# Selected international human rights treaties (AT 31 DECEMBER 2000)

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The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child has been ratified by all UN member states with the exceptions of Somalia (which has no functioning government) and the United States of America.

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	complaints	Afghanistan	0			0	D	0			○ 28
28		Albania	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
	Countries making a reservation under Article 28	Algeria	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
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	competence of the	Angola	0	0		0	0		0	0	
	Committee against Torture to undertake confidential	Antigua and Barbuda					0	0	0	0	0
	inquiries into allegations of	Argentina	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
	systematic torture if warranted	Armenia	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
	warranteu	Australia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Austria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Azerbaijan	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Bahamas					0	0	0	0	
		Bahrain						0			0
		Bangladesh	•			0	0	0			0
		Barbados	0	0		0	0	0			
		Belarus	0	0		0	0	0			○28
		Belgium	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Belize	0				0		0	0	0
		Benin	0	0		0	0	D	0	0	0
		Bhutan					0	D			
		Bolivia	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
		Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	0	•	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Botswana	•				0	0	0	0	•
		Brazil	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
		Brunei Darussalam									
		Bulgaria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Burkina Faso	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
		Burundi	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
		Cambodia	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
		Cameroon	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
		Canada	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
		Cape Verde	0	•	•	0	0	0		0	0
		Central African Republic	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	
		Chad	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
		Chile	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
		China	D			D	0	0	0	0	O 28
		Colombia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Comoros					0				
		Congo (Democratic Republic of the)	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
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		Costa Rica	0	0	0	0	0	Ô	0	0	0
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Croatia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cuba					0	0			0
Cyprus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Czech Republic	0	0	_	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denmark Djibouti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dominica	0			0	0		0	0	
Dominican Republic	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	D
Ecuador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Egypt	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
El Salvador	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Equatorial Guinea	0	0		0	0		0	0	
Eritrea		0			0				
Estonia Ethiopia	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Fiji				0	0	0	0	0	
Finland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
France	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
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Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Germany	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ghana	•	•		•	0	0	0	0	•
Greece	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grenada	0	_		0	0	D		0	
Guatemala	0	•		0	0	0	0	0	0
Guinea Guinea-Bissau		•		0	0	0	0	0	0
Guyana		0	,	0	0	0	O	0	
Haiti	0			O	0	0	0	0	
Holy See						0	0	0	
Honduras	0	D	D	0	0	_	0	0	0
Hungary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Iceland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
India	0			0	0	0			D
Indonesia	_			_	0	0	_	_	0
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0			0		0	0	0	
Iraq Ireland	0	0		0	0	0	0		D
Israel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	O <sup>28</sup>
Italy		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jamaica	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	
Japan	Ö			0	0	0	0	0	0
Jordan	Ö			0	0	0			0
Kazakstan					0	0	0	0	0
Kenya Kiribati	0			0	0		0	0	0
Korea (Democratic People's Republic of)	0			0					
Korea (Republic of)	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Kuwait	0			0	0	0			O 28
Kyrgyzstan	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Lao People's Democratic Republic	•			Þ	0	0			

became a state party in 2000

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Countries making a reservation under Article 28 do not recognize the competence of the Committee against Torture to undertake confidential inquiries into allegations of systematic torture if warranted

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•	became a state party in 2000	Latvia	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
0	state is a party	Lebanon	0			0	0	0			•
	, ,	Lesotho	0	•		0	0	0	0	0	
•	signed in 2000	Liberia	D	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
D	signed but not yet ratified	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya Liechtenstein	0	0		0	0	•	0	0	0
22	Countries making a	Lithuania	0	0	<b>D</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
	declaration under Article 22 recognize the competence of	Luxembourg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	the Committee against	Macedonia (former Yugoslav Republic of)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Torture to consider individual complaints	Madagascar	0	0		0	0	0	0		
28	complaints	Malawi	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Countries making a reservation under Article 28	Malaysia					0				
	do not recognize the	Maldives					0	0			
	competence of the Committee against Torture to	Mali Malta	0	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0
	undertake confidential	Marshall Islands	0								
	inquiries into allegations of systematic torture if	Mauritania						0	0	0	
	warranted	Mauritius	0	0		0	0	0			0
		Mexico	0			0	0	0	•	•	0
		Micronesia (Federated States of)									
		Moldova	0			0	0	0			0
		Monaco	0		•	0 0		0	0		0
		Mongolia Morocco	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	O <sup>28</sup>
		Mozambique	0		0		0	0	0	0	0
		Myanmar					0	Ü			
		Namibia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
		Nauru									
		Nepal	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
		Netherlands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		New Zealand	0	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0
		Nicaragua Niger	0	0	D	0	0	0	0	0	D
		Nigeria	0			0	0	0	0	0	D
		Norway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Oman									
		Pakistan					0	0			
		Palau									
		Panama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Papua New Guinea Paraguay	0	0		0	0	•	0	0	0
		Peru	0	0		0	0	0	0	Ö	0
		Philippines	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
		Poland	0	0	•	0	0	0	0	0	O 28
		Portugal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Qatar	_			_		0		_	•
		Romania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Russian Federation Rwanda	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
		Saint Kitts and Nevis					0				
		Saint Lucia					0	0			
		Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0	0		0	0	0	0		

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Samoa					0		0	0	
San Marino		0		0					
Sao Tome and Principe	D	•	•	D	0	•	0	0	•
Saudi Arabia					•	0			O <sup>28</sup>
Senegal		0		0	0	Ö	0	0	0
Seychelles	0	Ö	0	0	Ö	0	0	0	0
Sierra Leone		Ö		0	Ö	D	0	0	D
Singapore				0	Ö				
Slovakia			0	0	0		0	0	0
Slovenia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solomon Islands				0		0	0	0	
Somalia		0		0		0	0	0	0
South Africa				D	0	0	0	0	0
Spain	0	0	0	O	0	0	0	0	0
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Sudan	0			0		0	0	0	D
Suriname		0		0	0	0	0	0	
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Sweden		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Switzerland	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Tajikistan	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Tanzania				0	Ö	0	0	0	
Thailand	0			0	Ö				
Togo	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Tonga						0			
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Turkmenistan		0	•	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tuvalu					0		0	0	
Uganda		0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Ukraine		0		0	0				O 28
United Arab Emirates						0			
United Kingdom			0	0	0	0	0	0	0
United States of America				D	D	0		0	0
Uruguay		0	0	0	0		0	0	0
Uzbekistan	0	0		0	0	0			0
Vanuatu					0				
Venezuela		0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Viet Nam	0			0	0	0			
Yemen				0	0	0	0	0	0
Yugoslavia (Federal Republic of)	0	D		0	Ö	Ō	Ö	Ō	Ō
Zambia	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Zimbabwe				0	0	Ō	0	0	

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## Selected regional human rights treaties

### Organization of African Unity (OAU)

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This chart lists countries which were members of the OAU at the end of 2000.

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D signed but not yet ratified		African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (1981)	African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child
	Algeria	0	D
	Angola	Ö	0
	Benin	0	0
	Botswana	0	-
	Burkina Faso	0	0
	Burundi	0	
	Cameroon	0	0
	Cape Verde	0	0
	Central African Republic	0	
	Chad	0	•
	Comoros	0	
	Congo (Democratic Republic of the)	0	
	Congo (Republic of the)	0	D
	Côte d'Ivoire	0	
	Djibouti	0	D
	Egypt	0	D
	Equatorial Guinea	0	
	Eritrea	0	•
	Ethiopia	0	
	Gabon	0	D
	Gambia	0	
	Ghana	0	D
	Guinea	0	•
	Guinea-Bissau	0	
	Kenya	0	•
	Lesotho	0	0
	Liberia	0	D
	Libya	0	D
	Madagascar	0	D
	Malawi	0	0
	Mali	0	0
	Mauritania	0	
	Mauritius	0	0
	Mozambique	0	0
	Namibia	0	D
	Niger	0	0
	Nigeria	0	-
	Rwanda	0	D
	Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic	0	D
	Sao Tome and Principe	0	
	Senegal	0	0

	African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (1981)	African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child	
Seychelles	0	0	became a state party in 2000
Sierra Leone	0	D	State is a party
Somalia	0	D	State is a party
South Africa	0	•	signed in 2000
Sudan	0		D signed but not yet ratified
Swaziland	0	D	5 Signed but not you as nou
Tanzania	0	D	
Togo	0	0	
Tunisia	0	D	
Uganda	0	0	
Zambia	0	D	
Zimbabwe	0	0	

### **Organization of American States (OAS)**

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This chart lists countries which were members of the OAS at the end of 2000.

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62	Countries making a Declaration under Article 62 recognize as binding the jurisdiction of the Inter- American Court of Human		American Convention on Human Rights (1969)	Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights to Abolish the Death Penalty	Inter-American Convention to Prevent and Punish Torture (1985)	Inter-American Convention on Forced Disappearance of Persons (1994)
	Rights (on all matters relating	Antigua and Barbuda				
	to the interpretation or application of the American	Argentina	O 62		0	0
	Convention)	Bahamas				
		Barbados	0			
		Belize				
		Bolivia	O 62		D	0
		Brazil	O 62	0	0	D
		Canada				
		Chile	O 62		0	D
		Colombia	O 62		0	D
		Costa Rica	O 62	0	•	0
		Cuba*				
		Dominica	0			
		Dominican Republic	O <sup>62</sup>		0	
		Ecuador	O 62	0	0	•
		El Salvador	O 62		0	
		Grenada	0			
		Guatemala	O 62		0	•
		Guyana				
		Haiti	O 62		D	
		Honduras	O 62		D	D
		Jamaica	0			
		Mexico	O 62		0	
		Nicaragua	O 62	0	D	D
		Panama	O 62	0	0	0
		Paraguay	O 62	0	0	0
		Peru	O 62		0	
		Saint Kitts and Nevis				
		Saint Lucia				
		Saint Vincent and the Grenadines				
		Suriname	O 62		0	
		Trinidad and Tobago			_	
		United States of America	D			
		Uruguay	O 62	0	0	0
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<sup>\*</sup> In 1962 the VIII Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs decided to exclude Cuba from participating in the Inter-American system

Venezuela

### **Council of Europe**

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This chart lists countries which were members of the Council of Europe at the end of 2000.

	European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (1950)	Protocol No. 6*	European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (1987)	becan state i signed reference signed reference reference state i
Albania	0	•	0	death
Andorra	0	0	0	
Austria	0	0	0	
Belgium	0	0	0	
Bulgaria	0	0	0	
Croatia	0	0	0	
Cyprus	0	•	0	
Czech Republic	0	0	0	
Denmark	0	0	0	
Estonia	0	0	0	
Finland	0	0	0	
France	0	0	0	
Georgia	0	•	•	
Germany	0	0	0	
Greece	0	0	0	
Hungary	0	0	0	
Iceland	0	0	0	
Ireland	0	0	0	
Italy	0	0	0	
Latvia	0	0	0	
Liechtenstein	0	0	0	
Lithuania	0	0	0	
Luxembourg	0	0	0	
Macedonia	0	0	0	
Malta	0	0	0	
Moldova	0	0	0	
Netherlands	0	0	0	
Norway	0	0	0	
Poland	0	•	0	
Portugal	0	0	0	
Romania	0	0	0	
Russian Federation	0	D	0	
San Marino	0	0	0	
Slovakia	0	0	0	
Slovenia	0	0	0	
Spain	0	0	0	
Sweden	0	0	0	
Switzerland	0	0	0	
Turkey	0		0	
Ukraine	0	•	0	
United Kingdom	0	0	0	

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 Protocol No. 6 to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms concerning the abolition of the death penalty (1983)