

1997 in the context of elections; they were reportedly kept in especially harsh detention conditions and subjected to ill treatment.



CAPE VERDE

Date of admission to UN: 16 September 1975.

TREATIES: RATIFICATIONS AND RESERVATIONS

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

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Acceded: 6 August 1993.

Cape Verde's initial report was due 30 June 1995.

Civil and Political Rights

Acceded: 6 August 1993.

Cape Verde's initial report was due 5 November 1994.

Racial Discrimination

Acceded: 3 October 1979.

Cape Verde's third through ninth periodic reports have not been submitted (covering the period 1984-1996); the ninth periodic report was due 2 November 1996.

Discrimination against Women

Acceded: 5 December 1980.

Cape Verde's initial through fifth periodic reports have not been submitted (covering the period 1982-1998); the fifth periodic report was due 3 September 1998.

Torture

Acceded: 4 June 1992.

Cape Verde's initial and second periodic reports were due 3 July 1993 and 1997 respectively.

Rights of the Child

Acceded: 4 June 1992.

Cape Verde's initial report was due 3 July 1994.



CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Date of admission to UN: 20 September 1960.

TREATIES: RATIFICATIONS AND RESERVATIONS

Land and People: The Central African Republic has not submitted a core document for use by the treaty bodies.

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Acceded: 8 May 1981.

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

Civil and Political Rights

Acceded: 8 May 1981.

The Republic's second periodic report was due 9 April 1989; the third periodic report was due 7 August 1992; the fourth periodic report was due 7 August 1997.

Optional Protocol: Acceded: 8 May 1981.

Racial Discrimination

Signed: 7 March 1966; ratified: 16 March 1971.

The Republic has not submitted a report since 1985; the eighth through 14th reports are overdue; the 14th periodic report was due 15 April 1998.

Discrimination against Women

Acceded: 21 June 1991.

The Republic's initial report was due 21 July 1992; the second periodic report was due 21 July 1996.

Rights of the Child

Signed: 30 July 1990; ratified: 23 April 1992.

The Republic's initial report (CRC/C/11/Add.18) has been submitted and is scheduled for consideration at the Committee's May/June 2001 session; the second periodic report is due 23 May 1999.

THEMATIC REPORTS

Mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary execution, Special Rapporteur on: (E/CN.4/1998/68, para. 12; E/CN.4/1998/68/Add.1, paras. 68-70)

The report refers to two amnesty laws — the first, dated 30 May 1996, granting amnesty for offences committed by members of the Central African armed forces who were responsible for the mutinies of April and May 1996; the second, dated 15 March 1997, granting amnesty for offences connected with the mutiny of 15 November 1996 to 25 January 1997. The Special Rapporteur expressed concern that these two laws might have the effect of sanctioning impunity and stated that respect for the rights of the victims and their families and the right to truth, justice and compensation will help bring about a genuine national reconciliation.

An urgent appeal was sent to the government on behalf of a family who had reportedly been threatened with death by rebels. The information received also referred to an armed attack against the family and looting of their home by six men in military uniforms. No further details of the case were provided and the government had not responded.