

RATIFICATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS TREATIES

Status of international human rights instruments⁴

STATE	ICESCR ⁵	ICCPR ⁶	OPT ⁷	OPT2 ⁸	CERD ⁹	CEDAW ¹⁰	OPT ¹¹	CAT ¹²	CAT-OP ¹³	CRC ¹⁴	OPT ¹⁵	OPT2 ¹⁶	MWC ¹⁷
Afghanistan	1983	1983	-	-	1983	2003	-	1987	-	1994	2003	2002	-
Albania	1991	1991	-	-	1994	1994	2003-	1994	2003	1992	-	-	2007
Algeria	1989	1989	1989	-	1972*	1996	-	1989*	-	1993	-	-	2005
Andorra	-	2006	2006	-	2006	1997	2002	-	-	1996	2001	2001	-
Angola	1992	1992	1992	-	-	1986	-	-	-	1990	-	2005	-
Antigua and Barbuda	-	-	-	-	1988	1989	2006	1993	-	1993	-	2002	2007
Argentina	1986	1986	1986	-	1968	1985	-	1986*	2004	1990	2002	2003	-
Armenia	1993	1993	1993	-	1993	1993	2006	1993	2006	1993	2005	2005	-
Australia	1975	1980	1991	1990	1975*	1983	-	1989*	-	1990	-	2007	-
Austria	1978	1978	1987	1993	1972*	1982	2000	1987*	-	1992	2002	2004	-
Azerbaijan	1992	1992	2001	1999	1996*	1995	2001	1996*	-	1992	2002	2002	1999
Bahamas	-	-	-	-	1975	1993	-	-	-	1991	-	-	-
Bahrain	-	2006	-	-	1990	2002	-	1998	-	1992	2004	2004	-
Bangladesh	1998	2000	-	-	1979	1984	2000	1998	-	1990	2000	2000	-
Barbados	1973	1973	1973	-	1972	1980	-	-	-	1990	-	-	-
Belarus	1973	1973	1992	-	1969	1981	2004	1987	-	1990	-	2002	-
Belgium	1983	1983	1994	1998	1975*	1985	2004	1999*	-	1991	2002	-	-
Belize	-	1996	-	-	2001	1990	2002	1986	-	1990	2003	2003	2001
Benin	1992	1992	1992	-	2001	1992	-	1992	-	1990	2005	2005	-
Bhutan	-	-	-	-	-	1981	-	-	-	1990	-	-	-

⁴ The following list of ratifications of all States is based on the database as it is published at <http://www.un.org>. This database is maintained by the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations. The year of ratification below is determined according to the criteria used by the treaty section (the legal custodian). The criteria used by the treaty monitoring bodies vary slightly from those used by the Treaty Section. However this variation does not generally affect the year of ratification. We have used the database of the Treaty Section because it is kept by the legal depository and it is regularly updated. One can subscribe to the database or access it from the UN Library at "Palais des Nations".

⁵ **International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)**, which is monitored by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; entry into force: 1976.

⁶ **International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)**, which is monitored by the Human Rights Committee; entry into force: 1976.

⁷ **Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (OPT)**, which is supervised by the Human Rights Committee; entry into force: 1976.

⁸ **Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights** aimed at the abolition of the death penalty (OPT2), which is supervised by the Human Rights Committee; entry into force: 1991.

⁹ **International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD)**, which is monitored by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; States with * have accepted the individual complaint procedure under article 14 (48 States parties); entry into force: 1969.

¹⁰ **Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)**, which is monitored by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women; entry into force: 1981.

¹¹ **Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (OPT)**, which is supervised by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women; entry into force: 2000.

¹² **Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT)**, which is monitored by the Committee against Torture; states with * have accepted the individual complaints procedure under article 22 (52 States parties); entry into force: 1987.

¹³ **Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment CAT-OP**, not yet entered into force.

¹⁴ **Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)**, which is monitored by the Committee on the Rights of the Child; entry into force: 1990.

¹⁵ **Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflicts (OPT)**, which is monitored by the Committee on the Rights of the Child; entry into force: 2002.

¹⁶ **Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (OPT2)**, which is monitored by the Committee on the Rights of the Child; entry into force: 2002.

¹⁷ **International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (MWC)**, which is monitored by the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers and members of their Families; entry into force: 2003.

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Bolivia	1982	1982	1982	-	1970	1990	2000	1999	2006	1990	2004	2003	2000
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1993	1993	1995	2001	1993	1993	2002	1993 *	-	1993	2003	2002	1996
Botswana	-	2000	-	-	1974	1996	-	2000	-	1995	2004	2003	-
Brazil	1992	1992	-	-	1968*	1984	2002	1989	2007	1990	2004	2004	-
Brunei Darussalam	-	-	-	-	-	2006	-	-	-	1995	-	-	-
Bulgaria	1970	1970	1992	1999	1966*	1982	-	1986*	-	1991	2002	2002	-
Burkina Faso	1999	1999	1999	-	1974	1987	2005	1999	-	1990	-	-	2003
Burundi	1990	1990	-	-	1977	1992	-	1993*	-	1990	-	-	-
Cambodia	1992	1992	-	-	1983	1992	-	1992	-	1992	2004	2002	-
Cameroon	1984	1984	1984	-	1971	1994	2005	1986*	-	1993	-	-	-
Canada	1976	1976	1976	2005	1970	1981	2002	1987*	-	1991	2000	2005	-
Cape Verde	1993	1993	2000	2000	1979	1980	-	1992	-	1992	2002	2002	1997
Central African Republic	1981	1981	1981	-	1971	1991	-	-	-	1992	-	-	-
Chad	1995	1995	1995	-	1977	1995	-	1995	-	1990	2002	2002	-
Chile	1972	1972	1992	-	1971*	1989	-	1988	-	1990	2003	2003	2005
China	2001	-	-	-	1981	1980	-	1988	-	1992	-	2002	-
Colombia	1969	1969	1969	1997	1981	1982	2007	1987	-	1991	2005	2003	1995
Comoros	-	-	-	-	2004	1994	-	-	-	1993	-	2007	-
Congo (Republic of the)	1983	1983	1983	-	1988	1982	-	2003	-	1993	-	-	-
Congo (Democratic Republic of the)	1976	1976	1976	-	1976	1986	-	1996	-	1990	2001	2001	-
Cook Islands	-	-	-	-	-	2006	-	-	-	1997	-	-	-
Costa Rica	1968	1968	1968	1998	1967*	1986	2001	1993*	2005	1990	2003	2002	-
Côte d'Ivoire	1992	1992	1997	-	1973	1995	-	1995	-	1991	-	-	-
Croatia	1992	1992	1995	1995	1992	1992	2001	1992*	2005	1992	2002	2002	-
Cuba	-	-	-	-	1972	1980	-	1995	-	1991	2007	2001	-
Cyprus	1969	1969	1992	1999	1967*	1985	2002	1991*	-	1991	-	-	-
Czech Republic	1993	1993	1993	2004	1993*	1993	2001	1993*	2006	1993	2001	-	-
Denmark	1972	1972	1972	1994	1971*	1983	2000	1987*	2004	1991	2002	2003	-
Djibouti	2002	2002	2002	2002	-	1998	-	2002	-	1990	-	-	-
Dominica	1993	1993	-	-	-	1980	-	-	-	1991	2002	2002	-
Dominican Republic	1978	1978	1978	-	1983	1982	2001	-	-	1991	-	-	-
Ecuador	1969	1969	1969	1993	1966*	1981	2002	1988*	-	1990	2004	2004	2002
Egypt	1982	1982	-	-	1967	1981	-	1986	-	1990	2007	2002	1993
El Salvador	1979	1979	1995	-	1979	1981	-	1996	-	1990	2002	2004	2003
Equatorial Guinea	1987	1987	1987	-	2002	1984	-	2002	-	1992	-	2003	-
Eritrea	2001	2002	-	-	2001	1995	-	-	-	1994	2005	2005	-
Estonia	1991	1991	1991	2004	1991	1991	-	1991	-	1991	-	2004	-
Ethiopia	1993	1993	-	-	1976	1981	-	1994	-	1991	-	-	-
Fiji	-	-	-	-	1973	1995	-	-	-	1993	-	-	-
Finland	1975	1975	1975	1991	1970*	1986	2000	1989*	-	1991	2002	-	-
France	1980	1980	1984	-	1971*	1983	2000	1986*	-	1990	2003	2003	-
Gabon	1983	1983	-	-	1980	1983	2004	2000	-	1994	-	-	-
Gambia	1978	1979	1988	-	1978	1993	-	-	-	1990	-	-	-
Georgia	1994	1994	1994	1999	1999	1994	2002	1994	2005	1994	-	2005	-
Germany	1973	1973	1993	1992	1969*	1985	2002	1990*	-	1992	2004	-	-
Ghana	2000	2000	2000	-	1966	1986	-	2000	-	1990	-	-	2000
Greece	1985	1997	1997	1997	1970	1983	2002	1988*	-	1993	2003	-	-
Grenada	1991	1991	-	-	-	1990	-	-	-	1990	-	-	-
Guatemala	1988	1992	2000	-	1983	1982	2002	1990	-	1990	2002	2002	2003
Guinea	1978	1978	1993	-	1977	1982	-	1989	-	1990	-	-	2000
Guinea-Bissau	1992	-	-	-	-	1985	-	-	-	1990	-	-	-
Guyana	1977	1977	1993	-	1977	1980	-	1988	-	1991	-	-	-
Haiti	-	1991	-	-	1972	1981	-	-	-	1995	-	-	-
Holy See	-	-	-	-	1969	-	-	2002	-	1990	2001	2001	-
Honduras	1981	1997	2005	-	2002	1983	-	1996	2006	1990	2002	2002	2005
Hungary	1974	1974	1988	1994	1967*	1980	2000	1987*	-	1991	-	-	-
Iceland	1979	1979	1979	1991	1967*	1985	2001	1996*	-	1992	2001	2001	-
India	1979	1979	-	-	1968	1993	-	-	-	1992	2005	2005	-
Indonesia	2006	2006	-	-	1999	1984	-	1998	-	1990	-	-	-
Iran	1975	1975	-	-	1968	-	-	-	-	1994	-	-	-
Iraq	1971	1971	-	-	1970	1986	-	-	-	1994	-	-	-
Ireland	1989	1989	1989	1993	2000*	1985	2000	2002*	-	1992	2002	-	-
Israel	1991	1991	-	-	1979	1991	-	1991	-	1991	2005	-	-
Italy	1978	1978	1978	1995	1976*	1985	2000	1989*	-	1991	2002	2002	-
Jamaica	1975	1975	1975	-	1971	1984	-	-	-	1991	2002	-	-
Japan	1979	1979	-	-	1995	1985	-	1999*	-	1994	2004	2005	-
Jordan	1975	1975	-	-	1974	1992	-	1991	-	1991	-	-	-

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Kazakhstan	2006	2006	-	-	1998	1998	2001	1998	-	1994	2003	2001	-
Kenya	1972	1972	-	-	2001	1984	-	1997	-	1990	2002	-	-
Kiribati	-	-	-	-	-	2004	-	-	-	1995	-	-	-
Korea (Democratic People's Republic of)	1981	1981	-	-	-	2001	-	-	-	1990	-	-	-
Korea (Republic of)	1990	1990	1990	-	1978*	1984	-	1995	-	1991	2004	2004	-
Kuwait	1996	1996	-	-	1968	1994	-	1996	-	1991	2004	2004	-
Kyrgyzstan	1994	1994	1994	-	1997	1997	2002	1997	-	1994	2003	2003	2003
Laos	2007	-	-	-	1974	1981	-	-	-	1991	-	-	-
Latvia	1992	1992	1994	-	1992	1992	-	1992	-	1992	2005	-	-
Lebanon	1972	1972	-	-	1971	1997	-	2000	-	1991	-	2004	-
Lesotho	1992	1992	2000	-	1971	1995	2004	2001	-	1992	2003	2003	2005
Liberia	2004	2004	-	2005	1976	1984	-	2004	2004	1993	-	-	-
Libya	1970	1970	1989	-	1968	1989	2004	1989	-	1993	2004	2004	2004
Liechtenstein	1998	1998	1998	1998	2000	1995	2001	1990*	-	1995	2005	-	-
Lithuania	1991	1991	1991	2002	1998	1994	2004	1996	-	1992	2003	2004	-
Luxembourg	1983	1983	1983	1992	1978*	1989	2003	1987*	-	1994	2004	-	-
Macedonia (the Former Yugoslav Republic of)	1994	1994	1994	1995	1994*	1994	2003	1994	-	1993	2004	2003	-
Madagascar	1971	1971	1971	-	1969	1989	-	2005	-	1991	2004	2004	-
Malawi	1993	1993	1996	-	1996	1987	-	1996	-	1991	-	-	-
Malaysia	-	-	-	-	-	1995	-	-	-	1995	-	-	-
Maldives	2006	2006	2006	-	1984	1993	2006	2004	2006	1991	2004	2002	-
Mali	1974	1974	2001	-	1974	1985	2000	1999	2005	1990	2002	2002	2003
Malta	1990	1990	1990	1994	1971*	1991	-	1990*	2003	1990	2002	-	-
Marshall Islands	-	-	-	-	-	2006	-	-	-	1993	-	-	-
Mauritania	2004	2004	-	-	1988	2001	-	2004	-	1991	-	-	2007
Mauritius	1973	1973	1973	-	1972	1984	-	1992	2005	1990	-	-	-
Mexico	1981	1981	2002	-	1975	1981	2002	1986*	2005	1990	2002	2002	1999
Micronesia	-	-	-	-	-	2004	-	-	-	1993	-	-	-
Moldova	1993	1993	-	-	1993	1994	2006	1995	2006	1993	2004	2007	-
Monaco	1997	1997	-	2000	1995*	2005	-	1991*	-	1993	2001	-	-
Mongolia	1974	1974	1991	-	1969	1981	2002	2002	-	1990	2004	2003	-
Montenegro	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	-	-	-	-	-
Morocco	1979	1979	-	-	1970	1993	-	1993	-	1993	2002	2001	1993
Mozambique	-	1993	-	1993	1983	1997	-	1999	-	1994	2004	2003	-
Myanmar	-	-	-	-	-	1997	-	-	-	1991	-	-	-
Namibia	1994	1994	1994	1994	1982	1992	2000	1994	-	1990	2002	2002	-
Nauru	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1994	-	-	-
Nepal	1991	1991	1991	1998	1971	1991	2007	1991	-	1990	2007	2006	-
Netherlands	1978	1978	1978	1991	1971*	1991	2002	1988*	-	1995	-	2005	-
New Zealand	1978	1978	1989	1990	1972	1985	2000	1989*	2007	1993	2001	-	-
Nicaragua	1980	1980	1980	-	1978	1981	-	2005	-	1990	2005	2004	2005
Niger	1986	1986	1986	-	1967	1999	2004	1998	-	1990	-	2004	-
Nigeria	1993	1993	-	-	1967	1985	2004	2001	-	1991	-	-	-
Niue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1995	-	-	-
Norway	1972	1972	1972	1991	1970*	1981	2002	1986*	-	1991	2003	2001	-
Oman	-	-	-	-	2003	2006	-	-	-	1996	2004	2004	-
Pakistan	-	-	-	-	1966	1996	-	-	-	1990	-	-	-
Palau	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1995	-	-	-
Panama	1977	1977	1977	1993	1967	1981	2001	1987	-	1990	2001	2001	-
Papua New Guinea	-	-	-	-	1982	1995	-	-	-	1993	-	-	-
Paraguay	1992	1992	1995	2003	2003	1987	2001	1990*	2005	1990	2002	2003	-
Peru	1978	1978	1980	-	1971*	1982	2001	1988*	2006	1990	2002	2002	2005
Philippines	1974	1986	1989	-	1967	1981	2003	1986	-	1990	2003	2002	1995
Poland	1977	1977	1991	-	1968*	1980	2003	1989*	2005	1991	2005	2005	-
Portugal	1978	1978	1983	1990	1982*	1980	2002	1989*	-	1990	2003	2003	-
Qatar	-	-	-	-	1976	-	-	2000	-	1995	2002	2001	-
Romania	1974	1974	1993	1991	1970*	1982	2003	1990	-	1990	2001	2001	-
Russian Federation	1973	1973	1991	-	1969*	1981	2004	1987*	-	1990	-	-	-
Rwanda	1975	1975	-	-	1975	1981	-	-	-	1991	2002	2002	-
Saint Kitts and Nevis	-	-	-	-	2006*	1985	2006	-	-	1990	-	-	-
Saint Lucia	-	-	-	-	1990	1982	-	-	-	1993	-	-	-
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	1981	1981	1981	-	1981	1981	-	2001	-	1993	-	2005	-
Samoa	-	-	-	-	-	1992	-	-	-	1994	-	-	-
San Marino	1985	1985	1985	2004	2002	2003	2005	2006	-	1991	-	-	-
Sao Tome and Principe	-	-	-	-	-	2003	-	-	-	1991	-	-	-

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Saudi Arabia	-	-	-	-	1997	2000	-	1997	-	1996	-	-	-
Senegal	1978	1978	1978	-	1972*	1985	2000	1986*	-	1990	2004	2003	1999
Serbia	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2003	2001*	-	2001	2003	2002	-
Seychelles	1992	1992	1992	1994	1978	1992	-	1992*	-	1990	-	-	1994
Sierra Leone	1996	1996	1996	-	1967	1988	-	2001	-	1990	2002	2001	-
Singapore	-	-	-	-	-	1995	-	-	-	1995	-	-	-
Slovakia	1993	1993	1993	1999	1993*	1993	2000	1993*	-	1993	-	2004	-
Slovenia	1992	1992	1993	1994	1992	1992	2004	1993	2007	1992	2004	2004	-
Solomon Islands	1982	-	-	-	1982	2002	2002	-	-	1995	-	-	-
Somalia	1990	1990	1990	-	1975	-	-	1990	-	-	-	-	-
South Africa	-	1998	2002	2002	1998*	1995	2005	1998*	--	1995	-	2003	-
Spain	1977	1977	1985	1991	1968*	1984	2001	1987*	2006	1990	2002	2001	-
Sri Lanka	1980	1980	1997	-	1982	1981	2002	1994	-	1991	2000	-	1996
Sudan	1986	1986	-	-	1977	-	-	-	-	1990	2005	2004	-
Suriname	1976	1976	1976	-	1984	1993	-	-	-	1993	-	-	-
Swaziland	2004	2004	-	-	1969	2004	-	2004	-	1995	-	-	-
Sweden	1971	1971	1971	1990	1971*	1980	2003	1986*	2005	1990	2003	2007	-
Switzerland	1992	1992	-	1994*	1994	1997	-	1986*	-	1997	2002	-	-
Syria	1969	1969	-	-	1969	2003	-	2004	-	1993	2003	2003	2005
Tajikistan	1999	1999	1999	-	1995	1993	-	1995	-	1993	2002	2002	2002
Tanzania	1976	1976	-	-	1972	1985	2006	-	-	1991	2004	2003	-
Thailand	1999	1996	-	-	2003	1985	2000	-	-	1992	-	2006	-
Timor-Leste	2003	2003	-	2003	2003 *	2003	2003	2003 *	-	2003	2004	2003	2004
Togo	1984	1984	1988	-	1972	1983	-	1987*	-	1990	2005	2004	-
Tonga	-	-	-	-	1972	-	-	-	-	1995	-	-	-
Trinidad and Tobago	1978	1978	-	-	1973	1990	-	-	-	1991	-	-	-
Tunisia	1969	1969	-	-	1967	1985	-	1988*	-	1992	2003	2002	-
Turkey	2003	2003	-	2006	2002	1985	2002	1988*	-	1995	2004	2002	2004
Turkmenistan	1997	1997	1997	2000	1994	1997	-	1999	-	1993	2005	2005	-
Tuvalu	-	-	-	-	-	1999	-	-	-	1995	-	-	-
Uganda	1987	1995	1995	-	1980	1985	-	1986	-	1990	2002	2001	1995
Ukraine	1973	1973	1991	-	1969*	1981	2003	1987	2006	1991	2005	2003	-
United Arab Emirates	-	-	-	-	1974	2004	-	-	-	1997	-	-	-
United Kingdom	1976	1976	-	1999	1969	1986	2004	1988*	2003	1991	2003	-	-
United States of America	-	1992	-	-	1994	-	-	1994	-	-	2002	2002	-
Uruguay	1970	1970	1970	1993	1968*	1981	2001	1986*	2005	1990	2003	2003	2001
Uzbekistan	1995	1995	1995	-	1995	1995	-	1995	-	1994	-	-	-
Vanuatu	-	-	-	-	-	1995	2007	-	-	1993	-	-	-
Venezuela	1978	1978	1978	1993	1967	1983	2002	1991*	-	1990	2003	2002	-
Viet Nam	1982	1982	-	-	1982	1982	-	-	-	1990	2001	2001	-
Yemen	1987	1987	-	-	1972	1984	-	1991	-	1991	2007	2004	-
Zambia	1984	1984	1984	-	1972	1985	-	1998	-	1991	-	-	-
Zimbabwe	1991	1991	-	-	1991	1991	-	-	-	1990	-	-	-
Total number of States parties:	152	155	105	56	170	180	76	141	16	192	105	103	34