

Rights of the Child

Acceded: 20 September 1993.

Turkmenistan's initial report was due 19 October 1995.

THEMATIC REPORTS**Mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights**

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary execution, Special Rapporteur on: (E/CN.4/1998/68, paras. 12, 27, 33, 69, 86; E/CN.4/1998/68/Add.1, paras. 396–398)

An urgent appeal was sent to the government on behalf of one person who was reportedly imprisoned after an anti-government demonstration in July 1995. Fears for his life were expressed in response to reports that he was being detained at the maximum security prison in Ashgabat alongside violent criminals, who had allegedly been incited by the authorities to harm him. A second appeal was sent on behalf of three persons who were reportedly sentenced to death in March 1997 by the Supreme Court, acting in this case as a court of first instance, and who therefore had no right to appeal to a higher independent body of justice. A third urgent appeal was sent on behalf of one person, who was reportedly sentenced to death for drug trafficking in May 1997 by the Ashgabat City Court. According to the information received, the charge against him was fabricated because of his continuing contact with a government opponent.

**TUVALU**

Date of admission to UN: Tuvalu is not a member of the UN.

TREATIES: RATIFICATIONS AND RESERVATIONS

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

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Acceded: 22 September 1995.

Tuvalu's initial report was due 21 December 1997.

**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

Date of admission to UN: 9 December 1971.

TREATIES: RATIFICATIONS AND RESERVATIONS

Land and People: The United Arab Emirates has not submitted a core document for use by the treaty bodies.

Racial Discrimination

Acceded: 20 June 1974.

The 12th periodic report of the United Arab Emirates was due 20 July 1997.

Reservations and Declarations: General declaration

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Acceded: 3 January 1997.

The initial report of the United Arab Emirates is due 7 March 1999.

Reservations and Declarations: Article 7, 14, 17 and 21.

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Arbitrary detention, Working Group on: (E/CN.4/1998/44, paras. 4, 5)

The report notes that a case was transmitted and the government responded. No details of the case were provided.

Disappearances, Working Group on enforced or involuntary: (E/CN.4/1998/43, paras. 13, 384–385)

For the first time one case of alleged disappearance was sent to the government. The disappearance was said to have occurred in 1996 and concerned a university professor of Egyptian nationality who was reportedly seconded from Assyat University in Egypt to Agman University in the United Arab Emirates. Information indicated that he disappeared shortly after returning to the UAE following a visit with his family in Cairo. He is said to be a well-known intellectual and human rights activist. No response was received from the government.

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary execution, Special Rapporteur on: (E/CN.4/1998/68, paras. 12, 27; E/CN.4/1998/68/Add.1, para. 403)

An urgent appeal was sent to the government on behalf of three Indian nationals who were reportedly sentenced to death in December 1996. Their appeals were reportedly rejected in July 1997, despite the fact that "blood money" was paid to the families of the deceased who subsequently waived the punishment against them.

Religious intolerance, Special Rapporteur on: (E/CN.4/1998/6, paras. 48, 50, 68)

The report refers to violations of freedom of religion and belief against Christianity, and notes that an urgent appeal was sent to the government concerning the case of