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**International Instruments**

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| **International Instrument** | Signature (Yes/No)  Date  Ratification  Date |
| **UN**  United Nations | Member since August 25, 1980 |
| **CESCR**  International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights | Ratified May 13, 1991 |
| **CCPR**  International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights | Ratified May 13, 1991 |
| **CCPR-OP1**  Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights | n/a |
| **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 | Ratified May 13, 1991 |
| **CEDAW**  Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women | Ratified May 13, 1991 |
| **CEDAW-OP**  Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women | n/a |
| **CAT**  Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment | n/a |
| **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 March 8, 1990  Ratified September 11, 1990 |
| **CRC-OP-AC**  Optional Protocol on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict | Ratified May 22, 2013 |
| **CRC-OP-SC**  Optional Protocol on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography | Ratified February 14, 2012 |
| **CMW**  International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families | n/a |
| **CRPD**  Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities | Ratified September 23, 2013 |
| **UPR – First Cycle**  Universal Periodic Review  http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/ZWSession12.aspx | October 10, 2011 |
| **UPR – Second Cycle**  Universal Periodic Review | n/a |

**International Criminal Court** *Rome Statute*

* Signed July 17, 1998
* Not ratified

**Regional Membership**

* Member of African Union (formerly the Organization of African Unity)
* Date: June 1, 1980
* 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
* Member since August 17, 1992
* 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