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xenophobia and related intolerance**

Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

Report of the Secretary-General*

1. By its resolution 2106 A (XX) of 21 December 1965, the General Assembly adopted and opened for signature and ratification the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, invited the States referred to in article 17 of the Convention to sign and ratify it without delay and requested the Secretary-General to submit to it reports concerning the state of ratifications of the Convention, which would be considered by the Assembly at future sessions.

2. In section II of its resolution 60/144, the Assembly reaffirmed that universal adherence to and full implementation of the Convention are of paramount importance for the promotion of equality and non-discrimination in the world; reiterated the call made by the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, in paragraph 75 of the Durban Programme of Action, to achieve universal ratification of the Convention by 2005 and for all States to consider making the declaration envisaged under article 14 of the Convention; and endorsed the grave concern expressed by the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 2005/64 to the effect that, with 170 ratifications and only 46 declarations, the deadline for universal ratification decided by the Conference had, regrettably, not been realized.

3. The International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination was opened for signature in New York on 7 March 1966. It entered into force on 4 January 1969, on the thirtieth day after the date of deposit with the Secretary-General of the twenty-seventh instrument of ratification, as provided for in article 19 of the Convention.

* The present report was submitted after the deadline in order to reflect recent developments.



4. As at 15 August 2008, the Convention had been ratified or acceded to by 173 States parties. The list of States that had signed, ratified, acceded to or succeeded to the Convention, and the dates of their ratifications, accessions or successions, are contained in the annex to the present report.

5. As at the same date, 53 of the States parties to the Convention — Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, Uruguay and Venezuela — had made the declaration provided for under article 14 of the Convention, recognizing the competence of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to receive and consider communications from individuals or groups of individuals within their jurisdiction claiming to be victims of violation by those States parties of any of the rights set forth in the Convention. The provisions of article 14 entered into force on 3 December 1982, in accordance with paragraph 9 of that article.

6. The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination normally holds two regular sessions annually of three weeks' duration each. In accordance with article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the Committee is to submit, through the Secretary-General, an annual report to the General Assembly. The report to be submitted to the Assembly at its sixty-third session covers the activities of the Committee at its seventy-second and seventy-third sessions.¹

¹ To be issued as *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/63/18)*.

Annex

States parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, as at 15 August 2008

| <i>State party</i> | <i>Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification or accession</i> | <i>Entry into force</i> |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Afghanistan | 6 July 1983 ^a | 5 August 1983 |
| Albania | 11 May 1994 ^a | 10 June 1994 |
| Algeria | 14 February 1972 | 15 March 1972 |
| Andorra | 22 September 2006 | 21 October 2006 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 25 October 1988 ^a | 24 November 1988 |
| Argentina | 2 October 1968 | 4 January 1969 |
| Armenia | 23 June 1993 ^a | 23 July 1993 |
| Australia | 30 September 1975 | 30 October 1975 |
| Austria | 9 May 1972 | 8 June 1972 |
| Azerbaijan | 16 August 1996 ^a | 15 September 1996 |
| Bahamas | 5 August 1975 ^b | 4 September 1975 |
| Bahrain | 27 March 1990 ^a | 26 April 1990 |
| Bangladesh | 11 June 1979 ^a | 11 July 1979 |
| Barbados | 8 November 1972 ^a | 8 December 1972 |
| Belarus | 8 April 1969 | 8 May 1969 |
| Belgium | 7 August 1975 | 6 September 1975 |
| Belize | 14 November 2001 | 13 December 2001 |
| Benin | 30 November 2001 | 29 December 2001 |
| Bolivia | 22 September 1970 | 22 October 1970 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 16 July 1993 ^b | 16 July 1993 |
| Botswana | 20 February 1974 ^a | 22 March 1974 |
| Brazil | 27 March 1968 | 4 January 1969 |
| Bulgaria | 8 August 1966 | 4 January 1969 |
| Burkina Faso | 18 July 1974 ^a | 17 August 1974 |
| Burundi | 27 October 1977 | 26 November 1977 |
| Cambodia | 28 November 1983 | 28 December 1983 |
| Cameroon | 24 June 1971 | 24 July 1971 |
| Canada | 14 October 1970 | 13 November 1970 |
| Cape Verde | 3 October 1979 ^a | 2 November 1979 |
| Central African Republic | 16 March 1971 | 15 April 1971 |

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|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Chad | 17 August 1977 ^a | 16 September 1977 |
| Chile | 20 October 1971 | 19 November 1971 |
| China | 29 December 1981 ^a | 28 January 1982 |
| Colombia | 2 September 1981 | 2 October 1981 |
| Comoros | 27 September 2004 | 27 October 2004 |
| Congo | 11 July 1988 ^a | 10 August 1988 |
| Costa Rica | 16 January 1967 | 4 January 1969 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 4 January 1973 ^a | 3 February 1973 |
| Croatia | 12 October 1992 ^b | 12 October 1992 |
| Cuba | 15 February 1972 | 16 March 1972 |
| Cyprus | 21 April 1967 | 4 January 1969 |
| Czech Republic | 22 February 1993 ^b | 22 February 1993 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 21 April 1976 ^a | 21 May 1976 |
| Denmark | 9 December 1971 | 8 January 1972 |
| Dominican Republic | 25 May 1983 ^a | 24 June 1983 |
| Ecuador | 22 September 1966 ^a | 4 January 1969 |
| Egypt | 1 May 1967 | 4 January 1969 |
| El Salvador | 30 November 1979 ^a | 30 December 1979 |
| Equatorial Guinea | 8 October 2002 ^a | 7 November 2002 |
| Eritrea | 31 July 2001 ^a | 29 August 2001 |
| Estonia | 21 October 1991 ^a | 20 November 1991 |
| Ethiopia | 23 June 1976 ^a | 23 July 1976 |
| Fiji | 11 January 1973 ^b | 10 February 1973 |
| Finland | 14 July 1970 | 13 August 1970 |
| France | 28 July 1971 ^a | 27 August 1971 |
| Gabon | 29 February 1980 | 30 March 1980 |
| Gambia | 29 December 1978 ^a | 28 January 1979 |
| Georgia | 2 June 1999 ^a | 2 July 1999 |
| Germany | 16 May 1969 | 15 June 1969 |
| Ghana | 8 September 1966 | 4 January 1969 |
| Greece | 18 June 1970 | 18 July 1970 |
| Guatemala | 18 January 1983 | 17 February 1983 |
| Guinea | 14 March 1977 | 13 April 1977 |
| Guyana | 15 February 1977 | 17 March 1977 |
| Haiti | 19 December 1972 | 18 January 1973 |

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|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Holy See | 1 May 1969 | 31 May 1969 |
| Honduras | 10 October 2002 ^a | 9 October 2002 |
| Hungary | 1 May 1967 | 4 January 1969 |
| Iceland | 13 March 1967 | 4 January 1969 |
| India | 3 December 1968 | 4 January 1969 |
| Indonesia | 25 June 1999 ^a | 25 July 1999 |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 29 August 1968 | 4 January 1969 |
| Iraq | 14 January 1970 | 13 February 1970 |
| Ireland | 29 December 2000 | 27 January 2001 |
| Israel | 3 January 1979 | 2 February 1979 |
| Italy | 5 January 1976 | 4 February 1976 |
| Jamaica | 4 June 1971 | 4 July 1971 |
| Japan | 15 December 1995 | 14 January 1996 |
| Jordan | 30 May 1974 ^a | 29 June 1974 |
| Kazakhstan | 26 August 1998 ^a | 25 September 1998 |
| Kenya | 13 September 2001 ^a | 12 October 2001 |
| Kuwait | 15 October 1968 ^a | 4 January 1969 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 5 September 1997 | 5 October 1997 |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | 22 February 1974 ^a | 24 March 1974 |
| Latvia | 14 April 1992 ^a | 14 May 1992 |
| Lebanon | 12 November 1971 ^a | 12 December 1971 |
| Lesotho | 4 November 1971 ^a | 4 December 1971 |
| Liberia | 5 November 1976 ^a | 5 December 1976 |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | 3 July 1968 ^a | 4 January 1969 |
| Liechtenstein | 1 March 2000 ^a | 31 March 2000 |
| Lithuania | 10 December 1998 | 9 January 1999 |
| Luxembourg | 1 May 1978 | 31 May 1978 |
| Madagascar | 7 February 1969 | 9 March 1969 |
| Malawi | 11 June 1996 ^a | 11 July 1996 |
| Maldives | 24 April 1984 ^a | 24 May 1984 |
| Mali | 16 July 1974 ^a | 15 August 1974 |
| Malta | 27 May 1971 | 26 June 1971 |
| Mauritania | 13 December 1988 | 12 January 1989 |
| Mauritius | 30 May 1972 ^a | 29 June 1972 |
| Mexico | 20 February 1975 | 22 March 1975 |

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| Monaco | 27 September 1995 | 27 October 1995 |
| Mongolia | 6 August 1969 | 5 September 1969 |
| Montenegro | 23 October 2006 | 22 November 2006 |
| Morocco | 18 December 1970 | 17 January 1971 |
| Mozambique | 18 April 1983 ^a | 18 May 1983 |
| Namibia | 11 November 1982 ^a | 11 December 1982 |
| Nepal | 30 January 1971 ^a | 1 March 1971 |
| Netherlands | 10 December 1971 | 9 January 1972 |
| New Zealand | 22 November 1972 | 22 December 1972 |
| Nicaragua | 15 February 1978 ^a | 17 March 1978 |
| Niger | 27 April 1967 | 4 January 1969 |
| Nigeria | 16 October 1967 ^a | 4 January 1969 |
| Norway | 6 August 1970 | 5 September 1970 |
| Oman | 2 January 2003 ^a | 1 February 2003 |
| Pakistan | 21 September 1966 | 4 January 1969 |
| Panama | 16 August 1967 | 4 January 1969 |
| Papua New Guinea | 27 January 1982 ^a | 26 February 1982 |
| Paraguay | 18 August 2003 | 17 September 2003 |
| Peru | 29 September 1971 | 29 October 1971 |
| Philippines | 15 September 1967 | 4 January 1969 |
| Poland | 5 December 1968 | 4 January 1969 |
| Portugal | 24 August 1982 ^a | 23 September 1982 |
| Qatar | 22 July 1976 ^a | 21 August 1976 |
| Republic of Korea | 5 December 1978 ^a | 4 January 1979 |
| Republic of Moldova | 26 January 1993 ^a | 25 February 1993 |
| Romania | 15 September 1970 ^a | 15 October 1970 |
| Russian Federation | 4 February 1969 | 6 March 1969 |
| Rwanda | 16 April 1975 ^a | 16 May 1975 |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | 13 October 2006 | 12 November 2006 |
| Saint Lucia | 14 February 1990 ^b | 16 March 1990 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 9 November 1981 ^a | 9 December 1981 |
| San Marino | 12 March 2002 | 10 April 2002 |
| Saudi Arabia | 22 September 1997 | 22 October 1997 |
| Senegal | 19 April 1972 | 19 May 1972 |
| Serbia | 12 March 2001 ^b | 12 March 2001 |

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| Seychelles | 7 March 1978 ^a | 6 April 1978 |
| Sierra Leone | 2 August 1967 | 4 January 1969 |
| Slovak Republic | 28 May 1993 ^b | 28 May 1993 |
| Slovenia | 6 July 1992 ^b | 6 July 1992 |
| Solomon Islands | 17 March 1982 ^b | 16 April 1982 |
| Somalia | 26 August 1975 | 25 September 1975 |
| South Africa | 10 December 1998 | 9 January 1999 |
| Spain | 13 September 1968 ^a | 4 January 1969 |
| Sri Lanka | 18 February 1982 ^a | 20 March 1982 |
| Sudan | 21 March 1977 ^a | 20 April 1977 |
| Suriname | 15 March 1984 ^b | 14 April 1984 |
| Swaziland | 7 April 1969 ^a | 7 May 1969 |
| Sweden | 6 December 1971 | 5 January 1972 |
| Switzerland | 29 November 1994 ^a | 29 December 1994 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 21 April 1969 ^a | 21 May 1969 |
| Tajikistan | 11 January 1995 ^a | 10 February 1995 |
| Thailand | 28 January 2003 ^a | 27 February 2003 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 18 January 1994 ^b | 18 January 1994 |
| Timor-Leste | 16 April 2003 ^a | 16 May 2003 |
| Togo | 1 September 1972 ^a | 1 October 1972 |
| Tonga | 16 February 1972 ^a | 17 March 1972 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 4 October 1973 | 3 November 1973 |
| Tunisia | 13 January 1967 | 4 January 1969 |
| Turkey | 16 September 2002 | 16 October 2002 |
| Turkmenistan | 29 September 1994 ^a | 29 October 1994 |
| Uganda | 21 November 1980 ^a | 21 December 1980 |
| Ukraine | 7 March 1969 | 6 April 1969 |
| United Arab Emirates | 20 June 1974 ^a | 20 July 1974 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 7 March 1969 | 6 April 1969 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | 27 October 1972 ^a | 26 November 1972 |
| United States of America | 21 October 1994 | 20 November 1994 |
| Uruguay | 30 August 1968 | 4 January 1969 |
| Uzbekistan | 28 September 1995 ^a | 28 October 1995 |

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| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 10 October 1967 | 4 January 1969 |
| Viet Nam | 9 June 1982 ^a | 9 July 1982 |
| Yemen | 18 October 1972 ^a | 17 November 1972 |
| Zambia | 4 February 1972 | 5 March 1972 |
| Zimbabwe | 13 May 1991 ^a | 12 June 1991 |
| Total: 173 | | |

Note: The following States have signed but not ratified the Convention: Bhutan, Djibouti, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Nauru and Sao Tome and Principe.

^a Accession.

^b Date of receipt of notification of succession.