

ensure that at least 20 were deployed. In December 1996 the former High Commissioner made a statement expressing concern at the deteriorating human rights situation in Burundi and appealing to the authorities and to all parties to assure maximum respect for all rights and fundamental freedom and to put an end to killings, arbitrary arrests and destruction of property. The High Commissioner emphasized an increasingly urgent need to strengthen the human rights monitoring operation in Burundi and renewed the appeal to the international community to support the work of the office in Burundi.

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CAMEROON

Date of admission to UN: 20 September 1960.

TREATIES AND REPORTS TO TREATY BODIES

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

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Acceded: 27 June 1984.

Cameroon's initial report (E/1990/5/Add.35) has been submitted and is pending for consideration at the Committee's April/May 1999 session; the second periodic report was due 30 June 1995.

Civil and Political Rights

Acceded: 27 June 1984.

Cameroon's third periodic report (CCPR/C/102/Add.2) has been submitted but is not yet scheduled for consideration by the Committee; the fourth periodic report is due 26 September 2000.

Optional Protocol: Acceded: 27 June 1984.

Racial Discrimination

Signed: 12 December 1966; ratified: 24 June 1971.

Cameroon's 10th through 13th periodic reports (CERD/C/298/Add.3) were submitted as one document which is pending for consideration by the Committee at its March 1998 session; the 14th periodic report is due 24 July 1998.

At its March 1997 meeting, the Committee recalled that Cameroon had not submitted a report since 1989. The concluding observations and comments (CERD/C/50/ Misc.17/ Rev.1) note that the government informed the Committee that it would shortly resume its reporting obligations under the Convention. The Committee therefore invited Cameroon to include in its next report information on the legislative, judicial, administrative or other measures giving effect to the Convention.

Discrimination against Women

Signed: 6 June 1983; ratified: 23 August 1994.

Cameroon's initial report was due 22 September 1995.

Torture

Acceded: 19 December 1986

Cameroon's third periodic report was due 26 June 1996.

Rights of the Child

Signed: 25 September 1990; ratified: 11 January 1993.

Cameroon's initial report was due 2 February 1995.

THEMATIC REPORTS

Mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights

Arbitrary detention, Working Group: (E/CN.4/1997/4, para. 17)

The report notes that one urgent appeal was sent to the government but provides no details on the case(s).

Disappearances, Working Group on enforced or involuntary: (E/CN.4/1997/34, paras. 86-88)

There are six cases of disappearance which all occurred in 1992 that the WG has not yet clarified. Five of the victims were youngsters between the ages of 13 and 17. They were last seen being taken into police custody in Bamenda in February 1992. During 1996, the period covered by the report, the government did not provide any information on these cases to the WG.

Torture, Special Rapporteur on: (E/CN.4/1997/7, Section III; E/CN.4/1997/7/Add.1, para. 44)

The Special Rapporteur has requested an invitation from the government to visit Cameroon. During the year, three urgent appeals were sent concerning detainees arrested after demonstrations and held in solitary confinement for up to one month before transfer to the central prison.

Other Reports

National institutions, Report of the S-G to the CHR: (E/CN.4/1997/41, para. 23)

The report of the Secretary-General summarized information provided by Cameroon's National Commission on Human Rights noting that, at the request of other African human rights institutions, the Commission would plan, prepare and host the first African Regional Conference of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights. One of the objectives of the conference was to encourage states in the region to create their own national institutions. In terms of other activities, the report notes that the National Commission had organized human rights training seminars for administrative personnel, law enforcement officers and jurists, initiated contacts with religious bodies, and become involved in investigating inter-ethnic land conflicts.

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CAPE VERDE

Date of admission to UN: 16 September 1975.

TREATIES AND REPORTS TO TREATY BODIES

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.