Compilation on Finland

Report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

I. Scope of international obligations and cooperation with international human rights mechanisms and bodies[[1]](#endnote-1)

1. International human rights treaties[[2]](#endnote-2)

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|  | *Status during previous cycle* | *Action after review* | *Not ratified/not accepted* |
| *Ratification, accession or succession* | ICERD (1970)  ICESCR (1975)  ICCPR (1975)  OP2-ICCPR (1991)  CEDAW (1986)  CAT (1989)  OP-CAT (signature, 2003)  CRC (1991)  OP-CRC-AC (2002)  OP-CRC-SC  (signature, 2000)  CRPD (signature, 2007)  ICPPED (signature, 2007) | OP-CAT (2014)  OP-CRC-SC (2012)  CRPD (2016) | ICRMW  ICPPED (signature, 2007) |
| *Reservations and/or declarations* | ICCPR arts. 10 (2) (b), 10 (3), 14 (7) and 20 (1) |  |  |
| *Complaints procedures, inquiries and urgent action*[[3]](#endnote-3) | ICERD, art. 14 (1994)  ICCPR, art. 41 (1975)  ICCPR-OP 1 (1975)  OP-CEDAW, art. 8 (2000)  CAT,  art. 20, 21 and 22 (1989)  OP-ICESCR  (signature, 2009)  OP-CRPD (signature, 2007) | OP-ICESCR (2014)  OP-CRC-IC (2015)  OP-CRPD (2016) |  |

II. Cooperation with human rights mechanisms

A. Cooperation with treaty bodies

1. Reporting status

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| *Treaty body* | *Concluding observations included in previous review* | *Latest report submitted since previous review* | *Latest concluding observations* | *Reporting status* |
| Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination | March 2009 | 2015 | August 2012 | Twenty-third report pending consideration |
| Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights | -- | 2011 | November 2014 | Seventh report due in 2019 |
| Human Rights Committee | -- | 2011 | August 2013 | Seventh report due in 2019 |
| Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women | July 2008 | 2012 | February 2014 | Eighth report due in 2018 |
| Committee against Torture | June 2011 | 2015 | November 2016 | Eighth report due in 2020 |
| Committee on the Rights of the Child | June 2011 | -- | -- | Combined fifth to sixth reports due 2017; Initial report to OP-CRC-SC overdue since 2014 |
| Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities | -- | -- | -- | Initial report due in 2017 |

1. Responses to specific follow-up requests by treaty bodies

| **Concluding observations** | | | |
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| *Treaty body* | *Due in* | *Subject matterc* | *Submitted in* |
| Committee on the Elimination Racial Discrimination | 2013 | Definition of Sàmi people adopted by the Supreme Administrative Court; land rights of the Sámi people; situation of immigrants, including asylum seekers.[[4]](#endnote-4) | 2013[[5]](#endnote-5); additional information requested[[6]](#endnote-6) |
| Human Rights Committee | 2014 | Conditions of detention in the Metsälä detention centre; persons arrested on criminal charges; rights of the Sami people.[[7]](#endnote-7) | 2014[[8]](#endnote-8); 2015[[9]](#endnote-9); 2016[[10]](#endnote-10) |
| Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women | 2016 | Violence against women.[[11]](#endnote-11) | 2016[[12]](#endnote-12); additional information requested[[13]](#endnote-13) |
| Committee Against Torture | 2017 | National Preventive Mechanism; Transfer of responsibility for remand prisoners held at police facilities to the administrative branch of the Ministry of Justice; Separation of juvenile detainees from adults in all places of detention.[[14]](#endnote-14) | -- |

B. Cooperation with special procedures

|  | *Status during previous cycle* | *Current status* |
| --- | --- | --- |
| *Standing invitation* | Yes | Yes |
| *Visits undertaken* | Indigenous People |  |
| *Visits agreed to in principle* |  |  |
| *Visits requested* |  | Sustainable Development |
| *Responses to letters of allegation and urgent appeals* | During the period under review two communications were sent. The Government replied to both of them. | |

**3. Status of national human rights institutions[[15]](#endnote-15)**

| *National human rights institution* | *Status during previous cycle* | *Status during present cycle* |
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| National Human Rights Institution (Finland) | A | A |

1. Unless indicated otherwise, the status of ratification of instruments listed in the table may be found on the official website of the United Nations Treaty Collection database, Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, <http://treaties.un.org/>. Please also refer to the United Nations compilation on Bahrain from the previous cycle (A/HRC/WG.6/13/FIN/2) [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. The following abbreviations have been used in the present document:

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

   ICESCR International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

   OP-ICESCR Optional Protocol to ICESCR

   ICCPR International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

   ICCPR-OP 1 Optional Protocol to ICCPR

   ICCPR-OP 2 Second Optional Protocol to ICCPR, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty

   CEDAW Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

   OP-CEDAW Optional Protocol to CEDAW

   CAT Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

   OP-CAT Optional Protocol to CAT

   CRC Convention on the Rights of the Child

   OP-CRC-AC Optional Protocol to CRC on the involvement of children in armed conflict

   OP-CRC-SC Optional Protocol to CRC on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

   OP-CRC-IC Optional Protocol to CRC on a communications procedure

   ICRMW International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

   CRPD Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

   OP-CRPD Optional Protocol to CRPD

   ICPPED International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. Individual complaints: ICCPR-OP 1, art. 1; OP-CEDAW, art. 1; OP-CRPD, art. 1; OP-ICESCR, art. 1; OP-CRC-IC, art. 5; ICERD, art. 14; CAT, art. 22; ICRMW, art. 77; and ICPPED, art. 31. Inquiry procedure: OP-CEDAW, art. 8; CAT, art. 20; ICPPED, art. 33; OP-CRPD, art. 6; OP-ICESCR, art. 11; and OP-CRC-IC, art. 13. Inter-State complaints: ICCPR, art. 41; ICRMW, art. 76; ICPPED, art. 32; CAT, art. 21; OP-ICESCR, art. 10; and OP-CRC-IC, art. 12. Urgent action: ICPPED, art. 30. [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
4. CERD/C/FIN/CO/20-22, para. 24. [↑](#endnote-ref-4)
5. CERD/C/FIN/CO/20-22/Add.1. [↑](#endnote-ref-5)
6. Letter from CERD to the Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations at Geneva, dated 7 March 2014, available from: http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CERD/Shared%20Documents/FIN/INT\_CERD\_FUL\_FIN\_16942\_E.pdf. [↑](#endnote-ref-6)
7. CCPR/C/FIN/CO/6, para. 19. [↑](#endnote-ref-7)
8. CCPR/C/FIN/CO/6/Add.1. [↑](#endnote-ref-8)
9. CCPR/C/FIN/CO/6/Add.2. [↑](#endnote-ref-9)
10. Information provided by the Government of Finland on its follow-up to the recommendations contained in paragraphs 10, 11 and 16, available at: http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CCPR/Shared%20Documents/FIN/INT\_CCPR\_AST\_FIN\_25246\_E.pdf. [↑](#endnote-ref-10)
11. CEDAW/C/FIN/CO/7, para. 44. [↑](#endnote-ref-11)
12. CEDAW/C/FIN/CO/7/Add.1. [↑](#endnote-ref-12)
13. Letter from CEDAW to the Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations at Geneva, dated 10 August 2016, available from:http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CEDAW/Shared%20Documents/FIN/INT\_CEDAW\_FUL\_FIN\_24829\_E.pdf. [↑](#endnote-ref-13)
14. CAT/C/FIN/CO/7, para. 34. [↑](#endnote-ref-14)
15. <http://nhri.ohchr.org/EN/Pages/default.aspx>.

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