

not been submitted; the eighth periodic report was due 9 December 1996.

#### **Discrimination against Women**

Acceded: 4 August 1981.

The fourth and fifth periodic reports of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines were due 3 September 1994 and 1998 respectively.

#### **Rights of the Child**

Signed: 20 September 1993; ratified: 26 October 1993.

The initial report of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines was due 24 November 1995.



## **SURINAME**

**Date of admission to UN:** 4 December 1975.

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

**Land and People:** Suriname has submitted a revised core document (HRI/CORE/1/Add.39/Rev.1) for use by the treaty bodies. The report prepared by the government contains demographic and statistical data and information on, *inter alia*, the general political structure. The protection of human rights is provided for in the Constitution. Chapter V refers to personal rights and freedoms and establishes principles related to: equality and non-discrimination; equal and public treatment before the law; physical, mental and moral integrity; the right to life; personal liberty and safety; respect for privacy; freedom of religion and philosophy of life; and freedom of opinion, expression, peaceful association and assembly. Chapter VI contains provisions on social, cultural and economic rights and obligations in such areas as: the right to work and safe and healthy conditions of work; the right to own property; protection of the family and the child; equality of women and men before the law; and health and education. Violations of basic rights are submitted to the Court of Justice. Once established, the Constitutional Court will have the task to review laws, or parts of them, as to whether they contravene the Constitution and/or international conventions, as well as to decide whether decisions of government bodies are compatible with basic rights.

The framework for the protection of human rights is set out in the Constitution and responsibility for ensuring respect for human rights is placed with the High Court of Justice, the Public Prosecutor's Office and other judicial bodies and officials. Remedies for violations are stipulated in the Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure, the Civil Code and the Code on Civil Procedure. The enjoyment of human rights can be limited only by the Constitution itself and in exceptional cases where public order is jeopardized. Most human rights instruments are incorporated into national legislation and there is a

National Institution for Human Rights which is a semi-governmental body.

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

Acceded: 28 December 1976.

Suriname's second periodic report was due 30 June 1995.

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

Acceded: 28 December 1976.

Suriname's second through fourth periodic reports were due 2 August 1985, 1990 and 1995 respectively.

**Optional Protocol:** Acceded: 28 December 1976.

#### **Racial Discrimination**

Succeeded: 15 March 1984.

Suriname's initial and second through seventh periodic reports were due 14 April 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995 and 1997 respectively.

#### **Discrimination against Women**

Acceded: 1 March 1993.

Suriname's initial and second periodic reports were due 31 March 1994 and 1998 respectively.

#### **Rights of the Child**

Signed: 26 January 1990; ratified: 1 March 1993.

Suriname's initial report (CRC/C/28/Add.11) has been submitted and is pending for consideration at the Committee's October 2000 session; the second periodic report is due 31 March 2000.



## **TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

**Date of admission to UN:** 18 September 1962.

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

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

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

Acceded: 8 December 1978.

Trinidad and Tobago's second and third periodic reports were due 30 June 1993 and 1998 respectively.

*Reservations and Declarations:* Paragraphs (1) (d) and (2) of article 8.

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

Acceded: 21 December 1978.

Trinidad and Tobago's second and third periodic reports were due 20 March 1990 and 1995 respectively.

*Reservations and Declarations:* Paragraph 2 of article 4; paragraphs 2 (b) and 3 of article 10; paragraph 2 of article 12; paragraph 5 of article 14; paragraph 6 of article 14; paragraph 1 of article 15; article 21; and article 26.