

- (i) Optional Protocol to the ICCPR, entered into force 23 March 1976
 - (ii) Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, entered into force 11 July 1991.
3. International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, which entered into force 4 January 1969.
 4. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, which entered into force 3 September 1981.
 5. Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, entered into force 26 June 1987.
 6. Convention on the Rights of the Child, entered into force 2 September 1990.

With respect to each convention and/or optional protocol that the country/territory has adhered to, the report provides:

- ▶ the dates of ratification, accession, secession or signature;
- ▶ the due date of the next report;
- ▶ the date when the next report is scheduled to be considered by the relevant treaty-body; and/or
- ▶ a listing of overdue reports not yet received.

The report also indicates whether the State party has made any reservations or declarations to these instruments. In addition, for every State party report that a treaty-body reviewed in calendar year 1997, there is a summary of the subjects which the governments addressed and a summary of the concerns, comments and recommendations of the treaty-body.

(c) Commission on Human Rights (CHR):

Country Rapporteurs: If there is a Special Rapporteur, Special Representative or Expert for the country in question, the report of that mechanism is the first to be discussed.

Resolutions of the Commission on Human Rights: If the CHR has adopted a country resolution, or if there is a Chairman's Statement on that country, that resolution/statement is summarized.

Thematic Reports, organized under three sub-headings:

- (i) **Mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights:** here, we summarize any substantive comments made by the thematic rapporteurs or working groups of the CHR concerning that country; the thematic mechanisms are listed in alphabetical order.
- (ii) **Mechanisms and Reports of the Sub-Commission:** here we summarize any substantive comments made by Sub-Commission Rapporteurs or special reports of the Sub-Commission.

(iii) **Other Reports:** summarizes additional thematic reports including those of the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner on Human Rights to the CHR.

(d) Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities:

This section summarizes any country-specific resolutions of the Sub-Commission.

(e) Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC):

This section summarizes any reports to ECOSOC, including those of the Secretary-General, as well as any relevant resolutions adopted by ECOSOC.

(f) General Assembly (GA):

This section summarizes any reports to the GA including those of Special Rapporteurs, Representatives or Working Group, as well as any resolutions adopted by the GA.

(g) Security Council (SC):

This section summarizes any relevant reports to the SC including reports of the Secretary-General or statements by the President of the SC, and relevant resolutions.

(h) UN Field Operations:

This section summarizes any relevant reports emanating from UN field offices and/or operations.

Appendix. Each geographic volume also contains, as an appendix, the reporting schedule of the treaty-bodies, to the extent that it has been established, for all countries in the region.

3. Volume 1. Thematic Mechanisms and Reports

As explained in the introduction, Volume 1 is devoted primarily to a summary of the work of the thematic mechanisms and related reports presented to the CHR, Sub-Commission, ECOSOC, GA and SC, as well as resolutions of these bodies. Also included, where relevant, are General Comments or General Recommendations of the treaty-bodies on specific issues. The subjects are alphabetically ordered.

Since it has not been possible to be totally comprehensive in the discussion of thematics, we include — under the heading "Additional Thematic Approaches" — information under three sub-headings:

- (a) Mandates of the Secretary-General;
- (b) Studies of the Sub-Commission, both those concluded in 1997 and those ongoing; and
- (c) Draft Declarations and Draft Optional Protocols which are currently being elaborated.