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Adoption—Annulment—Former Domestic Partners

A probate court did not err in denying the request of a woman who had adopted a child in Vietnam in 2007 that it annul its 2008 judgment granting a co-petition to adopt the same child, which she had filed with her then same-sex domestic partner, the Maine Supreme Judicial Court held Aug. 10. A month after the probate court granted the woman’s petition to recognize her foreign adoption of the child, the partners filed their co-petition to jointly adopt him based on the state high court’s ruling in Adoption of A.L.A., 930 A.2d 1388, 33 FLR 1496 (Me. 2007), that Maine’s Adoption Act allows two unmarried individuals to jointly adopt. The probate court granted their petition by judgment without a hearing, and neither partner appealed. After the partners (who had previously obtained a declaration of their domestic partnership from the state) ended their relationship, the woman and another individual petitioned to annul her ex-partner’s adoption of the child, asserting that the adoption was granted as a result of “illegal procedures,” and thus was invalid under the state’s annulment statute, Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 18, § 9-315 (2009).

In affirming the denial of the petition, Justice Ellen A. Gorman rejected the woman’s claim that the probate court had lacked authority to grant the joint adoption due to its failure to accomplish several necessary procedural steps, including obtaining her written consent, doing a home study, considering whether the adoption was in the child’s best interest, and conducting a hearing. Asserting that these “procedural irregularities” provided no basis for annulling the partner’s joint adoption of the child, Gorman said that although the Adoption Act requires the legal parent to give written consent to a child’s adoption letter by another, it does not contain any limitation or requirement for the type of document by which consent may be given. Thus, she explained, such consent may be found in the joint adoption petition itself, which the woman co-filed and signed. “The technical requirements of a separate written consent under circumstances where the legal parent herself seeks the adoption application cannot always be used to annul an adoption,” Gorman asserted. Further finding that the Act does not require an adoption hearing if the applicable criteria for adoption are otherwise satisfied, she also said that the probate court was authorized to make the home study requirement in light of the fact that the partners had just undergone a home study as part of the woman’s petition to recognize her foreign adoption. (She noted that the home study supported the finding that the adoption was in the child’s best interest.) Declaring that a “child’s legal parenthood cannot be subjected to the fleeting and transitory whims of adult relationships,” Gorman said that the former partners’ dispute should be resolved in a parental rights and responsibility action, not an annulment action.

The woman was represented by Scott F. Hess, of The Law Office of Bigger & Hess, Portland, Me. Her former partner was represented by E. Anne Carter and Frayla A. Schoenfield, of Law Office of E. Anne Carter, Brunswick, Me. (Adoption of J.S.S., Me., No. 4:09-MD-05551, 6/10/10)

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The National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice was established in July 2001 to assist the field in developing improved policies and programs for youth with mental health disorders in contact with the juvenile justice system, based on the best available research and practice. The Center, which is operated by Policy Research, Inc. in Delmar, NY is supported by a grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and operates current projects with funding the Council of State Governments. The Center aims at providing a centralized national focal point that pulls together and links the various activities and research that are currently underway, maximizing the awareness and usefulness of new products and learnings, and using the best available knowledge to guide practice and policy.


The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University’s Public Policy Institute has announced its 2012 Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare: Multi-System Integration Certificate Programs. The Certificate Programs are week-long periods of intensive study designed for organization and system leaders working with youth known to the juvenile justice and child welfare systems—youth commonly referred to as “crossover youth.” The programs are targeted at public and private sector leaders working in the juvenile justice, child welfare, judiciary, behavioral health, education and other systems that serve crossover youth. The programs utilize a multi-systems and multi-disciplinary approach in focusing on policies, programs and practices that improve outcomes for this population. Upon completion of the week-long program, participants apply the knowledge they gain via a Capstone Project - a reform agenda they implement in their organization / community to make a positive impact on the lives of crossover youth. In order to enhance the possibility of implementing cross systems change after returning from the program, applicants from the same jurisdiction are encouraged to apply as “mini-teams.”

Certificate Program for Public Sector Leaders
July 6-13, 2012 (applications due by March 22, 2012)
October 10-17, 2012 (priority application deadline is March 22, 2012)
Racial Fairness
Resource Guide

Links to related online resources are listed below. Non-digitized publications may be borrowed from the NCSC Library; call numbers are provided.

All Resources

Featured Links

Race & Ethnic Fairness in the Courts
NCSC's national campaign to ensure the racial and ethnic fairness of America's state courts. Includes an interactive database of state programs, tactical plans and resources.

“Implicit Bias A Primer for Courts.”
This primer was produced as part of the National Campaign to Ensure the Racial and Ethnic Fairness of America’s State Courts.

Public Trust and Confidence Forum
Unequal Treatment in the Justice System

Race and Ethnic Fairness Initiative
Database of the main findings and recommendations of the various commissions and task forces established by state judicial branches to investigate and improve racial and ethnic fairness in their courts.

Racial Bias
COSCA Position Paper on Racial and Ethnic Fairness. (December 2001). In December of 2001, the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) issued a position paper on the State Courts’ responsibility to address issues of racial and ethnic fairness. The COSCA position paper outlines strategies and goals for the
A jury of peers?
By Mark Houser, TRIBUNE-REVIEW
Sunday, July 21, 2002

The system that picks people for jury duty in Allegheny County consistently overlooks blacks and favors whites, a Pittsburgh Tribune-Review investigation has found.

Though jurors are supposed to be selected at random, people living in white neighborhoods are more than twice as likely to be called for jury service as residents of black neighborhoods, according to a Tribune analysis of thousands of people recently summoned for criminal jury duty.

Day after day, blacks are proportionally underrepresented in Room 318 of the Allegheny County Courthouse, where jurors summoned for duty wait to see if they'll be picked to hear a trial.

While every ninth adult in the county is black, fewer than one in 20 people in the jury room is black.

As a result, blacks on trial often look to the strangers in the jury box charged with judging their actions, hearing their reasons and deciding their fate, and see a dozen white faces looking back.

This imbalance, say many observers, casts a reasonable doubt on the very promise and purpose of the courts: to provide a fair trial by a jury of one's peers.

Criminal courtrooms in Allegheny County frequently look ‘like South Africa during apartheid,’ said Pittsburgh attorney Caroline Roberto.

“You sit there and think everybody in the courtroom is white oftentimes except the defendant,” said Roberto, a former president of the Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

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7. 22-year-old Greensburg man charged with marketing loan
8. Steelers’ Clark headed to Pro Bowl
9. Freeport Read surveillance plan zooms ahead
Race & Ethnic Fairness Initiative

The Race and Ethnic Fairness Initiative of the National Center for State Courts compiled this electronic database of the main findings and recommendations of the various commissions and task forces established by state judicial branches to investigate and improve racial and ethnic fairness in their courts. The database is a recognition of value of the individual reports that were produced and the collective accomplishments of the National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness. The database also is one way in which the National Center for State Courts commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*.

Three options are available to access the findings and recommendations. Please click on one of the search options listed below. Also, please let us know if you encounter any difficulties in accessing the information you require or any inaccuracies. Write to us at research@ncsc.dni.us giving “Race and Ethnic Fairness” as the subject heading.

- Search by State
- Search by Topic
- Combination Search by State & Topic
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## Race & Ethnic Fairness Initiative

The database contains key findings and recommendations from Task Force or Commission reports from 26 states and the District of Columbia. Eight states are represented by more than one report, sometimes representing separate commissions or task forces and sometimes a final report and a follow-up implementation report.

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Race and Ethnic Fairness

State: Florida Report 2

Committee/Report Name: The Florida Supreme Court Racial and Ethnic Bias Study Commission was established on December 11, 1989. The final report "Where the Injured Fly for Justice" was published December 11, 1991. (KFF411_F57)

Number of Committee Members: 27 Commission Members

Chair: Frank Scruggs, Attorney. Vice-Chair: Chief Justice Leander J. Shaw, Jr.

Methods Used: Extensive public testimony and numerous empirical studies

Topics and Recommendations

Access

Language

Findings
1. Fundamentally, the courts shall be equally accessible to, and protective of, all persons, regardless of their ability to communicate in English. Interpreters should be made available to an individual for whom English is not the primary language at the first stage of the criminal process at which his or her liberty is at risk.
2. Evidence in Florida suggests that the rights of non-English speaking defendants are systematically being compromised due to the lack of trained, qualified court interpreters.
3. Many of Florida’s judicial circuits do not have formal standards or criteria governing the training, certification, and use of court interpreters. The special needs of linguistic minorities have not been adequately met by the present approach of leaving to individual judges or administrators the responsibility of eliminating the language barrier.

Recommendations
1. The Florida Legislature should amend s. 90.606, Florida Statutes, to make clear that all non-English speaking criminal defendants have a right to a certified interpreter at all critical stages of the criminal prosecution. This would make such right co-extensive with the Sixth Amendment right to counsel in criminal cases.
2. The courts, through promulgation of a rule of practice and procedure, should be required affirmatively to inquire, during first appearance, as to a criminal defendant’s need for the services of an interpreter.
3. The Florida Legislature should mandate and fund the development of a statewide training and certification program, to be administered through the Office of the State Courts Administrator. Once funded, OSCA should be encouraged to collaborate with the state university and community college systems to design a curriculum appropriate for pre- and post-certification education.
4. OSCA should, through appropriate means, ensure the effective dissemination of information to all judges and court administrators regarding the availability and appropriate use of court interpretive training, and certification services.

Juries

Selection

Findings
1. The present system of selecting jurors through the list of registered voters does not result in juries which are racial and ethnic composites of the community.

Recommendations
New Issue of Research Report Digest Released
The National Institute of Justice has released the fourth issue of its Research Report Digest, a publication that provides brief descriptions of studies in various criminal justice disciplines, such as criminology and forensic sciences, and evaluations of technologies in the law enforcement and corrections fields.

Web Forum Discussion January 27
The Office for Victims of Crime will host a Web Forum Guest Host Session on January 27th from 2-3 pm ET to discuss building resiliency within victim service organizations. Submit your questions now for discussion during the session.

The Jail as Part of County Government [Lesson Plans and Participant's Manual]
This manual from the National Institute of Corrections provides insight into the role of jails in the local criminal justice system, including an understanding of jail liability concerns, the elements of effective jail operations, and how to build cooperation and collaboration between decisionmakers in addressing jail issues.

New Tool for Grant Applicants
"Drug-Grant Financial Management" is a training program that is designed for individuals responsible for the financial administration of discretionary and/or formula grants awarded from federal grant-in-aid programs administered by various bureaus and offices at the Department of Justice. Twenty-four online training modules are provided.

Free Elder Abuse Webinar Series
On January 31, 2012, the National Institute of Justice will host "Building a Risk Assessment Tool for the N. H. Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services." This free presentation, moderated by Andy Mao, Senior Counsel for Health Care Fraud and Elder Justice, will examine the complex issue of researching an elderly population, and discuss how an innovative partnership among state adult protective services agencies, a national association, and criminal-justice researchers is overcoming the challenges.

Funding Opportunity Available for BJA
The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has a number of open solicitations on topics such as bulletproof vest partnership program, improving criminal courts, prison industry enhancement certification technical assistance program, and state criminal alien assistance program. View the full list of available solicitations at BJA's funding page.

You're An Adult Now: Youth in Adult Criminal Justice Systems
This report by the National Institute of Corrections addresses the lack of information available about how to manage youth offenders who are placed in adult jails or prisons or who are under community supervision. This publication presents the findings of a panel of experts regarding gaps in data collection and information and successful strategies to curb delinquency.

Save the Date for NLI Conference
The NLI Conference 2012 will be held June 19-20, 2012, in Arlington, Virginia. For more than a decade, the National Institute of Justice's (NLI) annual conference has brought together criminal justice scholars, policymakers, and practitioners at the local, state, and federal levels to share the most recent findings from research and technology.

January Recognized as National Mentoring Month
January has again been proclaimed by the President to be National Mentoring Month. As such, NCJRS invites you to visit the Mentoring Special Feature, an online resource containing links to publications, funding resources, and related Web sites focusing on juvenile mentoring efforts.

Last updated on: 1/25/2012
Q&A

- **How can I obtain a copy of my criminal record?**
  
  To obtain a copy of your Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) criminal record, please follow the process... [Read More]
  
  Last Updated: March 20, 2009

- **Where can I locate information on conducting forensic computer investigations?**
  
  Information about forensic computer investigations can be found on the Digital Evidence and Forensic... [Read More]
  
  Last Updated: January 5, 2011

- **Can I work in law enforcement if I have a criminal record?**
  
  To determine the impact your criminal record may have on your ability to get a job in criminal justice... [Read More]
  
  Last Updated: May 29, 2008

More Q&A

Publications

- **Biometric Authentication Credential in the Criminal Justice System - Applications to Access Control**, NU-Sponsored, November 2004, NCJ 237332. (100 pages).
  
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- **Crime Control: Perspectives from Both Sides of the Ledger**, NU, December 2011, NCJ 237280.
  
  Agency Abstract: HTML

- **Crime Control: Perspectives from Both Sides of the Ledger - Interview with Phillip J. Cook**, NU, December 2011, NCJ 237281.
  
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Promoting Cooperative Strategies to Reduce Racial Profiling

The COPS Office took a position of national leadership by developing strategies to help police departments respond to concerns about racial profiling. As the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division investigated and filed legal suits against a number of police departments for a “pattern or practice” of racial profiling, the COPS Office provided support to agencies to proactively address the issue through a variety of initiatives:

• The Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) received support to publish a guide outlining departmental responses to biased-based policing. The substantive chapters from the PERF publication Racially Biased Policing: A Principled Response (Fridel et al. 2001) provided the basis for subsequent COPS Office funding areas under the PCSRRP grants described in more detail below.

• The Regional Community Policing Institutes (RCPI) received funding to develop curriculums and training materials related to racial profiling issues. Each RCPI has its own signature emphasis in curriculum development.
Racial Disparity Initiative
A Project of the Council on Crime and Justice

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Minority juveniles represented approximately 16% of the state's 10-17-year-olds in 2002, but comprised 36% of arrests.
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About the Council
Through research, demonstration projects and advocacy, we are bringing just solutions to the causes and consequences of crime.
MORE ABOUT THE COUNCIL

“Approximately 35 percent of American Indians dropped out of high school annually from 1997 to 2000.”

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Reports
An Analysis of Racial Disproportionality in Juvenile Confinement
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Defining the Disparity
Causes & Evidence of Racial Disparities
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The Collateral Consequences of Racial Disparities
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MN Reports on Racial Disparity
Abstracts of reports completed by other MN organizations

“In the 65 participating jurisdictions, Whites were stopped at a greater rate than expected in only 8 of the jurisdictions. Blacks were over stopped in every jurisdiction but one and Latinos in all but five.”
The United States is the world's leader in incarceration with 2.3 million people currently in the nation's prisons or jails -- a 500% increase over the past thirty years. These trends have resulted in prison overcrowding and state governments being overwhelmed by the burden of funding a rapidly expanding penal system, despite increasing evidence that large-scale incarceration is not the most effective means of achieving public safety.

Interactive Map

In The Media
- N.H. has low crime rate, but high rate for incarcerating minorities (Manchester Telegraph)
- Drug Terms Reduced, Freeing Prisoners (The New York Times)
- Early Release proposed for crack cocaine offenders (Los Angeles Times)
- Opposing views Reduce prison populations (USA Today)
- Fewer incarcerations means more money for crime prevention (Washington Post)
- Mass Incarceration in America (The American Prospect)
- Fourteen Examples of Racism in Criminal Justice System (Washingon Post)

Incarceration News

THE SENTENCING PROJECT'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY FORUM: CRIMINAL JUSTICE 2036: A 25-YEAR VISION FOR REFORM

Criminal Justice 2036: A 25-Year Vision for Reform
October 11, 2011

[Graph showing prison population trend]
More sites to explore...
Wade Henderson, Esq.

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The Leadership Conference is the nation's premier civil and human rights coalition charged by its diverse membership of more than 200 national organizations to promote and protect the civil and human rights of all persons in the United States. Through advocacy and outreach to targeted constituencies, the Leadership Conference works toward the goal of a more open and just society. The Education Fund builds public will for civil and human rights through campaigns that empower and mobilize civil and human rights advocates around the country to push for progressive change.

Mr. Henderson is also the Joseph L. Rauch, Jr. Professor of Public Interest Law at the David A. Clarke School of Law, University of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Henderson is well known for his expertise on a wide range of civil rights, civil liberties, and human rights issues, and is the author of numerous articles on civil rights and public policy issues. Since taking the helm of The Leadership Conference in June 1995, Mr. Henderson has worked diligently to address emerging policy issues of concern to the civil and human rights community and to strengthen the effectiveness of the coalition. Under his stewardship, The Leadership Conference has become one of the nation's most effective advocates for civil and human rights.

Mr. Henderson currently serves on the National Quality Forum Board of Directors, which seeks to improve healthcare quality through performance measurement and public reporting; the FDIC Advisory Committee on Economic Inclusion, which was created in 2006 to provide the FDIC with advice and recommendations on important initiatives focused on expanding access to banking services by underserved populations; the Board of Directors of the Center for Responsible Lending, a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting homeownership and family wealth by working to eliminate abusive financial practices; and the Board of Trustees of the Education Testing Service, a private, nonprofit organization devoted to educational measurement and research.

Prior to his role with The Leadership Conference, Mr. Henderson was the Washington Bureau director of the NAACP. In that capacity, he directed the government affairs and national legislative program of the NAACP.

Wade Henderson was previously the associate director of the Washington national office of the ACLU, where he began his career as a legislative counsel and advocate on a wide range of civil rights and civil liberties issues. Mr. Henderson also served as executive director of the Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO).

Mr. Henderson is a graduate of Howard University and the Rutgers University School of Law. He is a member of the Bar in the District of Columbia, and the United States Supreme Court.

As a tireless civil rights leader and advocate, Mr. Henderson has received countless awards and honors, including the prestigious Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights. He holds an honorary Doctorate in Law from Queens College School of Law, City University of New York.
Issues & Campaigns

The Leadership Conference works on a wide range of issues representative of the breadth of today’s civil rights movement. You can find an overview of some of these issues below, or use this site’s search function to find information on more specific topics.

- Census
- Civil Rights Enforcement
- Constitutional Citizenship
- Criminal Justice System
- Disability Rights
- Education
- Equal Opportunity
- Hate Crime
- Health Care

- Housing & Lending
- Human Rights
- Immigration
- Indigenous Peoples
- Jobs & Economy
- Judiciary
- LGBT Rights
- Media & Technology

- Poverty & Welfare
- Racial Profiling
- Religious Freedom
- Seniors
- Social Security
- Transportation Equity
- Voting Rights
- Women’s Rights
- Workers’ Rights

Read Unfinished Business - The Leadership Conference Education Fund’s Civil and Human Rights Blog

Civil Rights News: Police Discrimination: Wrongful Conclusions; Diverse Judicial Nominations
Civil Rights Documentary: “Barber of Birmingham” Goes for Oscar
Civil Rights News: Profile on Black Women: Hospital Denied Same Sex Valiation; Discrimination University Study
Working for Civil Rights – Jobs Roundup
Civil Rights News: Race Discrimination, LGBT Rights, Civil Rights Case & NYPD Officer

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International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

Adopted and opened for signature and ratification by General Assembly resolution 2106 (XX)
of 21 December 1965

entry into force 4 January 1969, in accordance with Article 19

The States Parties to this Convention,

Considering that the Charter of the United Nations is based on the principles of the dignity and equality inherent in all human beings, and that all Member States have pledged themselves to take joint and separate action, in co-operation with the Organization, for the achievement of one of the purposes of the United Nations which is to promote and encourage universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Considering that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaims that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set out therein, without distinction of any kind, in particular as to race, colour or national origin,

Considering that all human beings are equal before the law and are entitled to equal protection of the law against any discrimination and against any incitement to discrimination,

Considering that the United Nations has condemned colonialism and all practices of segregation and discrimination associated therewith, in whatever form and whenever they exist, and that the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples of 14 December 1966 (General Assembly resolution 1514 (XVI)) has affirmed and solemnly proclaimed the necessity of bringing them to a speedy and unconditional end,

Considering that the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination of 20 November 1965 (General Assembly resolution 1954 (XXVIII)) solemnly affirms the necessity of speedily eliminating racial discrimination throughout the world in all its forms and manifestations and of securing understanding of and respect for the dignity of the human person,

Convinced that any doctrine of superiority based on racial differentiation is scientifically false, morally condemnable, socially unjust and dangerous, and that there is no justification for racial discrimination, in theory or in practice, anywhere,

Reaffirming that discrimination between human beings on the grounds of race, colour or ethnic origin is an obstacle to friendly and peaceful relations among nations and is capable of disturbing peace and security among peoples and the harmony of persons living side by side even within one and the same State,

Convinced that the existence of racial barriers is repugnant to the ideals of any human society,

Aware of manifestations of racial discrimination still in evidence in some areas of the world and of governmental policies based on racial superiority or hatred, such as policies of apartheid, segregation or separation,

Resolved to adopt all necessary measures for speedily eliminating racial discrimination in all its forms and manifestations, and to prevent and combat racist doctrines and practices in order to promote understanding between races and to build an international community free from all forms of racial segregation and racial discrimination,


Deeming it necessary to implement the principles embodied in the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination and to secure the earliest adoption of practical measures to that end,

Have agreed as follows:

PART I

Article 1

1. In this Convention, the term 'racial discrimination' shall mean any distinction, exclusion, restriction or preference based on race, colour, descent, or national or ethnic origin which has the purpose or effect of nullifying or impairing the enjoyment by all citizens of human rights and fundamental freedoms.
Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Monitoring racial equality and non-discrimination

The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) is the body of independent experts that monitors implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination by its State parties.

All States parties are obliged to submit regular reports to the Committee on how the rights are being implemented. States must report initially one year after acceding to the Convention and then every two years. The Committee examines each report and addresses its concerns and recommendations to the State party in the form of "concluding observations".

In addition to the reporting procedure, the Convention establishes three other mechanisms through which the Committee performs its monitoring functions: the early-warning procedure, the examination of inter-State complaints and the examination of individual complaints.

The Committee meets in Geneva and normally holds two sessions per year consisting of three weeks each.

The Committee also publishes its interpretation of the content of human rights provisions, known as general recommendations (or general comments), on thematic issues and organizes thematic discussions.

For more information about the work of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, click here.

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Compilación de observaciones finales del Comité para la Eliminación de la Discriminación Racial sobre países de América Latina y el Caribe (1970-2006)

A compilation of CERD concluding observations for Latin American and Caribbean countries in their original languages. Contains all of the concluding observations of the Committee from 1970 to 2006 relating to Spanish-speaking countries in Spanish, English-speaking countries (as well as Brazil) in English, and Francophone countries in French.

Published by OHCHR Regional Office, Santiago, Chile.

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International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
21 March

"Overcoming racism compels us to address public policies and private attitudes that perpetuate it. On this International Day, I call on Member States, international and non-governmental organizations, the media, civil society and all individuals to engage meaningfully in the promotion of the International Year for People of African Descent — and to work together against racism whenever and wherever it occurs."

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon
Message for the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 2011

The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed annually on 21 March. On that day, in 1960, police opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration in Sharpeville, South Africa, against the apartheid "pass laws". Proclaiming the Day in 1965, the General Assembly called on the international community to redouble its efforts to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination [resolution 2142 (XXI)].

Since then, the apartheid system in South Africa has been dismantled. Racist laws and practices have been abolished in many countries, and we have built an international framework for fighting racism, guided by the International Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The Convention is now nearing universal ratification, yet still, in all regions, too many individuals, communities and societies suffer from the injustice and stigma that racism brings.

The first article of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights affirms that "all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights". The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination reminds us of our collective responsibility for promoting and protecting this ideal.

Children don't know about racial discrimination.
1962, Cape Town, South Africa. UN Photo.