

received indicating that the authorities have imposed controls on, and/or interfered illegally with, religious activities.

Sale of children, child prostitution, child pornography, Special Rapporteur on the:
(E/CN.4/1998/101, para. 127)

In commentary on education and its importance in teaching children about their rights, the report refers to the Adolescent Girl Communication Initiative which has been undertaken to educate adolescent girls and their parents about the importance of staying in school. Other issues, such as sexual harassment, HIV/AIDS, early marriage, female genital mutilation and girls' domestic workload are also discussed in a radio series and animated films, comic books, story books, audio cassettes, posters and guides which have been developed. The multi-media effort is the result of months of collaboration among hundreds of writers, artists and researchers, with input from thousands of people in villages and cities.

FIELD OPERATIONS

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NAMIBIA

Date of admission to UN: 23 April 1990.

TREATIES: RATIFICATIONS AND RESERVATIONS

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

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Acceded: 28 November 1994.

Namibia's initial report was due 30 June 1997.

Civil and Political Rights

Acceded: 28 November 1994.

Namibia's initial report was due 27 February 1996.

Optional Protocol: Acceded: 28 November 1994.

Second Optional Protocol: Acceded: 28 November 1994.

Racial Discrimination

Acceded: 11 November 1982.

Namibia's eighth periodic report was due 11 December 1997.

Discrimination against Women

Acceded: 23 November 1992.

Namibia's second periodic report was due 23 December 1997.

Torture

Acceded: CAT: 28 November 1994.

Namibia's second periodic report is due 27 December 1999.

Rights of the Child

Signed: 26 September 1990; ratified: 30 September 1990.

Namibia's second periodic report was due 29 October 1997.

THEMATIC REPORTS

Mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights

Torture, Special Rapporteur on: (E/CN.4/1998/38, para. 142; E/CN.4/1998/38/Add.1, para. 268)

An urgent appeal was sent to the government on behalf of a Ugandan national residing with his family in Namibia, whose request for asylum had reportedly been rejected. The report notes that the person named is a member of the Ugandan intelligence services, had allegedly been arrested by the Ugandan army in June 1995, and accused of collaboration with the armed opposition. Information indicated that during his arrest he was severely beaten and his wife was raped. In detention he was reportedly subjected to electric shocks, suspension upside down, and food deprivation. He was reported to have fled in mid-1996 with his family to Namibia. Fears were expressed that, if deported, he may be detained and again subjected to torture upon his return to Uganda.

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NIGER

Date of admission to UN: 20 September 1960.

TREATIES: RATIFICATIONS AND RESERVATIONS

Land and People: The core document prepared by the government in 1994 (HRI/CORE/1/Add.45) provides