

Comoros

Comoros is a Member State of the African Union (AU), the League of Arab States (Arab League), and of the United Nations (UN), and has human rights obligations at both the regional and universal levels.

Regional: African System and Arab System



Comoros has ratified the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (African Charter), and its human rights policies and practices are monitored by the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR). Additionally, Comoros has accepted the jurisdiction of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights to hear complaints presented by the ACHPR, African intergovernmental organizations, and States parties to the African Charter. Although Tunisia is a Member of the Arab League, it has not ratified the Arab Charter on Human Rights and is therefore not subject to monitoring by the [Arab Human Rights Committee](#).

The [African human rights system](#) has not decided any complaints by individuals or groups concerning alleged human rights violations committed by Comoros.

Comoros has not submitted any [periodic reports](#) to the ACHPR on human rights conditions in the country.

Comoros has ratified the following **regional human rights treaties**:

- African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights
- African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child
- AU Convention Governing Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa
- Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Establishment of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights
- Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa

United Nations System

As a UN Member State, Comoros is subject to the oversight of various [UN human rights bodies](#), including the [Human Rights Council](#) and its [Universal Periodic Review](#) and thematic [special procedures](#). As a party to specific universal human rights treaties, Comoros's policies and practices are monitored by [UN treaty bodies](#). It has not accepted the complaints procedure of any treaty bodies.

Comoros has ratified the following **UN human rights treaties**:

- Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT)
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
- Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (CRPD)
- Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)
- International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD)

Comoros has also ratified the Optional Protocol to the CRC addressing the sale of children, child prostitution, and child pornography. Comoros has a duty to submit **State reports** to each UN treaty body that is associated with the relevant treaty Comoros has ratified. These reports must be submitted on a periodic basis, and describe the steps Comoros has taken to implement the treaty provisions.

Comoros has not ratified [optional protocols](#) or made appropriate declarations allowing individuals to submit **complaints** against the State for violating UN treaties. Additionally, while certain UN treaties include **inquiry procedures** that allow the UN treaty body to consider allegations of grave or systematic human rights violations, Comoros has not accepted any inquiry procedures.

Comoros has not extended a **standing invitation** to UN special procedures, which means that special rapporteurs and working groups must seek specific invitations from Comoros to conduct a visit within the State. The Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination visited Comoros in May 2014, and published a [report](#) in August 2014.

For more information on Comoros's engagement with [UN human rights bodies](#), visit <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/countries/AfricaRegion/Pages/KMIndex.aspx>.

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