

TANZANIA

(United Republic of)

Date of admission to UN: 14 December 1961 (incorporating Tanganyika and Zanzibar).

TREATIES AND REPORTS TO TREATY BODIES

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

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Acceded: 11 June 1976.

Tanzania's initial report was due 30 June 1990.

Civil and Political Rights

Acceded: 11 June 1976.

Tanzania's third periodic report (CCPR/C/83/Add.2) has been submitted but is not yet scheduled for consideration by the Committee; the fourth periodic report was due 11 April 1996.

Racial Discrimination

Acceded: 27 October 1972.

Tanzania's eighth through 12th periodic reports (covering the period 1987–1995) have not been submitted; the 12th periodic report was due 26 November 1995.

Discrimination against Women

Signed: 17 July 1980; ratified: 20 August 1985.

Tanzania's second and third periodic reports have been submitted as one document (CEDAW/C/TZA/2-3) which is pending for consideration at the Committee's July 1998 session; the fourth periodic report is due 19 September 1998.

Rights of the Child

Signed: 1 June 1990; ratified: 10 June 1991.

Tanzania's second periodic report is due 9 July 1998.

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The situation in Tanzania was considered at the 1997 session of the Commission on Human Rights under the confidential 1503 procedure. The Commission decided to discontinue consideration of Tanzania under 1503 and did not take any action officially to move discussions into public meetings under another agenda item.

THEMATIC REPORTS

Mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights

Torture, Special Rapporteur on: (E/CN.4/1997/7, Section III; E/CN.4/1997/7/Add.1, paras. 539–542)

The Special Rapporteur transmitted to the government 12 cases of torture and other ill-treatment that occurred in Zanzibar following the general election in October 1995. The information indicated that activists from the opposition Civic Unit Front (CUF) were particularly targeted by the police, the security services and members of the youth wing of the ruling party (CCM). The government variously replied that the use of force by the police had been justified because the suspects had resisted arrest or otherwise defied police orders.

Other Reports

World Public Information Campaign on Human Rights, Report of the S-G to the CHR: (E/CN.4/1997/36, para. 85)

The report of the Secretary-General notes that the UN Information Centre Dar-es-Salaam arranged for a message of the Secretary-General to be broadcast on several local radio stations: Radio One, Radio Tanzania Dar-es-Salaam and Radio Tumaini. The message was also read on Independent Television and Dar-es-Salaam television, and published in the *Daily News*.

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TOGO

Date of admission to UN: 20 September 1960.

TREATIES AND REPORTS TO TREATY BODIES

Land and People: Togo has submitted a core document (HRI/CORE/1/Add. 38/Rev.1) for use by the treaty bodies. The report prepared by the government includes demographic and statistical data as well as information on political history and the general legal framework for the protection of human rights.

The Constitution establishes the framework for rights and contains provisions related to the Constitutional Court, the Court of Audit, the High Authority for Communications and Broadcasting, the Economic and Social Council, the High Court of Justice, and the National Human Rights Commission. The national Commission is a civil law institution which has four objectives: to protect the rights of citizens; to consider and recommend to the authorities any bills concerning human rights with a view to their adoption; to organize seminars and symposia on human rights; and to express opinions on human rights issues. The Commission also considers applications from any individual, or a third party or non-governmental organization acting on behalf of an individual, seeking remedy for a violation of human rights. The Ministry of Human Rights was established in 1992 and has responsibility for implementing the government's human rights policy and coordinating initiatives in this area. The provisions of international human rights instruments have been incorporated into the Constitution and may be invoked before the courts.

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Acceded: 24 May 1984.

Togo's initial and second periodic reports were due 30 June 1990 and 1995 respectively.

Civil and Political Rights

Acceded: 24 May 1984.

Togo's third periodic report was due 31 December 1995.

Optional Protocol: Acceded: 30 March 1988.

Racial Discrimination

Acceded: 1 September 1972.

Togo's 11th through 13th periodic reports have been submitted as one document (CERD/C/319/Add.3) which is not yet scheduled for consideration by the Committee; the 14th periodic report is due 1 October 1999.