

BENIN

Follow-up - State Reporting Action by Treaty Bodies

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CHAPTER VII. FOLLOW-UP TO CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS

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224. The table below details the experience of the Committee over the last year. Accordingly, it contains no reference to those States parties with respect to which the Committee, upon assessment of the follow-up responses provided to it, decided to take no further action prior to the period covered by this report.

<u>State Party</u>	<u>Date Information Due</u>	<u>Date Reply Received</u>	<u>Further Action</u>
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Eighty-second session (October 2004)

Benin	4 November 2005	-	-
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Human Rights Committee

Eighty-sixth session

Summary record of the 2367th meeting

Held at Headquarters, New York, on Friday, 31 March 2006, at 10 a.m.

Chairperson: Ms. Chanet

Follow-up on concluding observations on State reports

Progress report of the Special Rapporteur for Follow-up on Concluding Observations

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10. Mr. Rivas Posada (Special Rapporteur for Follow-up on Concluding Observations) said that...

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12. Although he had not been able to have the meeting he had requested with representatives of Benin, nonetheless the State party had recently submitted a response in writing to all the questions posed by the Committee, so that no further action was required.

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234. In chapter VII of its annual report for 2003 (A/58/40, vol. I), the Committee described the framework that it has set out for providing for more effective follow-up, subsequent to the adoption of the concluding observations in respect of States parties' reports submitted under article 40 of the Covenant. In chapter VII of its last annual report (A/60/40, vol. I), an updated account of the Committee's experience in this regard over the last year was provided. The current chapter again updates the Committee's experience to 1 August 2006.

235. Over the period covered by the present annual report, Mr. Rafael Rivas Posada continued to act as the Committee's Special Rapporteur for follow-up to concluding observations. At the Committee's eighty-fifth, eighty-sixth and eighty-seventh sessions, he presented progress reports to the Committee on intersessional developments and made recommendations which prompted the Committee to take appropriate decisions on a State-by-State basis.

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<i>Eighty-second session (October 2004)</i>			
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Benin	4 November 2005		A reminder was dispatched on 22 February 2006.
Initial report examined	Paras. 11, 15 and 17		On 16 March 2006, the Special Rapporteur requested a meeting with representatives of the State party.
		24 March 2006 (complete reply)	At its eighty-sixth session, the Committee decided to take no further action.
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