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**TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT
OR PUNISHMENT**

**Status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel,
Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment**

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, by its resolution 39/46 of 10 December 1984, adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and called upon all Governments to consider signing and ratifying the Convention as a matter of priority. The Convention was opened for signature at New York on 4 February 1985.
2. By its resolution 41/134 of 4 December 1986, the General Assembly took note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention (A/41/511); requested all States that had not yet done so to become parties to the Convention as a matter of priority; invited all States, upon ratification of or accession to the Convention, to consider the possibility of making the declarations provided for in articles 21 and 22 of the Convention; requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-third session and to the General Assembly at its forty-second session a report on the status of the Convention; and decided to consider the report of the Secretary-General at its forty-second session under the item entitled "Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment".
3. By its resolution 1987/30 of 10 March 1987, the Commission on Human Rights expressed its appreciation to those States that had ratified the Convention; reiterated its request to all States that had not yet done so to sign and ratify

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the Convention as a matter of priority, with a view to an early entry into force of the Convention; requested the Secretary-General to continue submitting to the General Assembly and to the Commission on Human Rights annual reports on the status of the Convention; and decided to consider the report of the Secretary-General at its forty-fourth session under the sub-item entitled "Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment".

4. The Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (General Assembly resolution 39/46, annex) entered into force on 26 June 1987, on the thirtieth day after the date of the deposit with the Secretary-General of the twentieth instrument of ratification or accession, as provided for in article 27, paragraph 1, of the Convention.

5. As at 31 July 1987, the Convention had been ratified or acceded to by 22 States. In addition, 40 States had signed the Convention. The list of States that have signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention, as well as the dates of their signature, ratification or accession is contained in the annex to the present report.

6. As at the same date, six of the States parties to the Convention, namely Argentina, Denmark, France, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland, had made the declarations provided for in articles 21 and 22 of the Convention. Under article 21, a State party to the Convention may declare at any time that it recognizes the competence of the Committee against Torture to receive and consider communications to the effect that a State party claims that another State party is not fulfilling its obligations under the Convention. Under article 22, a State party to the Convention may declare at any time that it recognizes the competence of the Committee to receive and consider communications from or on behalf of individuals subject to its jurisdiction who claim to be victims of a violation by a State party of the provisions of the Convention.

7. The provisions of articles 21 and 22 entered into force on 26 June 1987 in accordance with paragraph 2 of article 21 and paragraph 8 of article 22.

ANNEX

List of States which have signed, ratified or acceded to
the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman
or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

<u>State</u>	<u>Date of signature</u>	<u>Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification or accession</u>
Afghanistan	4 February 1985	1 April 1987
Algeria	26 November 1985	
Argentina <u>a/</u>	4 February 1985	24 September 1986
Australia	10 December 1985	
Austria	14 March 1985	29 July 1987
Belgium	4 February 1985	
Belize		17 March 1986 <u>b/</u>
Bolivia	4 February 1985	
Brazil	23 September 1985	
Bulgaria	10 June 1986	16 December 1986
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	19 December 1985	13 March 1987
Cameroon		19 December 1986 <u>b/</u>
Canada	23 August 1985	24 June 1987
China	12 December 1986	
Colombia	10 April 1985	
Costa Rica	4 February 1985	
Cuba	27 January 1986	
Cyprus	9 October 1985	
Czechoslovakia	8 September 1986	
Denmark <u>a/</u>	4 February 1985	27 May 1987
Dominican Republic	4 February 1985	
Ecuador	4 February 1985	
Egypt		25 June 1986 <u>b/</u>
Finland	4 February 1985	
France <u>a/</u>	4 February 1985	18 February 1986
Gabon	21 January 1986	

<u>State</u>	<u>Date of signature</u>	<u>Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification or accession</u>
Gambia	23 October 1985	
German Democratic Republic	7 April 1986	
Germany, Federal Republic of	13 October 1986	
Greece	4 February 1985	
Guinea	May 1986	
Hungary	28 November 1986	15 April 1987
Iceland	4 February 1985	
Indonesia	23 October 1985	
Israel	22 October 1986	
Italy	4 February 1985	
Liechtenstein	27 June 1985	
Luxembourg	22 February 1985	
Mexico	18 March 1985	23 January 1986
Morocco	8 January 1986	
Netherlands	4 February 1985	
New Zealand	14 January 1986	
Nicaragua	15 April 1985	
Norway <u>a/</u>	4 February 1985	9 July 1986
Panama	22 February 1985	
Peru	29 May 1985	
Philippines		18 June 1986 <u>b/</u>
Poland	13 January 1986	
Portugal	4 February 1985	
Senegal	4 February 1985	21 August 1986
Sierra Leone	18 March 1985	
Spain	4 February 1985	
Sudan	4 June 1986	
Sweden <u>a/</u>	4 February 1985	8 January 1986
Switzerland <u>a/</u>	4 February 1985	2 December 1986
Togo	25 March 1987	

<u>State</u>	<u>Date of signature</u>	<u>Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification or accession</u>
Uganda		3 November 1986 <u>b/</u>
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	27 February 1986	24 February 1987
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	10 December 1985	3 March 1987
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	15 March 1985	
Uruguay	4 February 1985	24 October 1986
Venezuela	15 February 1985	

a/ Made the declarations under articles 21 and 22 of the Convention.

b/ Accession.