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The Human Rights Office forms part of, and is funded by the Department of Peace-keeping Operations (DPKO), UN Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG), under the authority of the Head of Mission of UNOMIG. The Human Rights Office reports to the High Commissioner for Human Rights through the UNOMIG Head of Mission.

The mandate of the Human Rights Office is to promote respect for human rights, protect the human rights of the population of Abkhazia, contribute to a safe and dignified return of refugees and internally displaced persons, and to report on human rights developments. The programme of the Office includes human rights monitoring and technical cooperation. The Office also aims to strengthen capacities and infrastructures to promote human rights and democracy under the rule of law in the framework of a project of technical cooperation for the entire state of Georgia. This project, funded by the UN Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation, was scheduled to begin in 1998.

The objectives of the project are: to provide access to UN human rights information and capacity development in human rights for authorities and institutions of higher learning; to develop the legal community's capacity to teach human rights in the administration of justice; and to develop the human rights capacity of NGOs and the mass media in order to strengthen civil society. These objectives were to be accomplished primarily through "training trainers". Elements in the programme included: development, testing locally and publishing sufficient quantities of training materials for future long-term local use; distribution of UN human rights reference materials to establish permanent human rights depository libraries; translation of the International Bill of Human Rights into the Abkhaz language; training courses on UN human rights teaching in higher education; establishment of two human rights depository libraries; training courses on teaching in the area of administration of justice; training courses on human rights and capacity development for NGOs and mass media; scholarships for officials, educators, and representatives of NGOs and mass media to facilitate further study of human rights.

The Human Rights Office also carries out monitoring of human rights in order to help create a situation of rule of law to promote and protect human rights in Abkhazia. Monitoring includes analysis of the development of the legal system, and key institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights.

The main activities carried out as of August 1998 included: meetings with officials, educators, and NGO

representatives in order to acquaint the local community with the programme of the Office; establishment of cooperation with local NGOs; and, a meeting with government officials related to the situation of internally displaced persons in Abkhazia. The Office receives visitors and distributes UN publications on human rights.



## HUNGARY

**Date of admission to UN:** 14 December 1955.

### TREATIES: RATIFICATIONS AND RESERVATIONS

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

#### Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Signed: 25 March 1969; ratified: 17 January 1974.

Hungary's third periodic report was due 30 June 1994.

*Reservations and Declarations:* Paragraphs 1 and 3 of article 26.

#### Civil and Political Rights

Signed: 25 March 1969; ratified: 17 January 1974.

Hungary's fourth periodic report was due 2 August 1995.

*Reservations and Declarations:* Paragraphs 1 and 3 of article 48; declaration under article 41.

**Optional Protocol:** Acceded: 7 September 1988.

**Second Optional Protocol:** Acceded: 24 February 1994.

#### Racial Discrimination

Signed: 15 September 1966; ratified: 4 May 1967.

Hungary's 14th and 15th periodic reports were due 4 January 1996 and 1998 respectively.

*Reservations and Declarations:* Paragraph 1 of articles 17 and 18.

#### Discrimination against Women

Signed: 6 June 1980; ratified: 22 December 1980.

Hungary's fourth and fifth periodic reports were due 3 September 1994 and 1998 respectively.

#### Torture

Signed: 28 November 1986; ratified: 15 April 1987.

Hungary's third periodic report (CAT/C/34/Add.10) was considered at the Committee's November 1998 session; the fourth periodic report is due 25 June, 2000.

#### Rights of the Child

Signed: 14 March 1990; ratified: 7 October 1991.

Hungary's initial report (CRC/C/8/Add.34) was considered at the Committee's May 1998 session; the second periodic report is due 5 November 1998.