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Article 7

- 114 States Parties have submitted an initial report as required in Article 7.1, the latest being Algeria, Barbados, Comoros, DR Congo, Lithuania, Malawi, Seychelles and Togo.
- The rate of compliance with Article 7.1 of the Convention stands at almost 90 %.
- 14 States Parties are late in providing a report as required in Article 7.1.
- 7 States Parties or States for which the Convention will soon enter into force have not yet had to submit an initial report in accordance with the deadline indicated in Article 7.
- Two States not party have volunteered an Article 7 report: Latvia and Poland.
- The 2002 annual reporting rate of 74 % was considerably higher than in previous years (56 % in 1999; 51 % in 2000; and, 59 % in 2001.) The 2003 annual reporting rate stands for the moment at 45 %. This relatively low figure is due to some technical problem to include the report on the website and will soon be corrected.
- Do not forget that the deadline to send your annual report was not later than 30 April 2003, covering the **last calendar year** to the Secretary General of the United Nations. To gain time, you can send your report to the following e-mail address.
- Use of the Cover page.
- Reminder of the November 2002 resolution at the General Assembly.