

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Cameroon

We would like to bring your attention to the following excerpts of **Treaty Body Concluding Observations and Special Procedure reports** relating to **issues of interest and concern to UNHCR** with regards to **Cameroon**.

Treaty Body Concluding Observations

Committee against Torture

CAT/C/CR/31/6

11 February 2004

i) Appeals to the competent administrative court against deportation orders are not suspensive, and this may lead to a violation of article 3 of the Convention.

g) Allow appeals by foreigners against decisions by the administrative court to confirm deportation orders to stay execution.

Human Rights Committee

CCPR/C/79/Add.116

November 1999

19. The Committee is deeply concerned that a person held in administrative detention, under article 2 of Law No. 90/024 (19 December 1990), may have his detention extended indefinitely with the authorisation of the Provincial Governor or the Minister for Territorial Administration, and that such person has no remedy by way of appeal or application of habeas corpus.

The State party should take immediate steps to bring the law into compliance with article 9 paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Covenant and ensure that the condition in which any such person is held comply with the Covenant.

Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

CERD/C/304/Add.53

31 March 1998

18. The Committee recommends that the State party take all appropriate measures provided for by the Convention to prevent and eliminate acts of racial discrimination against aliens.

19. The Committee recommends that the State party guarantee all persons within its territory, irrespective of race, colour or ethnic origin, enjoyment of the right to security.

Committee on the Rights of the Child
CRC/C/15/Add.164
6 November 2001

B. Positive aspects

7. The Committee appreciates the actions undertaken by the State party to ameliorate the situation of refugee children.

D. Principal subjects of concern and recommendations

27. The Committee requests that specific information be included in the next periodic report on the measures and programmes relevant to the Convention on the Rights of the Child undertaken by the State party to follow up on the Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, taking account of General Comment No. 1 on article 29.1 of the Convention (aims of education). The right to life, survival and development

28. The Committee is deeply concerned at the living conditions of children detained in jails and prisons, which are so deplorable that they endanger their life.

29. The Committee recommends that the State party take all necessary measures to ensure that detained children are provided access to health and education services and with food, and that the conditions meet the needs of the children and are compatible with the rights under the Convention.

Refugee, asylum-seeking and unaccompanied children

56. The Committee, while acknowledging the efforts made to ameliorate the situation of child refugees, is concerned about the inadequate standards, procedures, policies and programmes to guarantee and protect the rights of refugee, asylum-seeking and unaccompanied children, including their registration, adequate education and other social services.

57. The Committee recommends that the State party:

- (a) Establish a national system for determining the status of asylum-seekers, and integrate the rights of refugees into its domestic law;*
- (b) Urgently set up a system for the registration of refugee children;*
- (c) Consider ratifying the 1954 and 1961 Conventions on statelessness;*
- (d) Continue and expand its cooperation with international agencies such as, UNHCR and UNICEF.*

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