

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 bodiesⁱ

1. International human rights treatiesⁱⁱ

	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Action after review</i>	<i>Not ratified/not accepted</i>
<i>Ratification, accession or succession</i>	ICERD (1970)	OP-CAT (2014)	ICRMW
	ICESCR (1975)	OP-CRC-SC (2012)	ICPPED (signature, 2007)
	ICCPR (1975)	CRPD (2016)	
	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)		
	<i>Reservations and/or declarations</i>	ICCPR arts. 10 (2) (b), 10 (3), 14 (7) and 20 (1)	
<i>Complaints procedures, inquiries and urgent actionⁱⁱⁱ</i>	ICERD, art. 14 (1994)	OP-ICESCR (2014)	
	ICCPR, art. 41 (1975)	OP-CRC-IC (2015)	
	ICCPR-OP 1 (1975)	OP-CRPD (2016)	
	OP-CEDAW, art. 8 (2000)		
	CAT, art. 20, 21 and 22 (1989)		
	OP-ICESCR (signature, 2009)		
	OP-CRPD (signature, 2007)		

II. Cooperation with human rights mechanisms

A. Cooperation with treaty bodies

1. Reporting status

<i>Treaty body</i>	<i>Concluding observations included in previous review</i>	<i>Latest report submitted since previous review</i>	<i>Latest concluding observations</i>	<i>Reporting status</i>
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

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

Concluding observations

<i>Treaty body</i>	<i>Due in</i>	<i>Subject matter^c</i>	<i>Submitted in</i>
Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	2013	Definition of Sámi people adopted by the Supreme Administrative Court; land rights of the Sámi people; situation of immigrants, including asylum seekers. ^{iv}	2013 ^v ; additional information requested ^{vi}
Human Rights Committee	2014	Conditions of detention in the Metsälä detention centre; persons arrested on criminal charges; rights of the Sami people. ^{vii}	2014 ^{viii} ; 2015 ^{ix} ; 2016 ^x
Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination	2016	Violence against women. ^{xi}	2016 ^{xii} ; additional information requested ^{xiii}

Concluding observations

<i>Treaty body</i>	<i>Due in</i>	<i>Subject matter</i>	<i>Submitted in</i>
against Women			
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. ^{xiv}	--

B. Cooperation with special procedures

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

3. Status of national human rights institutions^{xv}

<i>National human rights institution</i>	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Status during present cycle</i>
National Human Rights Institution (Finland)	A	A

ⁱ 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)

ⁱⁱ 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.

- iii 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.
- iv CERD/C/FIN/CO/20-22, para. 24.
- v CERD/C/FIN/CO/20-22/Add.1.
- vi 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.
- vii CCPR/C/FIN/CO/6, para. 19.
- viii CCPR/C/FIN/CO/6/Add.1.
- ix CCPR/C/FIN/CO/6/Add.2.
- x 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.
- xi CEDAW/C/FIN/CO/7, para. 44.
- xii CEDAW/C/FIN/CO/7/Add.1.
- xiii 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.
- xiv CAT/C/FIN/CO/7, para. 34.
- xv <http://nhri.ohchr.org/EN/Pages/default.aspx>.
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