

APRIL 2001

REPORT OF THE ACCREDITATION SUB-COMMITTEE

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This report represents the outcome of the meeting of the accreditation sub-committee in Rabat in April 2000 under the chairmanship of the Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission as well as of the meeting in Geneva in April 2001 under the chairmanship of the Canadian Human Rights Commission. Members of the sub-committee are as listed below:

Australia for the Asia-Pacific Region (chair in 2000)
Canada for the Americas Region (chair in 2001)
Cameroon for the Africas Region
France for the European Region

The regional representatives on the sub-committee met in Geneva in April 2001 on several occasions and agreed on the following additional procedures to further ensure greater transparency and consistency:

- ☐ Copies of all documentation in support of each request for accreditation will, whenever possible, be distributed in advance to all members of the sub-committee, along with the recommendation of the regional representative.
- ☐ Originals, and if not possible, copies of all supporting documentation and accreditation grids will be provided to the Secretariat for the ICC via the presiding Chair of the Accreditation sub-committee.
- ☐ The accreditation sub-committee will meet for a full day prior to the meeting of the Coordinating Committee in order to be able to complete its work and present an oral report to the members of the ICC. The written report of the Accreditation Sub-Committee should form an Annex to the minutes of the ICC meeting and also be made available in English, French and Spanish versions thereafter (translation by the Secretariat, UNHCHR, to the ICC).
- ☐ All requests for accreditation and substantiating documentation should be made to regional representatives prior to the closing date now established as two months prior to the ICC meeting in Geneva. Fully documented requests sent past this date shall be considered at the ICC meeting of the following year.
- ☐ The written report of the sub-committee shall be prepared, sent to sub-committee members and finalized within two months following the meeting of the ICC.
- ☐ Regional representatives on the sub-committee will ensure the accreditation process and time lines are explained and discussed at the Regional meetings of National Institutions.

The sub-committee members acknowledged with enthusiasm the lifting of the Reserve on the Rating of the Moroccan Commission and expressed their satisfaction with the new Dahir and the extended powers it provides to the Commission. This accomplishment will enable the Moroccan Commission to be confirmed as Chair of the ICC as agreed to in Rabat in April 2000.




As this was the last meeting with Dr. Solomon Gwei as representative of the Africa Region on the sub-committee, the members thanked him for his dedication and hard work on the sub-committee. Mr. Komi G nondoli, from the Commission des droits de l'homme du Togo, was elected the new representative of the Africa Region on the sub-committee, pursuant to the decision made by the African Region at their March 16, 2001, regional meeting in Lomé, Togo.

As previously established, any National Institution requesting accreditation may meet with the sub-committee to discuss its application, be it at the request of the sub-committee or on its own initiative.



Rabat - April 2000

At this meeting, the following institutions were accorded Category A status:

AFRICA

-  Nigeria: reservation lifted
-  South Africa: reservation lifted
-  Togo: reservation lifted.


AMERICAS

-  Bolivia: reservation lifted
-  Honduras

ASIA PACIFIC





-  Fiji
-  Indonesia

EUROPE:

-  Spain

The following institutions were accorded Category B status at this stage:

EUROPE

-  Austria: The Austria Ombudsman Board does not have a specific Human Rights Mandate
-  Denmark: more information required
-  Slovenia: The Human Rights Ombudsman of Slovenia does not meet the Paris Principles
-  Russia: The Commissioner on Human Rights in the Russian Federation did not supply all required documentation.







The following institutions were accorded Category C:

ASIA-PACIFIC

-  Hong-Kong: not a National Institution
-  Iran: The Islamic Human Rights Commission of Iran does not comply with the Paris Principles

The following institutions were accorded Category A(R):

AFRICA:





-  Algeria: information provided incomplete
-  Chad: information provided incomplete
-  Madagascar: information provided incomplete
-  Senegal: information provided incomplete
-  Tunisia: no activity report since 1997
-  Uganda: information provided incomplete

As mentioned in the first report of the sub-committee (1998), the accreditation process is an on-going one and National Institutions may request accreditation at any given time. However, the sub-committee reports to the ICC only once a year with its recommendations and accreditation can only be obtained with the approval of the ICC.

Geneva - April 2001

At this meeting, the following institutions were accorded Category A status:

AFRICA:


-  Ghana
-  Morocco: reservation lifted
-  Rwanda
-  Uganda: reservation lifted

Of notice, the Institution of Algeria has ceased to exist and a new Commission has been created but has not requested accreditation to date. It is also anticipated that the National Institution of Kenya will request accreditation.

AMERICAS:

-  Colombia

EUROPE:

-  Greece: reservation lifted



The following institutions were accorded Category B:

EUROPE:

-  Russia: reservation maintained

The following institutions were accorded Category C:

AMERICAS:


-  Antigua and Barbuda
-  Barbados

The following institutions were accorded Category A(R):


AFRICA:


 Chad: reservation maintained


ASIA-PACIFIC

 Nepal: new institution, no annual report, budget information to be provided

EUROPE

 Bosnia-Herzegovina: new institution, no annual report, no grid

 Germany: new institution, no annual report

 Luxembourg: new institution, no annual report