

Torture, Special Rapporteur on: (E/CN.4/1997/7, Section III; E/CN.4/1997/7/Add.1, para. 107)

The report notes that the Special Rapporteur transmitted ten individual cases to the government. The cases involved: rape by a member of the security forces on the university campus of Youpougon (Abidjan) and the arrest of the Secretary-General and eight other members of the Fédération étudiante et scolaire in September 1995 by members of the DST. Information indicated that the nine members of the Fédération were detained at the DST (Direction de la surveillance du territoire) premises and at the police school, beaten and deprived of food for several days.

Mechanisms and Reports of the Sub-Commission

Contemporary forms of slavery, Working Group on: (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1997/13, para. 74)

The report refers to information indicating that children are being trafficked from Togo to several countries in West Africa, including Côte d'Ivoire.

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DJIBOUTI

Date of admission to UN: 20 September 1977.

TREATIES AND REPORTS TO TREATY BODIES

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

Rights of the Child

Signed: 30 September 1990; ratified: 6 December 1990.

Djibouti's initial report was due 4 January 1993.

Reservations and Declarations: General reservation.

THEMATIC REPORTS

Mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary execution, Special Rapporteur on: (E/CN.4/1997/60, paras. 15, 31, 66; E/CN.4/1997/60/Add.1, paras. 148-149)

The report refers to the case of a prominent human rights lawyer who had been warned by police that they had orders to kill him (see below). The Special Rapporteur reminded the government of its failure to respond to this appeal, as well as to cases that had been transmitted in 1994.

Independence of judges and lawyers, Special Rapporteur on: (E/CN.4/1997/32, paras. 17, 106-107)

The Special Rapporteur (SR) sent a joint urgent appeal with the SR on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions. The case arose from allegations of threats and harassment against a human rights lawyer who, early in 1996, was reportedly informed that certain police officers had received instructions to execute him. It was suggested that the threats might have been linked to his professional activities which included work on behalf of victims of human rights violations. The report notes that the lawyer subsequently reported the threats to the Attorney General's office and was told that the threats would not be investigated and that he would not be provided with protection. The report added that the lawyer was constantly followed without his consent by

two members of the Political Police. At the time the report was finalized, the government had not replied to the joint appeal.

Mechanisms and Reports of the Sub-Commission

States of emergency, Special Rapporteur on: (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1997/19/Add.1, Section II)

The report records that, according to information published in the press, a curfew was introduced in the district of Obock on 16 November 1991.

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EGYPT

Date of admission to UN: 24 October 1945.

TREATIES AND REPORTS TO TREATY BODIES

Land and People: Egypt has submitted a core document (HRI/CORE/1/Add.19) for use by the treaty bodies. The report prepared by the government includes demographic data and information on the structure of government, the Constitution, the Penal Code, the Egyptian Emergency Act, judicial authority, juvenile justice and the general legal framework related to human rights.

The Constitution establishes the rights and freedoms of citizens and has provisions on, for example, political freedom and the multi-party system, equality of opportunity, protection of the family, equality between women and men, the right to work, the right to assume public office, the right to free education at all levels, non-discrimination, privacy, freedom of movement, the press, associations and trade unions and political asylum. All crimes related to human rights as set out in international instruments are punishable under Egyptian penal law. The international treaties that Egypt has ratified, including human rights instruments, are part of the law in force in the country.

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Signed: 4 August 1967; ratified: 14 January 1982.

Egypt's initial report was due 30 June 1990; the second periodic report was due 30 June 1995.

Reservations and Declarations: General reservation.

Civil and Political Rights

Signed: 4 August 1967; ratified: 14 January 1982.

Egypt's third periodic report was due 13 April 1994.

Racial Discrimination

Signed: 28 September 1966; ratified: 1 May 1967.

Egypt's 13th periodic report was due 4 January 1994; the 14th periodic report was due 4 January 1996.

Reservations and Declarations: Article 22.

Discrimination against Women

Signed: 17 July 1980; ratified: 18 September 1981.

Egypt's third periodic report (CEDAW/C/EGY/3) has been submitted and is pending for the Committee's January 1999 session; the fourth periodic report was due 18 October 1994.

Reservations and Declarations: Article 2; paragraph 2 of article 9; article 16; article 29.