

THEMATIC REPORTS

Mechanisms and Reports of the Sub-Commission

States of emergency, Special Rapporteur on:
(E/CN.4/Sub.2/1997/19/Add.1, Section II)

The report notes that emergency legislation has been in force since 1965 and expressly provides for preventive detention.

FIELD OPERATIONS

The UN Human Rights Field Office was established in January 1995 in Lilongwe. As of the beginning of 1998 the post of Chief Technical Advisor was vacant. Address: c/o UNDP, P.O. Box 30135, Lilongwe 3, Malawi; telephone/ fax: (265) 781-775.

The technical cooperation programme agreed to in August 1994 is expected to be completed in 1998. The Malawi Project for the Consolidation of the Democratic Process has as its main areas of focus: a national workshop on the implementation of the 1995/1996 Human Rights National Plan of Action; the provision of human rights information; the establishment of the Human Rights Commission; legal reform, including the establishment of the Law Commission; human rights training for the police, police prosecutors, criminal investigation officers, the military, the Prisons Service and lawyers; further assistance to the National Compensation Tribunal; expert advice on the possible establishment of a truth commission on past human rights abuses; a national workshop on reporting under the human rights instruments; expert advice and assistance on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; and training on the human rights aspects of elections.

During the period 1996 to 1997, technical cooperation activities were implemented in the areas of: the Human Rights National Plan of Action; provisional establishment of the National Compensation Tribunal; establishment of the Human Rights Commission; assistance to the Inspectorate of Prisons; human rights training for police trainers, including the provision of instructional materials specially adapted to Malawi; the national workshop on investigating past human rights abuses; training seminars on reporting under the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; human rights training for NGOs; the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Human Rights and Democracy; legal reform; human rights treaty accession; and dissemination of human rights materials and publications.

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MALI

Date of admission to UN: 28 September 1960.

TREATIES AND REPORTS TO TREATY BODIES

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

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Acceded: 16 July 1974.

Mali's initial report was due 30 June 1990; the second periodic report was due 30 June 1995.

Civil and Political Rights

Acceded: 16 July 1974.

Mali's second, third and fourth periodic reports were due from 1986 through 1996; the fourth periodic report was due 11 April 1996.

Racial Discrimination

Acceded: 16 July 1974.

Mali's seventh through 12th periodic reports were due from 1987 through 1997; the 12th periodic report was due 15 August 1997.

Discrimination against Women

Signed: 5 February 1985; ratified: 10 September 1985.

Mali's second periodic report was due 10 October 1990; the third periodic report was due 10 October 1994.

Rights of the Child

Signed: 26 January 1990; ratified: 20 September 1990.

Mali's initial report (CRC/C/3/Add.53) has been submitted and is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its May 1999 session; the second periodic report was due 18 October 1997.

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(E/CN.4/Sub.2/1997/19/Add.1, Section I)

A state of emergency was declared in Mali on 22 March 1991.

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MAURITANIA

Date of admission to UN: 7 October 1961.

TREATIES AND REPORTS TO TREATY BODIES

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

Racial Discrimination

Signed: 21 December 1966; ratified: 13 December 1988.

Mauritania's initial and second through fourth periodic reports were due 12 January 1990, 1992, 1994 and 1996 respectively.

Rights of the Child

Signed: 26 January 1990; ratified: 16 May 1991.

Mauritania's initial report was due 14 June 1993.

Reservations and Declarations: General reservation.

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Mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights

Disappearances, Working Group on enforced or involuntary: (E/CN.4/1997/34, paras. 228-230)

No new cases of disappearance were transmitted to the government. The one outstanding case reportedly occurred in a village in southern Mauritania in 1990, where a 21-year-old man was taken away by members of the National Guard. At