

## PART III: OTHER INFORMATION & LINKS

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### **The Human Rights Unit of the Commonwealth Secretariat.**

In keeping with the ideals and values of the modern Commonwealth, outlined in Part 1, the Human Rights Unit of the Secretariat is mandated to assist member governments to promote and protect human rights at the national level, including through support institutional and capacity development efforts.

The Model National Action Plan is partly intended to provide a basis from which the HRU can, upon request, help countries to assess and devise a comprehensive, realistic, coherent and tailored national plan based around the Model. The HRU is at the service of member countries and invites expressions of interest in providing this support.

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**Selected links and other resources**

## ● Commonwealth Declarations:

1971 *Declaration of Commonwealth Principles*  
(The *Singapore Declaration*)

1991 *Declaration of Commonwealth Principles*  
(The *Harare Declaration*)

1993 *Commonwealth (Latimer House) Principles on the Relationship between the Three Arms of Government*

1995 *Millbrook Commonwealth Action Programme on the Harare Declaration*

2003 *Aso Rock Commonwealth Declaration on Development and Democracy*

[www.thecommonwealth.org/document/34293/35468/declarations/](http://www.thecommonwealth.org/document/34293/35468/declarations/)

● The UN Handbook on National Action Plans for Human Rights can be obtained from OHCHR (above) or obtained from the internet as follows:

[www.ohchr.org/english/about/publications/docs/nhrap.pdf](http://www.ohchr.org/english/about/publications/docs/nhrap.pdf)

● The UN Handbook on National Action Plans for Human Rights Education can be obtained from OHCHR (above) or:

[www.unhchr.ch/education/main.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/education/main.htm)

● The Commonwealth Handbook on Ratification of Human Rights Instruments:

[www.thecommonwealth.org/humanrights](http://www.thecommonwealth.org/humanrights)

- Text of the ICCPR, ICESCR and other universal instruments:  
[www.ohchr.org/english/law/](http://www.ohchr.org/english/law/)
  
- The texts of relevant regional human rights instruments relevant to Commonwealth countries:
  - Africa – [www.achpr.org](http://www.achpr.org)
  - Caribbean – [www.iachr.org](http://www.iachr.org)
  - European – [www.echr.coe.int](http://www.echr.coe.int)
  
- Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (World Conference on Human Rights 1993)  
[www.unhchr.ch/html/menu5/wchr.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu5/wchr.htm)
  
- Copenhagen Declaration (World Summit on Social Development 1995):  
[www.un.org/esa/socdev/wssd/agreements/index.html](http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/wssd/agreements/index.html)