

## ANDORRA

**Date of admission to UN:** 28 July 1993.

### TREATIES: RATIFICATIONS AND RESERVATIONS

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

#### Discrimination against Women

Acceded: 15 January 1997.

Andorra's initial report was due 14 February 1998.

#### Rights of the Child

Signed: 2 October 1995; ratified: 2 January 1996.

Andorra's initial report was due 31 January 1998.

*Reservations and Declarations:* Paragraphs 2 and 3 of article 38; articles 7 and 8.



## AUSTRALIA

**Date of admission to UN:** 1 November 1945.

### TREATIES: RATIFICATIONS AND RESERVATIONS

**Land and People:** Australia has submitted a core document (HRI/CORE/1/Add.44) for use by the treaty bodies. The report prepared by the government includes demographic and statistical data as well as information on the federal system, the general legal framework for the protection of human rights, including State and Territory anti-discrimination and equal opportunity legislation, and the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission.

The Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission is a permanent independent statutory authority with responsibility for provisions in the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Act 1986, the Racial Discrimination Act 1975, the Sex Discrimination Act 1984 and the Disability Discrimination Act 1992. The Commission also assists the Privacy Commissioner in administering the Privacy Act 1988. Additional institutional bodies include a Commonwealth Ombudsman with the mandate to investigate complaints about administrative actions of all Commonwealth government departments and some agencies, the office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Social Justice Commissioner, the Office of the Status of Women and the Office of Multicultural Affairs. Federal human rights legislation operates throughout Australia and there are some areas of overlap with state and territory legislation. International human rights treaties are not self-executing and require legislative implementation to be effective in Australian law. An individual cannot complain in a domestic court about a breach of Aus-

tralia's international human rights obligations unless the right has been incorporated into domestic law.

#### Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Signed: 18 December 1972; ratified: 10 December 1975.

Australia's third periodic report (E/1994/104/Add.22) has been submitted and is pending for consideration at the Committee's November 2000 session; the fourth periodic report is due 30 June 1999.

#### Civil and Political Rights

Signed: 18 December 1972; ratified: 13 August 1980.

Australia's third and fourth periodic reports were due 12 November 1991 and 1996 respectively.

*Reservations and Declarations:* Paragraphs 2 (a), (b) and 3 of article 10; paragraph 6 of article 14; article 20; declaration under article 41.

**Optional Protocol:** Acceded: 25 September 1991.

**Second Optional Protocol:** Acceded: 2 October 1990.

#### Racial Discrimination

Signed: 13 October 1966; ratified: 30 September 1975.

Australia's 10th, 11th and 12th periodic reports were due 30 October 1994, 1996 and 1998 respectively.

*Reservations and Declarations:* Paragraph (a) of article 4; declaration under article 14.

#### Discrimination against Women

Signed: 17 July 1980; ratified: 28 July 1983.

Australia's fourth periodic report (CEDAW/C/AUT/3-4) has been submitted but is not yet scheduled for consideration by the Committee; the fifth periodic report is due 27 August 2000

*Reservations and Declarations:* Paragraph 2 of article 11.

#### Torture

Signed: 10 December 1985; ratified: 8 August 1989.

Australia's second and third periodic reports were due 6 September 1994 and 1998 respectively.

#### Rights of the Child

Signed: 22 August 1990; ratified: 17 December 1990.

Australia's second periodic report was due 15 January 1998.

*Reservations and Declarations:* Paragraph (c) of article 37.

### REPORTS TO TREATY BODIES

#### Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

At its August 1998 session the Committee adopted Decision 1 (53) on Australia (CERD/C/53/Misc.17/Rev.2). Under article 9 (1) of the Convention, the Committee requested that the government provide it with information on: the changes projected or introduced to the 1993 Native Title Act; any changes of policy as to Aboriginal land rights; and the functions of the Aboriginal and