

Human Rights Committee dismisses complaints against Australia and the Czech Republic

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Complaints that Australia failed to uphold the prohibition of cruel and inhuman treatment, and the Czech Republic violated the right to equality before the law were both held inadmissible by the Human Rights Committee.



S.Y.L. v. Australia (1897/2009)

In July 2013, the Committee was asked to consider whether Australia had violated its obligations under article 7 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in failing to uphold the prohibition of cruel and inhuman treatment. The author of the communication was Mr S.Y.L., a Timor-Leste citizen. The Committee considered that the author's claims were inadmissible under article 2 of the Optional Protocol for lack of substantiation.

V.B. v. Czech Republic (1809/2008)

In July 2013, the Committee was asked to consider whether the Czech Republic had violated its obligations under article 26 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in failing to uphold an individual's right to equality before the law. The author of the communication was Ms V.B., a Czech national of Roma origin. The Committee considered that the author's claims were inadmissible under article 2 of the Optional Protocol for lack of substantiation.

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