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**International Instruments**

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| **International Instrument** | Signature (Yes/No)  Date  Ratification  Date |
| **UN**  United Nations | Ratification: Yes Date: 24 October 1945 |
| **CESCR**  International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights | Signature: Yes  Date: 15 Aug 2000  Ratification: Yes  Date: 23 Sep 2003 |
| **CCPR**  International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights | Signature: Yes  Date: 15 Aug 2000  Ratification: Yes  Date: 23 Sep 2003 |
| **CCPR-OP1**  Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights | Signature: Yes  Date: 03 Feb 2004  Ratification: Yes  Date: 24 Nov 2006 |
| **CCPR-OP2-DP**  Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights | Signature: Yes  Date: 06 Apr 2004  Ratification: Yes  Date: 02 Mar 2006 |
| **CERD**  International Covenant on All Forms of Racial Discrimination | Signature: Yes  Date: 13 Aug 1972  Ratification: Yes  Date: 16 Sep 2002 |
| **CEDAW**  Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women | Signature: No  Date: N/A  Ratification: Yes  Date: 20 Dec 1985 |
| **CEDAW-OP**  Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women | Signature: Yes  Date: 08 Sep 2000  Ratification: Yes  Date: 29 Oct 2002 |
| **CAT**  Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment | Signature: Yes  Date: 25 Jan 1988  Ratification: Yes  Date: 02 Aug 1988 |
| **CAT-OP**  Optional Protocol of the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment | Signature: Yes  Date: 14 Sep 2005  Ratification: Yes  Date: 27 Sep 2011 |
| **CRC**  Convention on the Rights of the Child | Signature: Yes  Date: 14 Sep 1990  Ratification: Yes  Date: 04 Apr 1995 |
| **CRC-OP-AC**  Optional Protocol on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict | Signature: Yes  Date: 08 Sep 2000  Ratification: Yes  Date: 04 May 2004 |
| **CRC-OP-SC**  Optional Protocol on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography | Signature: Yes  Date: 08 Sep 2000  Ratification: Yes  Date: 19 Aug 2002 |
| **CMW**  International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families | Signature: Yes  Date: 13 Jan 1999  Ratification: Yes  Date: 27 Sep 2004 |
| **CRPD**  Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities | Signature: Yes  Date: 30 Mar 2007  Ratification: Yes  Date: 28 Sep 2009 |
| **UPR – First Cycle**  [Universal Periodic Review](https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G10/110/17/PDF/G1011017.pdf?OpenElement) | Date of First Cycle Review: 10 May 2010 |
| **UPR – Second Cycle**  [Universal Periodic Review](https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G14/194/36/PDF/G1419436.pdf?OpenElement) | Date of Second Cycle Review: 27 Jan 2015 |

**International Criminal Court** *Rome Statute*

* Not signed

**Regional Membership**

* Name of Organization: Organisation of Islamic Cooperation
* Date: 25 Sep 1969
* Summary: Works to safeguard and protect the interests of the Muslim world in the spirit of promoting international peace and harmony.
* Name of Organization: Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
* Date: 25 Jun 1973
* Summary: A security oriented intergovernmental organization that promotes arms control, human rights, freedom of the press, and fair elections.
* Name of Organization: Council of Europe
* Date: 09 Aug 1949
* Summary: A regional intergovernmental organization to promote human rights, democracy, and the rule of law. It’s best known body is the ECtHR which adjudicated on the ECHR. Turkey has outpaced other countries in cases brought before the ECHR. While for some states ECHR rulings are non-binding, for Turkey that take precedence over domestic law, according to Art 90 of the Constitution (amended in 2004). For notable cases see <http://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/CP_Turkey_ENG.pdf>. See also <http://www.turkishreview.org/reports/turkey-s-track-record-with-the-european-court-of-human-rights_549090>
* Name of Organization: European Union (Associate Member – seeking accession)
* Date: 12 Sep 1963
* Summary: Turkey has been aspiring to be a member of the EU since its agreement with the EEC that made it an associate member. It is currently opposed by the EUC president and Germany, so its hopes will remain unfulfilled for now. The 2015 EU report on Turkey highlights ongoing concerns about human rights issues for accession to the EU, particularly in the areas of the independence of the judiciary, the rule of law, freedom of expression, freedom of assembly, and protection of vulnerable minority groups (e.g. LGBTI). See <http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-15-6039_en.htm>