

PROCEDURE FOR CONSIDERATION OF INDIVIDUAL COMMUNICATIONS

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The Treaty Body receives an individual communication, and checks if it fulfils the admissibility criteria.

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If the communication is deemed **admissible**, the Treaty Body submits the complaint to the State party and seeks information/clarification from the State regarding the complaint.

If the communication is deemed **inadmissible**, this is communicated to the complainant and the State, and the process comes to an end. No appeals to the Committee are possible.

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If the communication is deemed **admissible**, the Treaty Body is likely to ask for **additional information** from both the complainant and the State party – these exchanges can be a long process. Sometimes cases are resolved at this stage, without a decision of the Treaty Body.

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The Treaty Body then proceeds to examine the **merits** of the case in a closed session.

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If the Treaty Body considers that there is a **violation** of a right or rights under the relevant treaty, the Committee will send its decision (also called 'views' or 'recommendations' or 'findings') to the State party and call upon it to implement the decision within three to six months.

If the Treaty Body considers that **no violation** has occurred, this decision will be communicated to both State and complainant simultaneously, and the process ends.