

Grenada

Grenada is a Member State of the Organization of American States (OAS) and of the United Nations (UN), and has human rights obligations at both the regional and universal levels.

Regional: Inter-American System



As a Member of the OAS, Grenada is held to the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man and its human rights policies and practices are monitored by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. The Commission may decide complaints against the State and may also hold hearings or issue reports on the human rights situation there. Grenada has not accepted the jurisdiction of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

Individuals and groups have submitted complaints of human rights violations committed by Grenada to the <u>Inter-American human rights system</u>. For example, the Commission found that Grenada violated Paul Lallion's rights to life, humane treatment, personal liberty, and fair

trial by imposing a mandatory death sentence against him and by detaining him in inhumane conditions. *See* IACHR, Report No. 55/2, Case 11.765, *Paul Lallion* (Grenada), October 21, 2002.

Additionally, the Commission has issued <u>precautionary measures</u> to protect people in urgent situations of risk in Grenada.

Grenada has ratified the following regional human rights treaties:

- American Convention on Human Rights
- Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence Against Women ("Convention of Belem do Pará")



United Nations System

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

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

- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)
- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)
- Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)
- International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD)

Grenada has submitted a reservation, declaration or understanding that modifies its obligations under the <u>CERD</u>.

Grenada has ratified optional protocols to the CRC addressing children in armed conflict and the sale of children, child prostitution, and child pornography. Grenada has a duty to submit **State reports** to each UN treaty body associated with the treaties Grenada has ratified. These reports must be submitted on a periodic basis, and describe the steps Grenada has taken to implement the treaty provisions.

Grenada has not ratified an optional protocol or made a declaration allowing individuals to submit **complaints** against the State alleging violations of any UN human rights treaties. Additionally, certain UN treaties include **inquiry procedures**, which allow the UN treaty body to consider allegations of grave or systematic human rights violations. Grenada has not accepted the inquiry procedures of any of the UN human rights treaties.

Grenada has not extended a **standing invitation** to UN special procedures, which means they must seek specific invitations from Grenada to conduct a visit within the State. Grenada has not yet received an official visit from a UN special procedure mandate holder.

For more information on Grenada's engagement with <u>UN human rights bodies</u>, visit <u>http://www.ohchr.org/EN/countries/LACRegion/Pages/GDIndex.aspx.</u>

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