



Australia

Article 27 - Everyone has the right to take part in the cultural life of their community

In the early 1900s the Australian government forcibly removed Aboriginal children from their families against the wishes of their parents. These children became known as the 'Stolen Generation' and they and their descendants suffered enormous grief, suffering and loss as a result of this policy. In February 2008 the newly elected Prime Minister of Australia, Kevin Rudd, made the first official apology to the Aboriginal community for the maltreatment of their people.

Article 14 - Everyone has the right to seek asylum in another country, if they are being persecuted in their own country

Australia's 'Pacific Solution' offshore detention policy has seen the long-term detention of refugees on the island Nauru. Many of the refugees, mostly from Sri Lanka, must re-apply every three years for Temporary Protection Visas that do not allow them to stay in Australia and risk the chance of them being sent back into dangerous situations.