative acts and decisions. *Habeas corpus* and *amparo* protect personal freedom and address acts of omission or commission by the state, its agents and authorities and individuals that damage, restrict, alter or threaten in a clearly illegal way any of the rights or freedoms set out in the Constitution. Remedy for violations may be sought through the courts at all levels. The rights set out in international human rights treaties have been incorporated into the Constitution. There is no specific legal norm on the direct applicability under domestic law of an international instrument but Uruguayan legal practice accepts this principle without dispute. A treaty ratified by Uruguay is directly implemented under domestic law and may be invoked before the national courts unless otherwise specified by the treaty itself or unless the nature of the treaty makes this impossible.

#### **Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**

Signed: 21 February 1967; ratified: 1 April 1970.

Uruguay's third periodic report is due 30 June 2000.

#### **Civil and Political Rights**

Signed: 21 February 1967; ratified: 1 April 1970.

Uruguay's fourth periodic report (CCPR/C/95/Add.9) was considered at the Committee's March 1998 session; the fifth periodic report was due 21 March 1998.

**Optional Protocol:** Signed: 21 February 1967; ratified: 1 April 1970.

**Second Optional Protocol:** Signed: 13 February 1990; ratified: 21 January 1993.

#### **Racial Discrimination**

Signed: 21 February 1967; ratified: 30 August 1968.

Uruguay's 12th through 15th periodic reports (CERD/C/338/Add.45) were submitted as one document which is scheduled for consideration by the Committee; the 16th periodic report is due 4 January 2000.

*Reservations and Declarations:* Declaration under article 14.

#### **Discrimination against Women**

Signed: 30 March 1981; ratified: 9 October 1981.

Uruguay's second and third periodic reports were submitted as one document (CEDAW/C/URY/2-3) which is not yet scheduled for consideration by the Committee; the fourth periodic report was due 8 November 1994.

#### **Torture**

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

Uruguay's third periodic report was due 25 June 1996. *Reservations and Declarations:* Declaration under articles 21 and 22.