ISSUE

The Commission on Human Rights was established in 1946. Its primary purpose is to prepare recommendations and reports on international declarations or conventions, conventions on civil liberties, freedom of information, the protection of minorities, the prevention of discrimination on the basis of race, sex, language or religion, and any other matter concerning human rights. The Commission is composed of 43 members elected for a term of three years by the Economic and Social Council.

For the 1987 Session, the members of the Commission are as follows:

African States		Asian States	
Algeria Congo Ethiopia Gambia Lesotho Liberia Mozambique Rwanda Senegal Somalia	(1988)* (1987) (1988) (1987) (1987) (1987) (1988) (1989) (1989) (1989) (1989)	Bangladesh China Cyprus India Iraq Japan Philippines Sri Lanka Pakistan	(1988) (1987) (1988) (1988) (1989) (1987) (1989) (1987) (1989)
Latin American	States	Western Europea	n and Other States
Argentina Brazil Colombia Costa Rica Mexico Nicaragua Peru Venezuela	(1987) (1989) (1988) (1988) (1989) (1988) (1988) (1987)	Australia Austria Belgium France Germany F.R. Ireland Italy Norway United Kingdom U.S.A.	(1987) (1987) (1988) (1989) (1987) (1988) (1989) (1988) (1987) (1989)
Eastern European States			
Bulgaria Byelorrussian S.S.R. German Democratic Republic U.S.S.R. Yugoslavia		(1987) (1988) (1989) (1988) (1989)	

^{*}Indicates expiration date of term.