

## GREECE

### Follow-up - State Reporting Action by Treaty Bodies

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#### CHAPTER VII. FOLLOW-UP TO CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS

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233. For all reports of States parties examined by the Committee under article 40 of the Covenant over the last year, the Committee has identified, according to its developing practice, a limited number of priority concerns, with respect to which it seeks the State party's response, within a period of a year, on the measures taken to give effect to its recommendations. The Committee welcomes the extent and depth of cooperation under this procedure by States parties, as may be observed from the comprehensive table presented below. Since 18 June 2004, 15 States parties (Egypt, Germany, Kenya, Latvia, Lithuania, Morocco, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Sweden, Togo and Venezuela) have submitted information to the Committee under the follow-up procedure. Since the follow-up procedure was instituted in March 2001, only six States parties (Colombia, Israel, Mali, Republic of Moldova, Sri Lanka and Suriname) have failed to supply follow-up information that had fallen due. The Committee reiterates that it views this procedure as a constructive mechanism by which the dialogue initiated with the examination of a report can be continued, and which serves to simplify the process of the next periodic report on the part of the State party.

224. The table below details the experience of the Committee over the last year. Accordingly, it contains no reference to those States parties with respect to which the Committee, upon assessment of the follow-up responses provided to it, decided to take no further action prior to the period covered by this report.

<u>State Party</u>	<u>Date Information Due</u>	<u>Date Reply Received</u>	<u>Further Action</u>
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*Eighty-second session (March 2005)*

Greece	31 March 2006	-	-
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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Eighty-seventh session

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 2392nd MEETING

Held at the Palais Wilson, Geneva,  
on Wednesday, 26 July 2006, at 11 a.m.

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FOLLOW-UP TO CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS ON STATE REPORTS AND TO VIEWS  
UNDER THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL (agenda item 7)

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Report of the Special Rapporteur for follow-up on concluding observations  
(CCPR/C/87/CRP.1/Add.7)

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[Mr. RIVAS POSADA, speaking as Special Rapporteur for follow-up on concluding observations]

54. At its eighty-third session in March 2005, the Committee had requested additional information by 31 March 2006 from five States parties. Reminders had been sent to Greece and Iceland on 6 July 2006. Kenya had submitted what seemed to be a complete reply on 12 June 2006, noting, however, that it had not had time to implement some of the Committee's recommendations. Mauritius had also submitted a complete response with comprehensive statistical annexes. No further action was recommended with regard to either of those two States parties. Although Uzbekistan had not provided the information requested, it had informed the Committee through the Chairperson that the death penalty would be abolished on 1 January 2008 and that a number of committees had been mandated to undertake a corresponding review of the country's legislation.

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**CHAPTER VII. FOLLOW-UP TO CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS**

234. In chapter VII of its annual report for 2003 (A/58/40, vol. I), the Committee described the framework that it has set out for providing for more effective follow-up, subsequent to the adoption of the concluding observations in respect of States parties' reports submitted under article 40 of the Covenant. In chapter VII of its last annual report (A/60/40, vol. I), an updated account of the Committee's experience in this regard over the last year was provided. The current chapter again updates the Committee's experience to 1 August 2006.

235. Over the period covered by the present annual report, Mr. Rafael Rivas Posada continued to act as the Committee's Special Rapporteur for follow-up to concluding observations. At the Committee's eighty-fifth, eighty-sixth and eighty-seventh sessions, he presented progress reports to the Committee on intersessional developments and made recommendations which prompted the Committee to take appropriate decisions on a State-by-State basis.

236. For all reports of States parties examined by the Committee under article 40 of the Covenant over the last year, the Committee has identified, according to its developing practice, a limited number of priority concerns, with respect to which it seeks the State party's response, within a period of a year, on the measures taken to give effect to its recommendations. The Committee welcomes the extent and depth of cooperation under this procedure by States parties, as may be observed from the following comprehensive table. Over the reporting period, since 1 August 2005, 14 States parties (Albania, Belgium, Benin, Colombia, El Salvador, Kenya, Mauritius, Philippines, Poland, Serbia and Montenegro, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Togo and Uganda) have submitted information to the Committee under the follow-up procedure. Since the follow-up procedure was instituted in March 2001, only 11 States parties (Equatorial Guinea, Greece, Iceland, Israel, Mali, Moldova, Namibia, Suriname, the Gambia, Uzbekistan and Venezuela) have failed to supply follow-up information that has fallen due. The Committee reiterates that it views this procedure as a constructive mechanism by which the dialogue initiated with the examination of a report can be continued, and which serves to simplify the process of the next periodic report on the part of the State party.

237. The table below details the experience of the Committee over the last year. Accordingly, it contains no reference to those States parties with respect to which the Committee, upon assessment of the follow-up responses provided to it, decided to take no further action prior to the period covered by this report.

<b>State party</b>	<b>Date information due</b>	<b>Date reply received</b>	<b>Further action</b>
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*Eighty-third session (March 2005)*

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Greece	31 March 2006	-	A reminder was dispatched on 6 July 2006.
Initial report examined	Paras. 9, 10 (b) and 11		

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### CHAPTER VII. FOLLOW-UP ON CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS

220. In chapter VII of its annual report for 2003 (A/58/40, vol. I), the Committee described the framework that it has set out for providing for more effective follow-up, subsequent to the adoption of the concluding observations in respect of States parties' reports submitted under article 40 of the Covenant. In chapter VII of its last annual report (A/61/40, vol. I), an updated account of the Committee's experience in this regard over the last year was provided. The current chapter again updates the Committee's experience to 1 August 2007.

221. Over the period covered by the present annual report, Mr. Rafael Rivas-Posada continued to act as the Committee's Special Rapporteur for follow-up to concluding observations. At the Committee's eighty-fifth, eighty-sixth and eighty-seventh sessions, he presented progress reports to the Committee on intersessional developments and made recommendations which prompted the Committee to take appropriate decisions State by State. In view of Mr. Rivas-Posada's election to the Chair of the Committee, Sir Nigel Rodley was appointed the new Special Rapporteur for follow-up on concluding observations at the Committee's ninetieth session.

222. For all reports of States parties examined by the Committee under article 40 of the Covenant over the last year, the Committee has identified, according to its developing practice, a limited number of priority concerns, with respect to which it seeks the State party's response, within a period of a year, on the measures taken to give effect to its recommendations. The Committee welcomes the extent and depth of cooperation under this procedure by States parties, as may be observed from the following comprehensive table.<sup>1</sup> Over the reporting period, since 1 August 2006, 12 States parties (Albania, Canada, Greece, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Slovenia, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Uganda, Uzbekistan and Venezuela) have submitted information to the Committee under the follow-up procedure. Since the follow-up procedure was instituted in March 2001, only 12 States parties (Brazil, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Mali, Moldova, Namibia, Surinam, Paraguay, the Gambia, Surinam and Yemen) and UNMIK have failed to supply follow-up information that has fallen due. The Committee reiterates that it views this procedure as a constructive mechanism by which the dialogue initiated with the examination of a report can be continued, and which serves to simplify the process of the next periodic report on the part of the State party.

223. The table below takes account of some of the Working Group's recommendations and details the experience of the Committee over the last year. Accordingly, it contains no reference to those States parties with respect to which the Committee, upon assessment of the follow-up responses provided to it, decided before 1 August 2006 to take no further action prior to the period covered by this report.

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### **Eighty-third session (March 2005)**

**State party: Greece**

**Report considered:** Initial (due since 1998), submitted on 5 April 2004.

**Information requested:**

Para. 9: (a) Ending police violence; education on human rights issues for law enforcement personnel; sensitization to issues of racial discrimination; (b) investigations of cases of torture and ill-treatment, punishment commensurate with the gravity of the offence; outcome of investigations disaggregated by national and ethnic origin of victims; (c) progress in reviewing the Disciplinary Law for police officers and the status, mandate and achievements of bodies dealing with complaints against the police; (d) investigation, prosecution and punishment of torture, compensation for victims; detailed statistics on complaints relating to torture, ill-treatment and disproportionate use of force by the police; outcome of the investigations on those cases, disaggregated by the ethnic origin of the victims (arts. 2 and 27).

Para. 10: (a) Measures to combat trafficking in human beings; protection for victims; (b) protection of unaccompanied alien children; outcome of judicial investigation concerning the approximately 500 children who went missing from the Aghia Varvara institution between 1998 and 2002 (arts. 3, 8, 24).

Para. 11: Conditions in detention for undocumented aliens; whether they are informed of their rights (art. 10).

**Date information due:** 31 March 2006

**Action taken:**

6 July 2006 A reminder was sent to the State party.

20 September 2006 A fresh reminder was sent to the State party.

21 December 2006 A further reminder was sent to the State party.

28 July and 4 October 2006 The State party informed the Special Rapporteur that follow-up replies would be forwarded to the Committee in November 2006.

4 October 2006 The State party requested a further extension of the deadline until November.

21 February 2007 The State party informed the Special Rapporteur that the follow-up replies would be finalized in the coming weeks and everything possible would be done to submit them

before the eighty-ninth session (March 2007).

**Date information received: 2 May 2007, complete response.**

**Recommended action: No further action.**

**Next report due: 1 April 2009**

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Note

1/ The table format was altered at the ninetieth session.