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**International Instruments**

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| **International Instrument** | Signature (Yes/No)  Date  Ratification  Date |
| **UN**  United Nations | Member since 17 September 1974 |
| **CESCR**  International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights | Accession  5 October 1998 |
| **CCPR**  International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights | Accession  6 September 2000 |
| **CCPR-OP1**  Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights | Not accepted |
| **CCPR-OP2-DP**  Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights | Not signed |
| **CERD**  International Covenant on All Forms of Racial Discrimination | Accession  11 June 1979 |
| **CEDAW**  Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women | Accession  6 November 1984 |
| **CEDAW-OP**  Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women | Accepted 6 September 2000 |
| **CAT**  Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment | Accession  5 October 1998 |
| **CAT-OP**  Optional Protocol of the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment | Not signed |
| **CRC**  Convention on the Rights of the Child | Signed 26 January 1990  Ratified 3 August 1990 |
| **CRC-OP-AC**  Optional Protocol on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict | Signed 6 September 2000  Ratified 6 September 2000 |
| **CRC-OP-SC**  Optional Protocol on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography | Signed 6 September 2000  Ratified 6 September 2000 |
| **CMW**  International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families | Signed 7 October 1998  Ratified 24 August 2011 |
| **CRPD**  Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities | Signed 9 May 2007  Ratified 30 November 2007 |
| **UPR – First Cycle**  Universal Periodic Review  <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/BDSession4.aspx> | 3 February 2009 |
| **UPR – Second Cycle**  Universal Periodic Review  <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/BDSession16.aspx> | 29 April 2013 |

**International Criminal Court**

*Rome Statute*

* Signed 16 September 1999
* Ratified 23 March 2010

The Coalition for the International Criminal Court is a network of over 2,000 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) advocating for a fair, effective and independent International Criminal Court (ICC). (<http://www.iccnow.org/)>

**Commonwealth of Nations**

* Member
* Joined on 18 April 1972
* Intergovernmental organization of member states that were territories of the former British Empire. It aims to promote democracy, rule of law and social and economic development. The Commonwealth Secretariat provides guidance and advisory services to member governments to achieve sustainable development.

(<http://thecommonwealth.org)>

**South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation**

* Member
* Founded in December 1985
* Regional intergovernmental organization that promotes economic and regional integration. It is composed of seven states, including Afghanistan, India and Pakistan. (<http://www.saarc-sec.org)>

**Organisation of Islamic Cooperation**

* Member
* Joined in 1974
* The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation has 57 member states and was founded in 1969. It is composed of the Islamic Summit, the Council of Foreign Ministers and the General Secretariat. The Organization is “the collective voice of the Muslim world and ensuring to safeguard and protect the interests of the Muslim world in the spirit of promoting international peace and harmony among various people of the world.” (<http://www.oic-oci.org/oicv3/home/?lan=en)>