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### **RELIGION OR BELIEF INFORMATION NETWORK**

**A Global Network of Cooperating Organizations and People**

*Protecting the right to freedom of religion or belief by promoting, implementing and monitoring Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the 1981 United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief.*

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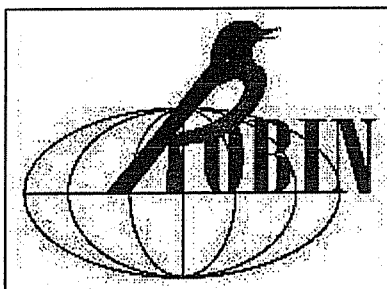
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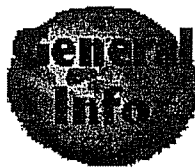
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# Introduction and Background

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### Rationale

Persecution and discrimination on grounds of religion or belief remains a lamentable reality in all regions of the globe. ROBIN is a worldwide network designed to protect freedom of religion or belief on a country-by-country basis and to study the impact of such beliefs on public policy.

An additional document is available describing the [ROBIN project](#). This document explains the [reasons](#) behind the creation of ROBIN, highlights the [history](#) and [features](#) of the system and gives a [timetable](#) of steps to develop the full operational capacity of the network.

### United Nations

The right to freedom of religion or belief was first articulated at the United Nations Conference on International Organization, held in San Francisco in 1945. It was enshrined in Article 1 of the U.N. Charter . . . "fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion" and subsequently [1948] in [Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#).

Additional information is available on the [historical role of the United Nations](#). This information provides the text of major United Nations human rights instruments which are concerned with freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief.

### Tandem Project

The Tandem Project is a nonsectarian, nonprofit, international human rights organization founded in 1985. ROBIN is a program of the Tandem Project.

Additional information on the Tandem Project is available [here](#). Along with a listing of the accomplishments of the Tandem Project.

### World Report

This section describes *Freedom of Religion and Belief-A World Report*, a sixty country study of compliance with the 1981 U.N. Declaration, by the University of Essex Human Rights Centre and The Tandem Project.

### Advisors

ROBIN is maintained by an International Advisory Committee. A [listing](#) of the committee members is available.



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## Religion or Belief Information Network

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### United Nations

United Nations news from the Human Rights Commission, Human Rights Committee, United Nations Centre for Human Rights, Member States Missions, affiliated agencies and inter-governmental organizations on issues relevant to religion or belief and public policy.

- [United Nations Disengagement Force](#)  
A press release describing activities relating to the Middle East.

### Governments

News from governmental departments on issues relevant to freedom of religion or belief and public policy.

### Religions or Beliefs

News from religious and humanist organizations, religious broadcasting networks.

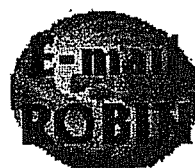
### Human Rights

News from human rights groups on issues relevant to freedom of religion or belief and public policy.

- [Internet a peace tool for the computer age](#)  
A report from the Future of Hope Conference.

### Academic Institutions

News from universities, colleges and research institutes on issues relevant to freedom of religion or belief and public policy.



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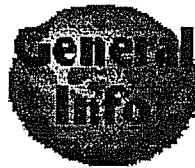
A questionnaire on country compliance with *articles* of the 1981 U.N. Declaration. Please read and fill out the questionnaire if you have information to provide.

### Papers

Research papers commissioned by ROBIN on issues relevant to Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the 1981 U.N. Declaration.

### Reviews

Reviews of literature on issues that are relevant to freedom of religion or belief and public policy.



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### United Nations

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### Governments

Reports by government departments and agencies on issues relevant to freedom of religion or belief and public policy.

- [Country listing for U.S. State Department Report 1995](#)
- [Country listing for U.S. State Department Report 1994](#)

### Religions or Beliefs

Reports by religions or beliefs on issues relevant to freedom of religion or belief and public policy.

### Human Rights

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Statistical tables and charts on issues relevant to freedom of religion or belief and public policy. Statistics on both the ROBIN country questionnaire and subjects of general interest.

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### United Nations

- [The United Nations Homepage](#)

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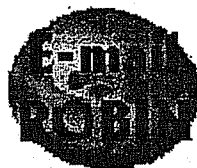
- [The Journal of Law and Religion](#)

### Human Rights Groups

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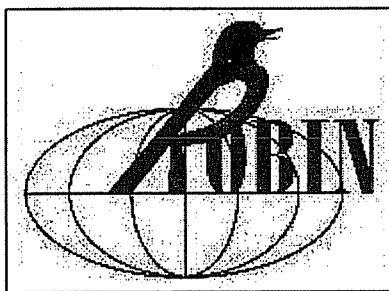
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Social and economic demographics, including useful information on the government.

### Religions or Beliefs

Listing of religions or beliefs in the country, percent of the population, addresses of religious headquarters and other useful information.

### Human Rights Groups

Listing of human rights groups in the country, addresses of their organizations and other useful information.

### Advisors

A list of the ROBIN Advisory Committee.



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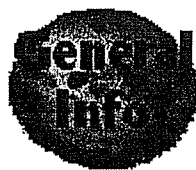
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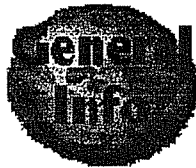
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