



**International Covenant on  
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**Initial reports of States parties**

**Maldives\***

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## **Maldives' initial report under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights**

1. Maldives acceded to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and its first Optional Protocol on 19 September 2006. The Covenant and its first Optional Protocol came into force for Maldives on 19 December 2006. The Government of Maldives did not accept the competence of the Human Rights Committee under article 41 of the Covenant.
2. The Government of Maldives is pleased to inform the Human Rights Committee that the initial report of Maldives under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights — to be prepared in accordance with article 40 of the Covenant — is being addressed by the core document (HRI/CORE/MDV/2010). It covers the period from January 2007 to January 2010.
3. Maldives' core document establishes the constitutional and legal framework for the implementation of the provisions of the Covenant, explains the legal and practical measures adopted to give effect to Covenant rights and includes topics which are congruent to provisions in Parts I, II and III of the Covenant.
4. A number of issues related to civil and political rights were addressed by the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women through their concluding observations as well as three special procedures of the Human Rights Council through their recommendations, including the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers and the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression. The core document takes stock of steps carried out by the Government of Maldives to follow up the above concluding observations and recommendations.
5. Maldives' core document hence provides an initial review of the implementation of the provisions under the Covenant. It further represents for the Government of Maldives an introductory platform to embark on a constructive dialogue with the Human Rights Committee in the future reporting cycle.
6. Under the first Optional Protocol to the Covenant, during the reporting period September 2007–December 2009, Maldives was not formally advised of any individual communication reviewed by the Human Rights Committee.
7. The relevant sections of the core document have been prepared in accordance with the harmonized guidelines for an expanded core document issued by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in May 2006 (HRI/MC/2006/3 and Corr.1) and the consolidated guidelines for State reports under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights issued by the Human Rights Committee in February 2001 (CCPR/C/66/GUI/Rev.2).
8. The Government of Maldives will further seek guidance from the Human Rights Committee to improve the quality of its reporting under the Covenant, including through the follow-up to the concluding observations, as part of the common core document.
9. Table 1 below outlines where the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights are addressed in the core document.

Table 1  
**International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights articles addressed in the common core document (HRI/CORE/MDV/2010)**

<i>Articles</i>	<i>Common core document reference</i>
Article 1	Chap. IV, sect. D. Right to self-determination Chap. IV, sect. C. Participation in public life
Article 2	Chap. IV, sect. A. Non-discrimination and equality Chap. IV, sect. B. Effective remedies Chap. IV, sect. B.3. Remedies available
Article 3	Chap. IV, sect. A. Non-discrimination and equality
Article 4	Chap. IV, sect. F. Right to liberty and security of the person
Article 5	Chap. III, sect. B.1. Reservations and declarations
Article 6	Chap. IV, sect. E. Right to life, right to physical and moral integrity, slavery, forced labour and traffic in persons
Article 7	Chap. IV, sect. E. Right to life, right to physical and moral integrity, slavery, forced labour and traffic in persons
Article 8	Chap. IV, sect. E. Right to life, right to physical and moral integrity, slavery, forced labour and traffic in persons
Article 9	Chap. IV, sect. F. Right to liberty and security of the person
Article 10	Chap. IV, sect. F. Right to liberty and security of the person
Article 11	Chap. IV, sect. F. Right to liberty and security of the person
Article 12	Chap. IV, sect. G. Right to freedom of movement, right to access to any public place, expulsion and extradition
Article 13	Chap. IV, sect. G. Right to freedom of movement, right to access to any public place, expulsion and extradition
Article 14	Chap. IV, sect. A. Non-discrimination and equality Chap. IV, sect. B.6. Procedural guarantees
Article 15	Chap. IV, sect. B. Effective remedies
Article 16	Chap. IV, sect. A. Non-discrimination and equality Chap. IV, sect. B. Effective remedies
Article 17	Chap. IV, sect. H. Right to privacy, freedom of thought, conscience and religion
Article 18	Chap. IV, sect. H. Right to privacy, freedom of thought, conscience and religion
Article 19	Chap. IV, sect. I. Freedom of opinion and expression

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<i>Articles</i>	<i>Common core document reference</i>
Article 20	Chap. IV, sect. A. Non-discrimination and equality Chap. IV, sect. I. Freedom of opinion and expression
Article 21	Chap. IV, sect. J. Right to peaceful assembly and association
Article 22	Chap. IV, sect. J. Right to peaceful assembly and association Chap. IV, sect. N. Trade union rights
Article 23	Chap. IV, sect. K. Right to marry and found a family, protection of the family, mother and children
Article 24	Chap. IV, sect. K. Right to marry and found a family, protection of the family, mother and children Chap. IV, sect. C. Participation in public life Chap. IV, sect. A. Non-discrimination and equality
Article 25	Chap. IV, sect. C. Participation in public life
Article 26	Chap. IV, sect. A. Non-discrimination and equality
Article 27	Chap. IV, sect. A. Non-discrimination and equality Chap. IV, sect. R. The right to education, other cultural rights

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