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**International Instruments**

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| **International Instrument** | Signature (Yes/No)DateRatificationDate |
| **UN** United Nations | Member since 24-Oct-1945 |
| **CESCR**International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights  | Signature: 19-Feb-1986Ratification: 08-Aug-1986 |
| **CCPR**International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights | Signature: 19-Feb-1986Ratification: 08-Aug-1986 |
| **CCPR-OP1**Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights  | Ratification: 08-Aug-1986 |
| **CCPR-OP2-DP**Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights | Signature: 20-Dec-2006Ratification: 02-Sept-2008 |
| **CERD**International Covenant on All Forms of Racial Discrimination | Signature: 13-Jul-1967Ratification: 02-Oct-1968 |
| **CEDAW**Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women  | Signature: 17-Jul-1980Ratification: 15-Jul-1985 |
| **CEDAW-OP**Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women | Signature: 28-Feb-2000Ratification: 20-Mar-2007 |
| **CAT**Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment | Signature: 04-Feb-1985Ratification: 24-Sept-1986 |
| **CAT-OP**Optional Protocol of the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment | Signature: 30-Apr-2003Ratification: 15-Nov-2004 |
| **CRC**Convention on the Rights of the Child | Signature: 29-Jun-1990Ratification: 04-Dec-1990 |
| **CRC-OP-AC**Optional Protocol on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict | Signature: 15-Jun-2000Ratification: 10-Sept-2002 |
| **CRC-OP-SC**Optional Protocol on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography | Signature: 01-Apr-2002Ratification: 25-Sept-2003 |
| **CMW**International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families | Signature: 10-Aug-2004Ratification: 23-Feb-2007 |
| **CRPD**Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities | Signature: 30-Mar-2007Ratification: 02-Sept-2008 |
| **UPR – First Cycle**Universal Periodic Review<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/ARSession1.aspx> | 16-April-2008 |
| **UPR – Second Cycle**Universal Periodic Review<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/ARSession14.aspx> | 22-Oct-2012 |

**International Criminal Court** *Rome Statute*

* Signature: 08-Jan-1999
* Ratification: 08-Feb-2001

**Regional Membership**

**USAN**

* Member
* Signature: 08-Dec-2004
* The Union of South American Nations is a group of twelve South American countries. The goal is to create a union modeled after the European Union between the nations, with a common currency, passport and parliament.
* <http://www.unasursg.org/en>

**Mercosul**

* Member
* Signature: 26-Mar-1991
* The Southern Cone Common Market (Mercosul) is a group of South American countries. It was originally used to promote free trade, but now it is a full customs union and trading bloc.
* <http://www.mercosul.gov.br/#navigation>