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-Impunity

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**NIGER New Constitution which provides an amnesty for those responsible for
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On 18 July 1999 a new Constitution was accepted by popular referendum in Niger. Article 141 of the constitution provides an amnesty for the authors of the human rights violations committed during the military coups of January 1996 and April 1999.

No further action is requested. Thank you to all those who sent appeals. An external document with new recommendations raising the issue of impunity will be published this week.