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Different models of human rights institutions co-exist, ranging from bodies with a large membership including a wide range of civil society organizations, often referred to as the 'Committee' model (such as the French Commission nationale consultative des droits de l'homme, established in 1947 as the first NHRI in the world), to much smaller expert bodies, such as the 'Commission' model of Australia, which usually have a very broad mandate ranging from investigation of human rights violations to education and public relations, and participation in judicial procedures. Other models include single-member *Defensores del Pueblo* in Latin America or ombudsman institutions in European Nordic countries, which usually act on the basis of complaints and have far-reaching investigation and information rights; or the 'Danish model' of an institute mostly focusing on human rights education, research and documentation (such as the Danish Institute for Human Rights).

The minimum standards established by the Paris Principles are applied by the International Co-ordinating Committee (ICC) that relies on the Principles to determine accreditation status of NHRIs. The ICC distinguishes between status A-institutions (in compliance with each of the Paris Principles and recognized full voting rights as members), status B (not in compliance with each of the Principles or insufficient information provided, and thus recognized only as observer status), and C (non-compliant with the Paris Principles and thus without status).

To improve your understanding of the state of the debate on the establishment of a NHRI in your own country, do a quick search on the website of the ICC, or through other means, and summarize what you've found about the state of play as your contribution to the debate below.

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