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**International Instruments**

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| **International Instrument** | Signature (Yes/No)DateRatificationDate |
| **UN** United Nations | Member since October 17, 1966 |
| **CESCR**International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights  | Ratified September 9, 1992 |
| **CCPR**International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights | Ratified September 9, 1992 |
| **CCPR-OP1**Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights  | Ratified September 6, 2000 |
| **CCPR-OP2-DP**Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights | n/a |
| **CERD**International Covenant on All Forms of Racial Discrimination | RatifiedNovember 4, 1971 |
| **CEDAW**Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women  | Signed – July 17, 1980Ratified – August 22, 1995 |
| **CEDAW-OP**Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women | Signed – Sept 6, 2000Ratified – Sept 24, 2004 |
| **CAT**Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment | Ratified – November 12, 2001 |
| **CAT-OP**Optional Protocol of the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment | n/a |
| **CRC**Convention on the Rights of the Child | Signed – August 21, 1990Ratified – March 10, 1992 |
| **CRC-OP-AC**Optional Protocol on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict | Signed – Sept 6, 2000Ratified – Sept 24, 2003 |
| **CRC-OP-SC**Optional Protocol on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography | Signed – Sept 6, 2000Ratified – Sept 24, 2003 |
| **CMW**International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families | Signed – Sept 24, 2004Ratified – Sept 16, 2005 |
| **CRPD**Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities | Ratified – Dec 2, 2008 |
| **UPR – First Cycle**Universal Periodic Review<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/LSSession8.aspx>  | May 5, 2010 |
| **UPR – Second Cycle**Universal Periodic Review<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/LSSession21.aspx>  | January 21, 2015 |

**International Criminal Court** *Rome Statute*

* Signed – November 30, 1998
* Ratified – September 6, 2000

**Regional Membership**

**AFRICAN UNION**

* Member of African Union (formerly the Organization of African Unity)
* Date: May 25, 1963
* The African Union is a continental union consisting of 54 countries in Africa. The AU was established on May 26, 2001 in Addis Ababa and launched on July 9, 2002 in South Africa, with the aim of replacing the Organization of African Unity. The most important decisions of the AU are made by the Assembly of the African Union, a semi-annual meeting of the heads of state and government of its member states. The AU’s secretariat, the African Union Commission, is based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
* Member of Southern African Development Community
* Date: April 1, 1980
* The Southern African Development Community (SADC) is an inter-governmental organization headquartered in Gaborone, Botswana. Its goal is to further socio-economic cooperation and integration as well as political and security cooperation among 15 southern African states. It complements the role of the African Union