

Reporting cycle of human rights reports

Covenant/Convention	Reporting cycle	Submission of reports	Next report due
1. International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)	5 years	First report submitted in 1999 and heard by the United Nations (UN) Committee in April 2001. Second report incorporated into China's initial report. Scheduled for UN Committee hearing in April/May 2005.	2010 or such other time as the UN Human Rights Committee may determine.
2. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)	5 years	First report submitted in early 1999 and heard by UN Committee in November 1999. Second report submitted in 2004. The UN Human Rights Committee will advise on the hearing date after receiving the report.	2010 or such other time as the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights may determine.
3. International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD)	2 years	First report submitted in late 2000 and heard by UN Committee on 31 July and 1 August 2001. The second report will form part of China's combined 10 th and 11 th reports. The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will initiate the customary pre-drafting instructions when the Central People's Government (CPG) calls for contribution to its report.	To be advised by the UN Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination after its hearing of the second report.

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4. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)	4 years	First report submitted in 1998 and heard by UN Committee in January/February 1999. Second report submitted in early 2004 as part of China's combined 5 th and 6 th report. The UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women has yet to announce the hearing date.	2008 or such other time as the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women may determine.
5. Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT)	4 years	Last report submitted in mid 1999 and heard by UN Committee in May 2000. The CPG has requested contribution to its third report by the end of 2004. HAB will initiate pre-drafting consultations shortly. The UN Committee Against Torture will announce the hearing date after the CPG has submitted the report.	2009 or such other time as the UN Committee Against Torture may determine.
6. Convention on Rights of the Child (CRC)	5 years	Initial report incorporated into China's second report. Likely to be heard by UN Committee in 2005.	2010 or such other time as the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child may determine.