

office impressed on the government the need to improve security for UN officials and that there has been a strengthening of measures by the Kenyan police against organized crime, in particular vehicle hijacking.

Right to development, Report of the S-G to the CHR:
(E/CN.4/1997/21, Section I)

The report of the Secretary-General refers to information provided by the UN Population Fund related to a research study that is being carried out with the Population Council in several countries, including Kenya. The study is focussed on the attitudes and views of adolescent boys and men on their sexual and reproductive behaviour and decision-making about contraception and their role in the family. The study complements the Population Council's on-going study on girls and women.

Voluntary Fund for victims of torture: (E/CN.4/1997/27, para. 5)

The report to the Secretary-General notes that Kenya contributed to the Fund in 1996.

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LESOTHO

Date of admission to UN: 17 October 1966.

TREATIES AND REPORTS TO TREATY BODIES

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

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Acceded: 9 September 1992.

Lesotho's initial report was due 30 June 1994.

Civil and Political Rights

Acceded: 9 September 1992.

Lesotho's initial report was due 8 December 1993; the second periodic report is due 8 December 1998.

Racial Discrimination

Acceded: 4 November 1971.

Lesotho's seventh through 13th periodic reports were due from 1984 through 4 December 1996.

Discrimination against Women

Signed: 17 July 1980; ratified: 22 August 1995.

Lesotho's initial report was due 21 September 1996.

Reservations and Declarations: Article 2.

Rights of the Child

Signed: 21 August 1990; ratified: 10 March 1992.

Lesotho's initial report was due 8 April 1994.

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LIBERIA

Date of admission to UN: 2 November 1945.

TREATIES AND REPORTS TO TREATY BODIES

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

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Signed: 18 April 1967.

Civil and Political Rights

Signed: 18 April 1967.

Racial Discrimination

Acceded: 5 November 1976.

Liberia has not submitted its initial and second through 11th periodic reports, due from 1977 through 5 December 1997.

Discrimination against Women

Acceded: 17 July 1984.

Liberia has not submitted its initial and second through fourth reports, due from 1985 through 16 August 1997.

Rights of the Child

Signed: 26 April 1990; 4 June 1993.

Liberia's initial report was due 3 July 1995.

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Chairman's Statement: (E/CN.4/1997/L.10/Add.18, para. 39)

At its 1997 session the Commission on Human Rights adopted a Chairman's statement on the situation in Liberia. The Commission welcomed the signing of the Abuja agreement in August 1996; welcomed progress in the demobilization and disarmament of warring factions; urged all Liberians to move quickly towards reconciliation and the establishment of a viable political and democratic order; noted with appreciation the registration of several political parties with a restructured Election Commission; noted steps taken toward the appointment of a new head and senior members of the judiciary; noted the need to strengthen peacekeeping troops to ensure security during the elections; called on the international community to provide Liberia with technical and financial assistance to deal with the humanitarian situation; stressed the need for cohesion among factions and parties and encouraged the Group of Nine West African States to act as a check on any excesses of factions; urged the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, after the election in Liberia, to provide technical assistance and advisory services to revive human rights structures and mechanisms in Liberia; called on the Secretary-General to consider sending international election and human rights monitors to Liberia; and, decided to review the situation in Liberia at its 1998 session.

THEMATIC REPORTS

Mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary execution, Special Rapporteur on: (E/CN.4/1997/60/Add.1, paras. 301-303)

The Special Rapporteur (SR) referred to reports indicating that thousands of civilians continued to be direct or indirect victims of the war in Liberia through the fighting in Monrovia, a massacre at Sinje, Grand Cape Mount County, and factional fighting. As well, the violence has prevented relief from reaching thousands of severely malnourished civilians, including children, with the result that many died and the lives of others were seriously endangered. The report welcomed the arrangements made by the UN Observer Mission in Liberia (UNOMIL) to investigate the massacre which took place in Sinje. Concern was expressed that, despite the Abuja peace agreement, factional fighting was reported to be continuing in Liberia. The SR called on all combatants to