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**International Instruments**

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| **International Instrument** | Signature (Yes/No)  Date  Ratification  Date |
| **UN**  United Nations | Yes  1945 |
| **CESCR**  International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights | Yes  Signed: 27 Oct 1997 Ratified: 27 March 2001 |
| **CCPR**  International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights | Yes  Signed: 05 Oct 1998  Not Ratified |
| **CCPR-OP1**  Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights | No |
| **CCPR-OP2-DP**  Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights | No |
| **CERD**  International Covenant on All Forms of Racial Discrimination | Yes  Signed: 29 Dec 1981  Ratified: 29 Dec 1981 |
| **CEDAW**  Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women | Yes  Signed: 17 Jul 1980  Ratified: 04 Nov 1980 |
| **CEDAW-OP**  Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women | No |
| **CAT**  Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment | Yes  Signed: 12 Dec 1986  Ratified: 04 Oct 1988 |
| **CAT-OP**  Optional Protocol of the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment | No |
| **CRC**  Convention on the Rights of the Child | Yes  Signed: 29 Aug 1990  Ratified: 02 Mar 1992 |
| **CRC-OP-AC**  Optional Protocol on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict | Yes  Signed: 15 Mar 2001  Ratified: 20 Feb 2008 |
| **CRC-OP-SC**  Optional Protocol on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography | Yes  Signed: 06 Sep 2000  Ratified: 03 Dec 2002 |
| **CMW**  International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families | No |
| **CRPD**  Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities | Yes  Signed: 30 Mar 2007  Ratified: 01 Aug 2008 |
| **UPR – First Cycle**  Universal Periodic Review  <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/CNSession4.aspx> | 9 Feb 2009 |
| **UPR – Second Cycle**  Universal Periodic Review  <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/CNSession17.aspx> | 22 Oct 2013 |

**International Criminal Court** *Rome Statute*

* Not signed

**Regional Membership**

* Member of Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA)
* Date: Acceded in 2001
* APTA, formerly known as the Bangkok Agreement is the oldest preferential trade agreement between countries in the Asia-pacific region. Current members are: Bangladesh, China, India, Republic of Korea, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Sri Lanka, Mongolia. Its aim is to promote economic development and cooperation through the adoption of mutually beneficial trade liberalization measures.