

time many people belonging to the Hal-Pulaar ethnic group in the south of the country were reportedly subjected to human rights violations, allegedly carried out by government forces and the Haratine militia. No new information was received from the government with regard to this case.



MAURITIUS

Date of admission to UN: 24 April 1968.

TREATIES: RATIFICATIONS AND RESERVATIONS

Land and People: Mauritius has submitted a core document (HRI/CORE/1/Add.60/Rev.1) for use by the treaty bodies. The report prepared by the government includes basic information on elections, the economy, employment, health and religion. The framework for protection of human rights is established in the Constitution and the judiciary consists of the Supreme Court, the Intermediate Court and District Courts. The Supreme Court has unlimited jurisdiction to hear and decide on any civil or criminal proceedings. Channels for remedies include police authorities, the courts, the office of the Ombudsman and the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. The provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights may be referred to in proceedings but are not directly enforceable by the courts.

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Acceded: 12 December 1973.

Mauritius' second periodic report was due 30 June 1995.

Civil and Political Rights

Acceded: 12 December 1973.

Mauritius' fourth periodic report was due 30 June 1998.

Optional Protocol: Acceded: 12 December 1973.

Racial Discrimination

Acceded: 30 May 1972.

Mauritius' 13th periodic report was due 29 June 1997.

Discrimination against Women

Acceded: 9 July 1984.

Mauritius' third and fourth periodic reports were due 8 August 1993 and 1997 respectively.

Reservations and Declarations: Paragraph 1 of article 29.

Torture

Acceded: 9 December 1992.

Mauritius' second periodic report has been submitted (CAT/C/43/Add.1) and is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its May 1999 session; the third periodic report is due 7 January 2002.

Rights of the Child

Acceded: 26 July 1990.

Mauritius' second periodic report was due 1 September 1997.

Reservations and Declarations: Article 22.

FIELD OPERATIONS

Mauritius is a member of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) and, therefore, a beneficiary of and participant in the Regional Human Rights Programme Office for Southern Africa, a joint project of OHCHR and UNDP, which is based in Pretoria (see profile under "South Africa").



MOROCCO

Date of admission to UN: 12 November 1956.

TREATIES: RATIFICATIONS AND RESERVATIONS

Land and People: Morocco has submitted a core document (HRI/CORE/1/Add.23) for use by the treaty bodies. The report prepared by the government includes demographic and statistical data and information on the political and judicial systems.

The national courts are responsible for ensuring that human rights are respected. A human rights advisory council has been set up to monitor the human rights situation and give opinions on specific cases involving human rights. Remedies for violations of human rights are available before the commune and district courts, the courts of first instance, the courts of appeal and the Supreme Court. There are provisions as well for appeal of administrative decisions causing harm through appeals to authorities and, if the plaintiff is not satisfied, through appeal to the Supreme Court. The rights set out in the international human rights instruments to which Morocco has either acceded or ratified are protected by the Constitution and there is no constitutional provision for derogation from that protection. The provisions of these instruments may be automatically invoked before Moroccan courts.

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Signed: 19 January 1977; ratified: 3 May 1979.

Morocco's second periodic report (E/C/1990/6/Add.20) is scheduled for consideration at the Committee's April/May 2001 session.

Civil and Political Rights

Signed: 19 January 1977; ratified: 3 May 1979.

Morocco's fourth periodic report (CCPR/C/115/Add.1) has been submitted but is not yet scheduled for consideration by the Committee; the fifth periodic report is due 31 October 2001.