ARTICLE 7 REPORTING
Update
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5MSP-BANGKOK (1)
- Place a renewed emphasis on ensuring reports under Article 7 are submitted as required in advance of 1RevCon;
- Exchanging information through Article 7 reporting has been essential in the implementation of the Convention;
5MSP-BANGKOK (2)

Promote implementation of the provisions of Article 7
Promote means to assist States Parties in complying with them
- States Parties (individually/collectively)
- The Article 7 Contact Group
- The President
- Interested organisations

ARTICLE 7: TRANSPARENCY MEASURES

- Importance of Article 7
- Obligations of States Parties
  - Initial Report
  - Annual Report
- Voluntary reporting
WHEN TO REPORT?

- **Initial report**
  - As soon as practicable
  - No later than 180 days after entry into force

- **Annual report**
  - Every year
  - No later than 30 April
  - Covering the past calendar year

WHY REPORT?

- Legal obligation
- Reinforce the humanitarian norm
- Measure progress
  - Of individual States Parties
  - Of the Convention
- Identifies needs
- Instrument for activities in the field
- Lessons
REPORT TO WHOM?

- Secretary General of the United Nations

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HOW TO REPORT?

- Use standardised report forms
- Whenever possible: submit electronically
- If necessary: ask for assistance
- If unavoidable: submit at least information available (+motivate blank forms)
- Provide supplementary information
- Report forms are available from:
COMPLIANCE RATE (1)

- **Initial reports**
  - 2001: 63%
  - 2002: 75%
  - 2003: 88%
  - 2004: ?

- **Late initial reports**
  - 2002: 30
  - 2003: 16
  - 2004: ?

COMPLIANCE RATE (2)

- Late initial reports (16):
  - Equatorial Guinea
  - Namibia
  - Guinea
  - Solomon Islands
  - St. Lucia
  - Liberia
  - Côte d’Ivoire
  - Nauru
  - Sierra Leone
  - Cape Verde
  - Eritrea
  - St.Vincent & Grenadines
  - Nigeria
  - Angola
  - Central African Republic
  - Cyprus

- **risks**
COMPLIANCE RATE (3)

- Annual reports
  - 2001: 59%
  - 2002: 74%
  - 2003: 65%
  - 2004: ?

The Challenge to Nairobi

- Initial Reports
  - 16 late + 9 new deadlines (Sao Tome e Principe, Timor Leste, Guyana, Belarus, Serbia & Montenegro, Greece, Turkey, Sudan, Burundi)

- Annual Reports
  - Completing the picture

- Voluntary Reports
  - UNGA Resolution 57/74
Towards 1RevCon

- Letter on behalf of 5MSP
- Regional Initiatives
- Bilateral contacts
- Intersessional Meetings
- Actions by NGOs
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APPEAL

From Ouagadougou to Nairobi