

DJIBOUTI

Date of admission to UN: 20 September 1977.

TREATIES: RATIFICATIONS AND RESERVATIONS

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

Discrimination against Women

Signed: 2 December 1998.

Rights of the Child

Signed: 30 September 1990; ratified: 6 December 1990. Djibouti's initial report (CRC/C/8/Add.39) has been submitted and is scheduled for consideration at the Committee's September/October 2000 session; the second periodic report was due 4 January 1998.

Reservations and Declarations: General reservation.

THEMATIC REPORTS

Mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights

Torture, Special Rapporteur on: (E/CN.4/1998/38, para. 87; E/CN.4/1998/38/Add.1, para. 87)

An urgent appeal was sent to the government in October 1997 on behalf of members of the opposition movement Front for the Restoration of Unity and Democracy (FRUD). Information indicated that the persons concerned belong to the Afar ethnic group, and were arrested in Ethiopia in late September 1997. The information stated that they were handed over to the Djibouti authorities the following day and have been held incommunicado at a detention centre in the capital ever since.



EGYPT

Date of admission to UN: 24 October 1945.

TREATIES: RATIFICATIONS AND RESERVATIONS

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 opportu-

nity, 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 (E/1990/5/Add.38) has been submitted and is pending consideration at the Committee's April 2000 session; 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, 14th and 15th periodic reports were due 4 January 1994, 1996 and 1998 respectively.

Reservations and Declarations: Article 22.

Discrimination against Women

Signed: 16 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 June 1999 session; the fourth and fifth periodic reports were due 18 October 1994 and 1998 respectively.

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

Torture

Acceded: 25 June 1986.

Egypt's third periodic report was due 25 June 1996.

Rights of the Child

Signed: 5 February 1990; ratified: 6 July 1990.

Egypt's second periodic report (CRC/C/65/Add.9) has been submitted and is pending consideration for the Committee's May/June 2001 session.

Reservations and Declarations: Articles 20 and 21.

THEMATIC REPORTS

Mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights

Arbitrary detention, Working Group on:

(E/CN.4/1998/44, para. 19)

The report notes that two urgent appeals were sent to the government on behalf of two individuals. No details of the cases were provided.