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**International Instruments**

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| **International Instrument** | Signature (Yes/No)DateRatificationDate |
| **UN** United Nations | Yes1945 |
| **CESCR**International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights  | YesSigned: 27 Oct 1997Ratified: 27 March 2001 |
| **CCPR**International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights | YesSigned: 05 Oct 1998Not 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 | YesSigned: 29 Dec 1981Ratified: 29 Dec 1981 |
| **CEDAW**Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women  | YesSigned: 17 Jul 1980Ratified: 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 | YesSigned: 12 Dec 1986Ratified: 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 | YesSigned: 29 Aug 1990Ratified: 02 Mar 1992 |
| **CRC-OP-AC**Optional Protocol on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict | YesSigned: 15 Mar 2001Ratified: 20 Feb 2008 |
| **CRC-OP-SC**Optional Protocol on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography | YesSigned: 06 Sep 2000Ratified: 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 | YesSigned: 30 Mar 2007Ratified: 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.