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STATUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTRUMENTS  
AND THE GENERAL SITUATION OF OVERDUE REPORTS

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The present report contains updated information on the status of the international human rights instruments and the general situation of overdue reports as at 30 June 1995 in regard to the following six instruments:

(a) The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, adopted by the General Assembly on 16 December 1966 and entered into force on 3 January 1976;

(b) The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, adopted by the General Assembly on 16 December 1966 and entered into force on 23 March 1976;

(c) The International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, adopted by the General Assembly on 21 December 1965 and entered into force on 4 January 1969;

(d) The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, adopted by the General Assembly on 18 December 1979 and entered into force on 3 September 1981;

(e) The Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the General Assembly on 10 December 1984 and entered into force on 26 June 1987; and

(f) The Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the General Assembly on 20 November 1989 and entered into force on 2 September 1990.

Table 1

Changes in the number of States parties and overdue reports by treaty  
1994-1995

International instrument	30 June 1995		30 June 1994	
	States parties	Overdue reports	States parties	Overdue reports
International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	131	129	129	105
International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	129	107	127	98
International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination	143	376	139	381
Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	139*	163*	133	117
Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	89	54	82	47
Convention on the Rights of the Child	174	86	160	79

\* As of 3 February 1995.

Table 2

Overdue reports by States parties and by treaty  
(as of 30 June 1995)

STATE PARTIES	CCPR	CESCR	CERD	CEDAW*	CAT	CRC	TOTAL REPORTS	TOTAL TREATIES
Afghanistan	1	1	5		1	0	8	5
Albania	1	1	1	0	1	1	5	6
Algeria	0	1	2		1	1	5	5
Andorra							0	0
Angola	1	1		2		1	5	4
Antigua and Barbuda			3	0	1	0	4	4
Argentina	0	0	3	1	0	0	4	6
Armenia	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	6
Australia	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	6
Austria	1	0	2	1	1	1	6	6
Azerbaijan	0	1				1	2	3
Bahamas			6	1		1	8	3
Bahrain			3			1	4	2
Bangladesh			2	0		1	3	3
Barbados	1	1	0	0		1	3	5
Belarus	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	6
Belgium	1	1	2	1		0	5	5
Belize				1	1	1	3	3
Benin	1	1		1	1	1	5	5
Bhutan				3		1	4	2
Bolivia	2	2	0	0		0	4	5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	6
Botswana			6			0	6	2
Brazil	0	1	4	3	2	1	11	6
Brunei Darussalam							0	0
Bulgaria	1	1	2	0	1	1	6	6
Burkina Faso			5	1		0	6	3
Burundi	0	1	3	1	1	1	7	6
Cambodia	1	1	5	1	1	1	10	6
Cameroon	0	1	3	0	1	1	6	6
Canada	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	6
Cape Verde	1	1	6	4	1	1	14	6

STATE PARTIES	CCPR	CESCR	CERD	CEDAW*	CAT	CRC	TOTAL REPORTS	TOTAL TREATIES
Central African Republic	2	2	5	1		1	11	5
Chad			0			1	1	2
Chile	1	1	2	0	0	0	4	6
China			3	2	1	0	6	4
Colombia	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	6
Comoros				0		0	0	2
Congo	2	2	3	3		0	10	5
Costa Rica	0	1	2	2	1	0	6	6
Côte d'Ivoire	1	1	7			1	10	4
Croatia	1	1	2	0	1	0	5	6
Cuba			3	1	0	1	5	4
Cyprus	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	6
Czech Republic	1	1	1	1	0	1	5	6
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	2	1				1	4	3
Denmark	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	6
Djibouti						1	1	1
Dominica	1	1		4		1	7	4
Dominican Republic	1	0	3	0		1	5	5
Ecuador	1	0	1	1	0	1	4	6
Egypt	1	2	1	2	0	0	6	6
El Salvador	0	1	0	2		0	3	5
Equatorial Guinea	2	2		1		1	6	4
Eritrea						0	0	1
Estonia	0	1	2	1	1	1	6	6
Ethiopia	1	1	3	1	1	1	8	6
Fiji			6			0	6	2
Finland	1	0	2	0	1	0	4	6
France	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	6
Gabon	3	2	7	2		0	14	5
Gambia	3	2	7	1		1	14	5
Georgia	0	0		0	0	0	0	5
Germany	1	1	1	2	0	0	5	6
Ghana			2	1		1	4	3
Greece		1	1	2	0	1	5	5
Grenada	1	1		1		1	4	4
Guatemala	0	1	0	1	1	0	3	6

STATE PARTIES	CCPR	CESCR	CERD	CEDAW*	CAT	CRC	TOTAL REPORTS	TOTAL TREATIES
Guinea	1	2	8	3	2	1	17	6
Guinea-Bissau		1		3		1	5	3
Guyana	2	2	9	3	2	1	19	6
Haiti	0		2	4			6	3
Holy See			1			0	1	2
Honduras		2		0		0	2	3
Hungary	0	1	0	1	0	1	3	6
Iceland	0	0	0	1		0	1	5
India	1	1	4	1		1	8	5
Indonesia				2		0	2	2
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1	1	1			0	3	4
Iraq	1	1	3	1		0	6	5
Ireland	0	1		2		1	4	4
Israel	1	1	2	0	0	1	5	6
Italy	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	6
Jamaica	2	1	5	2		0	10	5
Japan	0	1		0		0	1	4
Jordan	0	1	2	1	0	0	4	6
Kazakhstan						0	0	1
Kenya	2	1		1		1	5	4
Kuwait			1	0		1	2	3
Kyrgyzstan	0	0				0	0	3
Lao People's Democratic Republic			6	4		1	11	3
Latvia	0	1	2	1	1	1	6	6
Lebanon	3	1	7			0	11	4
Lesotho	1	1	6			1	9	4
Liberia			9	3		1	13	3
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	0	1	3	1	0	1	6	6
Liechtenstein					0		0	1
Lithuania	1	1		0		1	3	4
Luxembourg	1	1	1	2	1	0	6	6
Madagascar	2	2	4	1		0	9	5
Malawi	1	0		1		1	3	4
Malaysia						0	0	1
Maldives			2	1		1	4	3
Mali	2	2	4	2		1	11	5

STATE PARTIES	CCPR	CESCR	CERD	CEDAW*	CAT	CRC	TOTAL REPORTS	TOTAL TREATIES
Malta	0	1	3	1	1	1	7	6
Marshall Islands						0	0	1
Mauritania			3			1	4	2
Mauritius	1	1	4	1	0	1	8	6
Mexico	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	6
Micronesia (Federated States of)						1	1	1
Monaco					0	0	0	2
Mongolia	1	1	3	2		0	7	5
Morocco	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	6
Mozambique	1		5			0	6	3
Myanmar						1	1	1
Namibia	0	0	3	1	0	0	4	6
Nauru						0	0	1
Nepal	0	1	4	1	0	0	6	6
Netherlands	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	6
New Zealand	1	1	0	1	1	1	5	6
Nicaragua	1	1	0	1		0	3	5
Niger	2	2	3			1	8	4
Nigeria	1	1	0	2		1	5	5
Norway	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	6
Oman							0	0
Pakistan			4			0	4	2
Palau							0	0
Panama	2	1	4	2	0	1	10	6
Papua New Guinea			6	0		1	7	3
Paraguay	0	0		0	1	0	1	5
Peru	0	1	1	1	1	0	4	6
Philippines	1	1	3	1	1	0	7	6
Poland	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	6
Portugal	1	0	2	1	1	0	5	6
Qatar			1			0	1	2
Republic of Korea	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	6
Republic of Moldova	1	1	1	0		1	4	5
Romania	1	1	1	1	0	0	4	6
Russian Federation	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	6
Rwanda	1	1	3	1		0	6	5

STATE PARTIES	CCPR	CESCR	CERD	CEDAW*	CAT	CRC	TOTAL REPORTS	TOTAL TREATIES
Saint Kitts and Nevis				3		1	4	2
Saint Lucia			3	3		1	7	3
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	2	2	6	1		0	11	5
Samoa				1		0	1	2
San Marino	1	2				1	4	3
Sao Tome and Principe						1	1	1
Saudi Arabia							0	0
Senegal	1	1	2	1	0	0	5	6
Seychelles	1	1	4	1	1	1	9	6
Sierra Leone			10	2		1	13	3
Singapore							0	0
Slovakia	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	6
Slovenia	0	1	2	0	1	1	5	6
Solomon Islands		2	6			0	8	3
Somalia	1	1	6		1		9	4
South Africa							0	0
Spain	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	6
Sri Lanka	0	2	1	2	1	0	6	6
Sudan	1	2	1			0	4	4
Suriname	2	1	6	1		1	11	5
Swaziland			10				10	1
Sweden	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	6
Switzerland	1	1	0		0		2	4
Syrian Arab Republic	3	1	2			0	6	4
Tajikistan			0	1	0	0	1	4
Thailand				2		1	3	2
TFYR of Macedonia	1	1	2	0	0	1	5	6
Togo	0	2	6	3	2	1	14	6
Tonga			2				2	1
Trinidad and Tobago	2	1	1	1		1	6	5
Tunisia	0	1	1	1	1	0	4	6
Turkey				1	1	0	2	3
Turkmenistan			0			0	0	2
Uganda		2	6	1	2	1	12	5
Ukraine	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	6
United Arab Emirates			0				0	1

<b>STATE PARTIES</b>	<b>CCPR</b>	<b>CESCR</b>	<b>CERD</b>	<b>CEDAW*</b>	<b>CAT</b>	<b>CRC</b>	<b>TOTAL REPORTS</b>	<b>TOTAL TREATIES</b>
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	6
United Republic of Tanzania	1	1	4	2		1	9	5
United States of America	0		0		0		0	3
Uruguay	2	1	2	3	1	1	10	6
Uzbekistan						0	0	1
Vanuatu						0	0	1
Venezuela	1	1	4	0	1	1	8	6
Viet Nam	2	1	1	2		0	6	5
Yemen	0	2	1	0	1	0	4	6
Yugoslavia	1	1	3	1	1	0	7	6
Zaire	1	1	1	1		1	5	5
Zambia	0	1	1	1		1	4	5
Zimbabwe	1	1	2	1		1	6	5
<b>TOTAL OVERDUE REPORTS</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>915</b>	
<b>TOTAL STATES PARTIES**</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>176</b>		<b>805</b>

\* As of 3 February 1995.

\*\* In which the treaties were in force as of 30 June 1995.

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