

ETHIOPIA

List of issues in connection with the seventh to fifteenth overdue periodic reports, due from 1989 to 2005

Ethnic composition of the population

1. Please provide detailed information on the ethnic composition of the population and the geographical location of the various ethnic groups within the country. Please also provide information about internally displaced persons, migrants and refugees residing in Ethiopia.

General information

2. Has the State party considered requesting the assistance of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and of the United Nations Development Programme with the aim of drawing up and submitting as soon as possible a report to the Committee?

General legal framework

3. What is the status of the Convention in domestic law? Can it be invoked directly before national courts? If so, please provide examples.
4. In addition to the right to equality as provided in Article 25 of the Ethiopian Constitution, what is the legal framework that ensures protection against racial discrimination in the State party?
5. Please provide information on the mandate and work to date of the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission and Ombudsman Office. Is the Human Rights Commission set up in accordance with the Paris Principles?

Articles 2

6. Please provide information on measures undertaken to ensure that public authorities and officials, in particular local-level officials and local-level religious and customary courts, act in conformity with Article 2 (1) of the Convention.

7. In order to encourage the peaceful coexistence of different ethnic groups within the State party, what initiatives have been undertaken to resolve disputes concerning land and resource distribution at a local level. Is State support offered to civil society organisations involved in the mediation of peaceful solutions to conflicts between ethnic groups?
8. Has State party adopted measures in order to facilitate the creation and activities of national non-governmental organizations combating racial discrimination?

Articles 4

9. Please provide information on the legislative, judicial, administrative and other measures which give effect to the provisions of Article 4 of the Convention.

Article 5

10. What measures has the State party undertaken to ensure the right to security to members of ethnic groups, in particular the Anuak and Oromo?
11. Please provide detailed information, including statistical data, on the participation of members of ethnic groups in Parliament, regional and local government, the judiciary and the police.
12. In light of disparities in levels of development, please provide information on access to education, health, and other public and social services of members of ethnic groups living in remote areas, in particular in the Gambella and Beneshangul Gumuz regions.
13. What is the status of the various ethnic groups' languages under domestic law? In particular, please provide information on the possibility for individuals to use their own language in their dealings with the public administration and courts.
14. Please inform the Committee of the use of the various ethnic groups' languages in education and in the media? Please provide statistical data where available.
15. Please provide information on the State party's programme of voluntary resettlements of rural communities to richer agricultural lands. What groups are affected by resettlement programmes? What provisions are made to ensure the equal enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights by those who participate?
16. According to information before the Committee, women suffer from discrimination based on gender on the one hand, and race, colour, descent, and national and ethnic origin on the other, in particular in relation to inheritance

and control over resources, including land. Please provide information in this regard. The Committee wishes to draw the attention of the State party to its General recommendation 25 (2000) on gender-related dimensions of racial discrimination in this regard.

17. How many children of parents of Eritrean origin, who were deprived of Ethiopian citizenship in the period 1998-2000, have benefited from the January 2004 Directives issued to determine the residence status of Eritreans living in Ethiopia?

Article 6

18. Please provide information on criminal investigations, prosecutions and/or disciplinary actions in the aftermath of the violence in the Gambella region in December 2003.
19. Please provide information on current developments and proceedings before the Ethiopian special criminal court created to try crimes against humanity committed during the Dergue regime.
20. Reports suggest that Eritreans residing in Ethiopia and Ethiopians of Eritrean origin have suffered from discriminatory treatment. In this light, please inform the Committee as to how the right to seek just and adequate reparation or satisfaction for any damage as a result of discrimination is protected in the State party. The Committee wishes to draw the attention of the State party to its General recommendation 30 (2004) on discrimination against non-citizens in this regard.
21. What mechanisms exist in Ethiopia for addressing complaints of racial discrimination?

Article 7

22. To what extent does the current school curriculum include programmes to combat prejudice and to promote tolerance among ethnic groups?
23. Please provide information on specific training programmes and courses, if any, for members of the judiciary, law enforcement officials, teachers, social workers and other public officials on the provisions of the Convention and their application.

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