Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic

Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic is a Member State of the African Union (AU) and has human rights obligations at the regional level.

Regional: African System

Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic 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), which reviews the State’s reports concerning its human rights situation and decides complaints of alleged violations. Additionally, Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic has accepted the jurisdiction of the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights to hear complaints presented by the Commission, African intergovernmental organizations, and States parties to the African Charter.

Individuals and groups may submit complaints of human rights violations committed by Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic through the African human rights system. Neither the Commission nor the Court has decided a complaint concerning this State.

Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic has fallen behind in submitting its periodic reports to the ACHPR on human rights conditions in the country. The ACHPR has conducted missions to Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic, including a fact-finding mission in 2012.

Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic has ratified the following regional human rights treaties:

- African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights
- Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights on the Establishment of an African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights
- AU Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa

_Last updated: September 15, 2017_