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### **UN Human Rights Bodies**

The UN network of human rights bodies may be viewed as falling into two categories: 1. legislative and policy-making bodies and 2. implementation and monitoring bodies. However, functions can overlap, especially in the cases of major legislative bodies whose agenda combines policy and implementation questions.

1. UN legislative and policy-making bodies
  - General Assembly
  - Commission on Human Rights (subsidiary of Economic and Social Council)
    - Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights
  - Commission on the Status of Women (subsidiary of Economic and Social Council)
  
2. UN implementation and monitoring bodies
  - Treaty-based bodies:
    - Human Rights Committee
    - Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
    - Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
    - Committee Against Torture
    - Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women
    - Committee on the Rights of the Child
  - Mechanisms created by the Commission on Human Rights
  - Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights