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**Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner  
for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the  
High Commissioner and the Secretary-General**

## **Measures taken to implement Human Rights Council resolution 9/8 and obstacles to its implementation, including recommendations for further improving the effectiveness of, harmonizing and reforming the treaty body system**

### **Report of the Secretary-General**

1. In its [resolution 9/8](#), the Human Rights Council requested the Secretary-General to report annually to the Council on measures taken to implement the resolution and on obstacles to its implementation, including recommendations for further improving the effectiveness of, harmonizing and reforming the treaty body system. The present report is submitted pursuant to that request.
2. In its [resolution 68/268](#), the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly, on a biennial basis, a comprehensive report on the status of the human rights treaty body system and the progress achieved by the human rights treaty bodies in realizing greater efficiency and effectiveness in their work, including the number of reports submitted and reviewed by the committees, the visits undertaken and the individual communications received and reviewed, where applicable, the state of the backlog, capacity-building efforts and results achieved, as well as information on the situation in terms of ratifications, increased reporting and the allocation of meeting time and proposals on measures, including on the basis of information and observations from Member States, to enhance the engagement of all States parties in the dialogue with the treaty bodies.
3. The report of the Secretary-General on the status of the human rights treaty body system<sup>1</sup> was submitted early, in January 2020,<sup>2</sup> in advance of the review of the human rights treaty body system, as requested by the Assembly in its [resolution 73/162](#). A note verbale soliciting information and observations from Member States and other stakeholders was dispatched on 28 February 2019 and posted on the website of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.<sup>3</sup> The responses received are posted on the same website. Pursuant to [General Assembly resolution 75/174](#), the next biennial report of the

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<sup>1</sup> [A/74/643](#). Supplementary information, contained in the statistical annexes to the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the human rights treaty body system, is available at <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRTD/Pages/3rdBiennialReportbySG.aspx>.

<sup>2</sup> The report was originally expected to be submitted in August 2020.

<sup>3</sup> See <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRTD/Pages/3rdBiennialReportbySG.aspx>.



Secretary-General on the status of the human rights treaty body system is to be submitted to the Assembly at its seventy-seventh session.

4. Comprehensive information on the topics raised in Human Rights Council [resolution 9/8](#) is available on the following websites:

- Ratification status by party or treaty:  
[http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/TreatyBodyExternal/Treaty.aspx](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/TreatyBodyExternal/Treaty.aspx)
- Status-of-ratification maps: <http://indicators.ohchr.org>
- Party-specific reporting status:  
[http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/TreatyBodyExternal/Countries.aspx](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/TreatyBodyExternal/Countries.aspx)
- Timely and late reporting and non-reporting by parties:  
[http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/TreatyBodyExternal/LateReporting.aspx](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/TreatyBodyExternal/LateReporting.aspx)
- Calendar of reviews by treaty body:  
[https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/15/TreatyBodyExternal/MasterCalendar.aspx?Type=Session&Lang=En](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/TreatyBodyExternal/MasterCalendar.aspx?Type=Session&Lang=En)
- Common core documents:  
[http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/TreatyBodyExternal/CoreDocuments.aspx](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/TreatyBodyExternal/CoreDocuments.aspx)
- Treaty body database (search engine for treaty body documentation):  
[http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/treatybodyexternal/TBSearch.aspx](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/TBSearch.aspx)
- Universal Human Rights Index (search engine for recommendations made by human rights mechanisms): <http://uhri.ohchr.org>
- Jurisprudence database: <http://juris.ohchr.org>
- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights training package on reporting to the United Nations human rights treaty bodies  
<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/PublicationsResources/Pages/TrainingPackage.aspx>
- *National Mechanisms for Reporting and Follow-up: A Practical Guide to Effective State Engagement with International Human Rights Mechanisms*  
[http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/HR\\_PUB\\_16\\_1\\_NMRF\\_PracticalGuide.pdf](http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/HR_PUB_16_1_NMRF_PracticalGuide.pdf)
- *Preventing Torture: The Role of National Preventive Mechanisms – A Practical Guide* [https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/NPM\\_Guide\\_EN.pdf](https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/NPM_Guide_EN.pdf)

5. The following material also contains information on the issues raised in Human Rights Council [resolution 9/8](#):

- Report of the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies on their thirty-third annual meeting<sup>4</sup>
- Report of the Secretary-General on the promotion of equitable geographical distribution in the membership of the human rights treaty bodies<sup>5</sup>

6. Reference is also made to relevant information included in the annual and biennial reports of the treaty bodies listed in the table below.

#### Annual and biennial reports of the treaty bodies

<i>Treaty body</i>	<i>Report</i>
Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	<a href="#">A/76/18</a>
Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	<a href="#">E/2021/22-E/C.12/2020/3</a>
Human Rights Committee	<a href="#">A/76/40</a>

<sup>4</sup> [A/76/254](#).

<sup>5</sup> [A/76/262](#).

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<i>Treaty body</i>	<i>Report</i>
Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women	<a href="#">A/76/38</a>
Committee against Torture	<a href="#">A/76/44</a>
Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	<a href="#">CAT/C/70/2</a>
Committee on the Rights of the Child	<a href="#">A/75/41</a>
Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families	<a href="#">A/76/48</a>
Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	<a href="#">A/76/55</a>
Committee on Enforced Disappearances	<a href="#">A/76/56</a>

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