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Are the tools described in this chapter applicable both to economic, social and cultural rights, and to civil and political rights?

The view has been expressed that civil and political rights entail for their effective implementation considerable resources and thus may be subject to progressive realization: F. Jhabvala has argued, for instance, that

ensuring the free exercise of civil and political rights will often involve significant State intervention and the incurring of considerable public expenditure in order to establish a system of courts, to train police and other public officials, and to establish a system of safeguards against potential abuses of rights be State officials themselves' (F. Jhabvala, 'On Human Rights and the Socio-Economic Context', *Netherlands International Law Review*, vol. XXXI (1984), p. 149, at p. 163).

Note that this position not only would appear to apply to the 'fulfil' component of States' obligations, but also to the 'respect' and 'protect' components, for the full range of human rights. Do you agree? To which extent should socio-economic conditions be taken into account in assessing whether a State complies with its human rights obligations?

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