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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 5 February 1998 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 (ICESCR);

(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 (ICCPR);

(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 (CERD);

(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 (CEDAW);

(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 (CAT); 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 (CRC).

| State party                              | ICCPR | ICESCR | CAT | CERD | CEDAW | CRC | Total<br>reports | Total<br>treaties |
|------------------------------------------|-------|--------|-----|------|-------|-----|------------------|-------------------|
| Albania                                  | 2     | 1      | 1   | 1    | 2     | 1   | 8                | 6                 |
| Algeria                                  | 1     | 1      | 0   | 1    | 1     | 0   | 4                | 6                 |
| Andorra                                  |       |        |     |      | 0     | 1   | 1                | 2                 |
| Angola                                   | 1     | 1      |     |      | 3     | 2   | 7                | 4                 |
| Antigua and Barbuda                      |       |        | 1   | 5    | 0     | 1   | 7                | 4                 |
| Argentina                                | 1     | 0      | 0   | 1    | 0     | 1   | 3                | 6                 |
| Armenia                                  | 0     | 0      | 0   | 0    | 0     | 0   | 0                | 6                 |
| Australia                                | 2     | 1      | 1   | 2    | 1     | 1   | 8                | 6                 |
| Austria                                  | 0     | 1      | 2   | 3    | 0     | 0   | 6                | 6                 |
| Azerbaijan                               | 0     | 0      | 1   | 1    | 0     | 0   | 2                | 6                 |
| Bahamas                                  |       |        |     | 7    | 1     | 1   | 9                | 3                 |
| Bahrain                                  |       |        |     | 4    |       | 1   | 5                | 2                 |
| Bangladesh                               |       |        |     | 4    | 0     | 1   | 5                | 3                 |
| Barbados                                 | 2     | 2      |     | 5    | 1     | 1   | 11               | 5                 |
| Belarus                                  | 0     | 0      | 1   | 0    | 1     | 1   | 3                | 6                 |
| Belgium                                  | 0     | 1      |     | 1    | 1     | 0   | 3                | 5                 |
| Belize                                   | 1     |        | 2   |      | 0     | 1   | 4                | 4                 |
| Benin                                    | 1     | 1      | 2   |      | 2     | 1   | 7                | 5                 |
| Bhutan                                   |       |        |     |      | 4     | 2   | 6                | 2                 |
| Bolivia                                  | 1     | 2      |     | 1    | 1     | 0   | 5                | 5                 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina                   | 0     | 1      | 2   | 2    | 1     | 1   | 7                | 6                 |
| Botswana                                 |       |        |     | 7    | 1     | 1   | 9                | 3                 |
| Brazil                                   | 0     | 1      | 2   | 2    | 4     | 2   | 11               | 6                 |
| Brunei Darussalam                        |       |        |     |      |       | 1   | 1                | 1                 |
| Bulgaria                                 | 1     | 0      | 2   | 1    | 1     | 0   | 5                | 6                 |
| Burkina Faso                             |       |        |     | 0    | 2     | 1   | 3                | 3                 |
| Burundi                                  | 1     | 2      | 1   | 0    | 2     | 2   | 8                | 6                 |
| Cambodia                                 | 0     | 1      | 2   | 0    | 2     | 0   | 5                | 6                 |
| Cameroon                                 | 0     | 1      | 2   | 0    | 1     | 1   | 5                | 6                 |
| Canada                                   | 0     | 0      | 1   | 2    | 0     | 0   | 3                | 6                 |
| Cape Verde                               | 1     | 1      | 2   | 7    | 4     | 1   | 16               | 6                 |
| Central African Republic                 | 3     | 2      |     | 6    | 2     | 1   | 14               | 5                 |
| Chad                                     | 1     | 1      | 1   | 1    | 1     | 1   | 6                | 6                 |
| Chile                                    | 1     | 1      | 1   | 3    | 0     | 1   | 7                | 6                 |
| China                                    |       |        | 1   | 1    | 0     | 0   | 2                | 4                 |
| Colombia                                 | 0     | 0      | 1   | 1    | 1     | 0   | 3                | 6                 |
| Comoros                                  |       |        |     |      | 1     | 1   | 2                | 2                 |
| Congo                                    | 1     | 2      |     | 5    | 4     | 3   | 15               | 5                 |
| Cook Islands                             |       |        |     |      |       | 0   | 0                | 1                 |
| Costa Rica                               | 0     | 1      | 1   | 4    | 3     | 1   | 10               | 6                 |
| Côte d'Ivoire                            | 1     | 1      | 1   | 9    | 1     | 1   | 14               | 6                 |
| Croatia                                  | 2     | 1      | 1   | 3    | 1     | 0   | 8                | 6                 |
| Cuba                                     |       |        | 0   | 0    | 1     | 0   | 1                | 4                 |
| Cyprus                                   | 1     | 0      | 0   | 2    | 1     | 0   | 4                | 6                 |
| Czech Republic                           | 1     | 1      | 1   | 1    | 0     | 0   | 4                | 6                 |
| Democratic People's<br>Republic of Korea | 3     | 2      |     |      |       | 1   | 6                | 3                 |
| Democratic Republic of<br>the Congo      | 3     | 2      | 1   | 1    | 1     | 3   | 11               | 6                 |
| Denmark                                  | 1     | 0      | 0   | 0    | 1     | 0   | 2                | 6                 |
| Djibouti                                 |       |        |     |      |       | 2   | 2                | 1                 |

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|-------------------------------------|-------|--------|-----|------|-------|-----|------------------|-------------------|
| Dominica                            | 1     | 1      |     |      | 4     | 1   | 7                | 4                 |
| Dominican Republic                  | 1     | 0      |     | 4    | 1     | 1   | 7                | 5                 |
| Ecuador                             | 0     | 2      | 1   | 3    | 1     | 1   | 8                | 6                 |
| Egypt                               | 1     | 2      | 1   | 3    | 1     | 1   | 9                | 6                 |
| El Salvador                         | 2     | 1      | 1   | 1    | 2     | 1   | 8                | 6                 |
| Equatorial Guinea                   | 2     | 2      |     |      | 1     | 1   | 6                | 4                 |
| Eritrea                             |       |        |     |      | 1     | 1   | 2                | 2                 |
| Estonia                             | 1     | 1      | 3   | 3    | 2     | 1   | 11               | 6                 |
| Ethiopia                            | 1     | 1      | 1   | 5    | 1     | 0   | 9                | 6                 |
| Fiji                                |       |        |     | 8    | 1     | 0   | 9                | 3                 |
| Finland                             | 0     | 0      | 0   | 2    | 0     | 0   | 2                | 6                 |
| France                              | 1     | 2      | 1   | 2    | 2     | 1   | 9                | 6                 |
| Gabon                               | 0     | 2      |     | 8    | 3     | 1   | 14               | 6                 |
| Gambia                              | 3     | 1      |     | 9    | 1     | 2   | 16               | 5                 |
| Georgia                             | 0     | 0      | 0   |      | 1     | 0   | 1                | 5                 |
| Germany                             | 0     | 0      | 0   | 1    | 0     | 0   | 1                | 6                 |
| Ghana                               |       |        |     | 4    | 1     | 1   | 6                | 3                 |
| Greece                              | 0     | 2      | 1   | 3    | 1     | 1   | 8                | 6                 |
| Grenada                             | 2     | 1      |     |      | 2     | 1   | 6                | 4                 |
| Guatemala                           | 0     | 1      | 0   | 0    | 2     | 1   | 4                | 6                 |
| Guinea                              | 1     | 2      | 2   | 8    | 4     | 1   | 18               | 6                 |
| Guinea-Bissau                       |       | 1      |     |      | 3     | 2   | 6                | 3                 |
| Guyana                              | 3     | 0      | 3   | 10   | 3     | 1   | 20               | 7                 |
| Haiti                               | 1     |        |     | 4    | 4     | 1   | 10               | 4                 |
| Holy See                            |       |        |     | 2    |       | 1   | 3                | 2                 |
| Honduras                            | 0     | 2      | 1   |      | 1     | 0   | 4                | 5                 |
| Hungary                             | 1     | 1      | 1   | 2    | 1     | 0   | 6                | 6                 |
| Iceland                             | 1     | 0      | 1   | 1    | 1     | 0   | 4                | 6                 |
| India                               | 1     | 2      |     | 1    | 1     | 0   | 5                | 5                 |
| Indonesia                           |       |        |     |      | 1     | 1   | 2                | 2                 |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of)          | 1     | 1      |     | 3    |       | 0   | 5                | 4                 |
| Iraq                                | 0     | 0      |     | 1    | 2     | 0   | 3                | 5                 |
| Ireland                             | 1     | 1      |     |      | 2     | 0   | 4                | 4                 |
| Israel                              | 2     | 1      | 2   | 1    | 0     | 1   | 7                | 6                 |
| Italy                               | 0     | 0      | 0   | 2    | 1     | 0   | 3                | 6                 |
| Jamaica                             | 2     | 1      |     | 6    | 3     | 0   | 12               | 5                 |
| Japan                               | 0     | 2      |     | 1    | 0     | 0   | 3                | 5                 |
| Jordan                              | 1     | 2      | 1   | 4    | 2     | 0   | 10               | 6                 |
| Kazakhstan                          |       |        |     |      |       | 1   | 1                | 1                 |
| Kenya                               | 3     | 0      | 0   |      | 2     | 2   | 7                | 5                 |
| Kiribati                            |       |        |     |      |       | 1   | 1                | 1                 |
| Kuwait                              | 1     | 0      | 0   | 1    | 1     | 0   | 3                | 6                 |
| Kyrgyzstan                          | 1     | 1      | 0   | 0    | 0     | 1   | 3                | 6                 |
| Lao People's Democratic<br>Republic |       |        |     | 7    | 4     | 0   | 11               | 3                 |
| Latvia                              | 0     | 1      | 2   | 3    | 2     | 1   | 9                | 6                 |
| Lebanon                             | 1     | 1      |     | 0    | 1     | 0   | 3                | 6                 |
| Lesotho                             | 1     | 1      |     | 7    | 1     | 1   | 11               | 6                 |
| Liberia                             |       |        |     | 11   | 4     | 1   | 16               | 3                 |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya              | 2     | 1      | 0   | 1    | 1     | 0   | 5                | 6                 |
| Liechtenstein                       |       |        | 1   |      | 1     | 1   | 3                | 3                 |

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|----------------------------------|-------|--------|-----|------|-------|-----|---------------|----------------|
| Lithuania                        | 0     | 1      | 1   |      | 1     | 1   | 4             | 5              |
| Luxembourg                       | 1     | 0      | 2   | 1    | 0     | 0   | 4             | 6              |
| Madagascar                       | 2     | 2      |     | 4    | 1     | 0   | 9             | 5              |
| Malawi                           | 1     | 1      | 0   | 1    | 2     | 1   | 6             | 6              |
| Malaysia                         |       |        |     |      | 1     | 1   | 2             | 2              |
| Maldives                         |       |        |     | 3    | 1     | 0   | 4             | 3              |
| Mali                             | 3     | 2      |     | 6    | 2     | 1   | 14            | 5              |
| Malta                            | 1     | 2      | 1   | 1    | 2     | 1   | 8             | 6              |
| Marshall Islands                 |       |        |     |      |       | 1   | 1             | 1              |
| Mauritania                       |       |        |     | 5    |       | 1   | 6             | 2              |
| Mauritius                        | 1     | 1      | 2   | 1    | 2     | 1   | 8             | 6              |
| Mexico                           | 0     | 0      | 0   | 0    | 1     | 0   | 1             | 6              |
| Micronesia (Federated States of) |       |        |     |      |       | 0   | 0             | 1              |
| Monaco                           | 0     | 0      | 1   | 1    |       | 1   | 3             | 5              |
| Mongolia                         | 1     | 1      |     | 4    | 2     | 1   | 9             | 5              |
| Morocco                          | 0     | 1      | 0   | 3    | 0     | 0   | 4             | 6              |
| Mozambique                       | 1     |        |     | 6    | 0     | 1   | 8             | 4              |
| Myanmar                          |       |        |     |      | 0     | 0   | 0             | 2              |
| Namibia                          | 1     | 1      | 0   | 1    | 1     | 1   | 5             | 6              |
| Nauru                            |       |        |     |      |       | 1   | 1             | 1              |
| Nepal                            | 1     | 1      | 1   | 0    | 2     | 1   | 6             | 6              |
| Netherlands                      | 3     | 1      | 1   | 0    | 1     | 0   | 6             | 6              |
| New Zealand                      | 2     | 1      | 0   | 2    | 1     | 0   | 6             | 6              |
| Nicaragua                        | 2     | 1      |     | 1    | 1     | 0   | 5             | 5              |
| Niger                            | 2     | 2      |     | 1    |       | 2   | 7             | 4              |
| Nigeria                          | 0     | 0      |     | 2    | 0     | 0   | 2             | 5              |
| Niue                             |       |        |     |      |       | 1   | 1             | 1              |
| Norway                           | 0     | 0      | 0   | 0    | 0     | 0   | 0             | 6              |
| Oman                             |       |        |     |      |       | 0   | 0             | 1              |
| Pakistan                         |       |        |     | 1    | 1     | 1   | 3             | 3              |
| Palau                            |       |        |     |      |       | 1   | 1             | 1              |
| Panama                           | 2     | 1      | 0   | 1    | 1     | 1   | 6             | 6              |
| Papua New Guinea                 |       |        |     | 6    | 1     | 1   | 8             | 3              |
| Paraguay                         | 0     | 0      | 0   |      | 1     | 1   | 2             | 5              |
| Peru                             | 0     | 1      | 1   | 2    | 0     | 1   | 5             | 6              |
| Philippines                      | 2     | 1      | 2   | 1    | 0     | 1   | 7             | 6              |
| Poland                           | 0     | 0      | 0   | 1    | 1     | 0   | 2             | 6              |
| Portugal                         | 2     | 1      | 0   | 4    | 1     | 1   | 9             | 6              |
| Qatar                            |       |        |     | 3    |       | 1   | 4             | 2              |
| Republic of Korea                | 0     | 1      | 0   | 2    | 1     | 0   | 4             | 6              |
| Republic of Moldova              | 1     | 1      | 1   | 2    | 1     | 1   | 7             | 7              |
| Romania                          | 0     | 1      | 1   | 2    | 1     | 1   | 6             | 6              |
| Russian Federation               | 0     | 0      | 1   | 0    | 0     | 0   | 1             | 6              |
| Rwanda                           | 2     | 2      |     | 4    | 1     | 0   | 9             | 5              |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis            |       |        |     |      | 3     | 1   | 4             | 2              |
| Saint Lucia                      |       |        |     | 4    | 4     | 1   | 9             | 3              |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 2     | 2      |     | 7    | 1     | 1   | 13            | 6              |
| Samoa                            |       |        |     |      | 2     | 1   | 3             | 2              |
| San Marino                       | 2     | 2      |     |      |       | 1   | 5             | 3              |

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|------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------|-----|------|-------|-----|------------------|-------------------|
| Sao Tome and Principe                                      |       |        |     |      |       | 1   | 1                | 1                 |
| Saudi Arabia                                               |       |        | 0   | 0    |       | 0   | 0                | 3                 |
| Senegal                                                    | 0     | 1      | 1   | 3    | 1     | 1   | 7                | 6                 |
| Seychelles                                                 | 1     | 1      | 2   | 5    | 2     | 2   | 13               | 6                 |
| Sierra Leone                                               | 1     | 0      |     | 12   | 2     | 1   | 16               | 5                 |
| Singapore                                                  |       |        |     |      | 1     | 1   | 2                | 2                 |
| Slovakia                                                   | 0     | 1      | 1   | 2    | 0     | 1   | 5                | 6                 |
| Slovenia                                                   | 1     | 1      | 1   | 3    | 1     | 0   | 7                | 6                 |
| Solomon Islands                                            |       | 2      |     | 7    |       | 1   | 10               | 3                 |
| Somalia                                                    | 2     | 2      | 2   | 7    |       |     | 13               | 4                 |
| South Africa                                               |       |        |     |      | 1     | 0   | 1                | 2                 |
| Spain                                                      | 0     | 0      | 0   | 2    | 1     | 1   | 4                | 6                 |
| Sri Lanka                                                  | 1     | 1      | 0   | 2    | 2     | 0   | 6                | 6                 |
| Sudan                                                      | 0     | 2      |     | 2    |       | 1   | 5                | 4                 |
| Suriname                                                   | 3     | 1      |     | 7    | 1     | 1   | 13               | 5                 |
| Swaziland                                                  |       |        |     | 0    |       | 1   | 1                | 2                 |
| Sweden                                                     | 0     | 0      | 0   | 1    | 0     | 0   | 1                | 6                 |
| Switzerland                                                | 0     | 0      | 0   | 1    | 0     | 0   | 1                | 6                 |
| Syrian Arab Republic                                       | 3     | 1      |     | 3    |       | 0   | 7                | 4                 |
| Tajikistan                                                 |       |        | 1   | 1    | 1     | 1   | 4                | 5                 |
| Thailand                                                   | 1     |        |     |      | 0     | 0   | 1                | 3                 |
| The former Yugoslav<br>Republic of Macedonia               | 2     | 1      | 0   | 0    | 1     | 0   | 4                | 6                 |
| Togo                                                       | 1     | 2      | 3   | 5    | 4     | 1   | 16               | 7                 |
| Tonga                                                      |       |        |     | 0    |       | 1   | 1                | 2                 |
| Trinidad and Tobago                                        | 2     | 1      |     | 2    | 2     | 0   | 7                | 5                 |
| Tunisia                                                    | 1     | 0      | 1   | 3    | 1     | 0   | 6                | 6                 |
| Turkey                                                     |       |        | 2   |      | 0     | 1   | 3                | 3                 |
| Turkmenistan                                               | 0     | 0      |     | 2    | 0     | 1   | 3                | 5                 |
| Tuvalu                                                     |       |        |     |      |       | 1   | 1                | 1                 |
| Uganda                                                     | 1     | 2      | 3   | 8    | 1     | 1   | 16               | 6                 |
| Ukraine                                                    | 0     | 0      | 0   | 1    | 1     | 0   | 2                | 6                 |
| United Arab Emirates                                       |       |        |     | 1    |       | 0   | 1                | 2                 |
| United Kingdom of Great<br>Britain and Northern<br>Ireland | 0     | 0      | 1   | 0    | 0     | 0   | 1                | 6                 |
| United Republic of<br>Tanzania                             | 1     | 2      |     | 6    | 0     | 1   | 10               | 6                 |
| United States of America                                   | 0     |        | 1   | 2    |       |     | 3                | 3                 |
| Uruguay                                                    | 0     | 0      | 1   | 4    | 3     | 1   | 9                | 6                 |
| Uzbekistan                                                 | 1     | 1      | 1   | 1    | 1     | 1   | 6                | 6                 |
| Vanuatu                                                    |       |        |     |      | 1     | 0   | 1                | 2                 |
| Venezuela                                                  | 2     | 2      | 2   | 2    | 1     | 1   | 10               | 6                 |
| Viet Nam                                                   | 2     | 1      |     | 3    | 3     | 1   | 10               | 5                 |
| Yemen                                                      | 0     | 2      | 2   | 3    | 1     | 0   | 8                | 6                 |
| Yugoslavia                                                 | 2     | 1      | 1   | 1    | 2     | 1   | 8                | 6                 |
| Zambia                                                     | 1     | 2      |     | 2    | 1     | 1   | 7                | 5                 |
| Zimbabwe                                                   | 1     | 0      |     | 2    | 1     | 1   | 5                | 5                 |
| Total overdue reports                                      | 138   | 134    | 100 | 421  | 206   | 135 | 1 134            |                   |
| Total States parties                                       | 140   | 137    | 104 | 150  | 161   | 191 |                  | 883               |

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