

Selected international human rights treaties

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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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Afghanistan	○			○	D	○			○ ²⁸
Albania	○			○	○	○	○	○	○
Algeria	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
Andorra					○				
Angola	○	○		○	○		○	○	
Antigua and Barbuda					○	○	○	○	○
Argentina	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
Armenia	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
Australia	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Austria	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Azerbaijan	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Bahamas					○	○	○	○	
Bahrain						○			○
Bangladesh	●			○	○	○			○
Barbados	○	○		○	○	○			○
Belarus	○	○		○	○	○			○ ²⁸
Belgium	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Belize	○			◐	○	◐	○	○	○
Benin	○	○		○	○	D	○	○	○
Bhutan					○	D			
Bolivia	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
Bosnia and Herzegovina	○	○	◐	○	○	○	○	○	○
Botswana	●				○	○	○	○	●
Brazil	○			○	○	○	○	○	○
Brunei Darussalam									
Bulgaria	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Burkina Faso	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
Burundi	○			○	○	○	○	○	○
Cambodia	○			○	○	○	○	○	○
Cameroon	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
Canada	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
Cape Verde	○	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○
Central African Republic	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	
Chad	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
Chile	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
China	D			D	○	○	○	○	○ ²⁸
Colombia	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Comoros					○	◐			◐
Congo (Democratic Republic of the)	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
Congo (Republic of the)	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
Costa Rica	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Côte d' Ivoire	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○

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Croatia	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Cuba									○
Cyprus	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Czech Republic	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
Denmark	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Djibouti									
Dominica	○			○	○		○	○	
Dominican Republic	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	D
Ecuador	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Egypt	○			○	○	○	○	○	○
El Salvador	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
Equatorial Guinea	○	○		○	○		○	○	
Eritrea									
Estonia	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
Ethiopia	○			○	○	○	○	○	○
Fiji									
Finland	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
France	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
Gabon	○			○	○	○	○	○	●
Gambia	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	D
Georgia	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Germany	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Ghana	●	●		●	○	○	○	○	●
Greece	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Grenada	○			○	○	D			
Guatemala	○	●		○	○	○	○	○	○
Guinea	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
Guinea-Bissau	●	●	●	○	○	●	○	○	●
Guyana	○	○		○	○	○			○
Haiti	○								
Holy See									
Honduras	○	D	D	○	○		○	○	○
Hungary	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Iceland	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
India	○			○	○	○			D
Indonesia									○
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	○			○		○	○	○	
Iraq	○			○	○	○			
Ireland	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	D
Israel	○			○	○	○	○	○	○ ²⁸
Italy	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Jamaica	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
Japan	○			○	○	○	○	○	○
Jordan	○			○	○	○	○	○	○
Kazakistan									
Kenya	○			○	○		○	○	○
Kiribati									
Korea (Democratic People's Republic of)	○			○					
Korea (Republic of)	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
Kuwait	○			○	○	○			○ ²⁸
Kyrgyzstan	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
Lao People's Democratic Republic	●			●	○	○			

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● became a state party in 2000	Latvia	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
○ state is a party	Lebanon	○			○	○	○			●
● signed in 2000	Lesotho	○	●		○	○	○	○	○	
	Liberia	○			○	○	○	○	○	
○ signed but not yet ratified	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
22	Liechtenstein	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	○
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	Luxembourg	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	Macedonia (former Yugoslav Republic of)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	Madagascar	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
28	Malawi	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
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	Malaysia									
	Maldives									
	Mali	○			○	○	○	○	○	○
	Malta	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	Marshall Islands									
	Mauritania						○	○	○	
	Mauritius	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
	Mexico	○			○	○	○	●	●	○
	Micronesia (Federated States of)									
	Moldova	○			○	○	○			○
	Monaco	○		●	○	○	○	○		○
	Mongolia	○	○		○	○	○			
	Morocco	○			○	○	○	○	○	○ ²⁸
	Mozambique	○		○		○	○	○	○	○
	Myanmar					○				
	Namibia	○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○
	Nauru									
	Nepal	○	○	○	○	○	○			○
	Netherlands	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	New Zealand	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	Nicaragua	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	Niger	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
	Nigeria	○			○	○	○	○	○	○
	Norway	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	Oman									
	Pakistan					○				
	Palau									
	Panama	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	Papua New Guinea									
	Paraguay	○	○		○	○	●	○	○	○
	Peru	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
	Philippines	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
	Poland	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○ ²⁸
	Portugal	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	Qatar									●
	Romania	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	Russian Federation	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
	Rwanda	○			○	○	○	○	○	○
	Saint Kitts and Nevis					○				
	Saint Lucia					○				
	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	○	○		○	○	○	○		

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Samoa					○		○	○	
San Marino	○	○		○					
Sao Tome and Principe	∩	◐	◐	∩	○	◐	○	○	◐
Saudi Arabia					●	○			○ ²⁸
Senegal	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
Seychelles	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Sierra Leone	○	○		○	○	∩	○	○	∩
Singapore					○				
Slovakia	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Slovenia	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Solomon Islands				○		○	○	○	
Somalia	○	○		○		○	○	○	○
South Africa	○			∩	○	○	○	○	○
Spain	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Sri Lanka	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
Sudan	○			○		○	○	○	∩
Suriname	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	
Swaziland						○	●	○	
Sweden	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Switzerland	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Syrian Arab Republic	○			○		○			
Tajikistan	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
Tanzania	○			○	○	○	○	○	
Thailand	○			○	○				
Togo	○	○		○	○		○	○	○
Tonga						○			
Trinidad and Tobago	○	○		○	○	○	●	●	
Tunisia	○			○	○	∩	○	○	○
Turkey	◐			◐	○	∩	○	○	○
Turkmenistan	○	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	○
Tuvalu					○		○	○	
Uganda	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
Ukraine	○	○		○	○	○			○ ²⁸
United Arab Emirates						○			
United Kingdom	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
United States of America	○			∩	∩	○	○	○	○
Uruguay	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Uzbekistan	○	○		○	○	○			○
Vanuatu					○				
Venezuela	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○
Viet Nam	○			○	○	○			
Yemen	○			○	○	○	○	○	○
Yugoslavia (Federal Republic of)	○	∩		○	○	○	○	○	○
Zambia	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○
Zimbabwe	○			○	○	○	○	○	

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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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- ◐ signed in 2000
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	African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (1981)	African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child
Algeria	○	◑
Angola	○	○
Benin	○	○
Botswana	○	
Burkina Faso	○	○
Burundi	○	
Cameroon	○	○
Cape Verde	○	○
Central African Republic	○	
Chad	○	●
Comoros	○	
Congo (Democratic Republic of the)	○	
Congo (Republic of the)	○	◑
Côte d'Ivoire	○	
Djibouti	○	◑
Egypt	○	◑
Equatorial Guinea	○	
Eritrea	○	●
Ethiopia	○	
Gabon	○	◑
Gambia	○	
Ghana	○	◑
Guinea	○	●
Guinea-Bissau	○	
Kenya	○	●
Lesotho	○	○
Liberia	○	◑
Libya	○	◑
Madagascar	○	◑
Malawi	○	○
Mali	○	○
Mauritania	○	
Mauritius	○	○
Mozambique	○	○
Namibia	○	◑
Niger	○	○
Nigeria	○	
Rwanda	○	◑
Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic	○	◑
Sao Tome and Principe	○	
Senegal	○	○

	African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (1981)	African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child	
Seychelles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	● became a state party in 2000
Sierra Leone	<input type="radio"/>	D	○ state is a party
Somalia	<input type="radio"/>	D	▶ signed in 2000
South Africa	<input type="radio"/>	●	▶ signed in 2000
Sudan	<input type="radio"/>		D signed but not yet ratified
Swaziland	<input type="radio"/>	D	
Tanzania	<input type="radio"/>	D	
Togo	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Tunisia	<input type="radio"/>	D	
Uganda	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Zambia	<input type="radio"/>	D	
Zimbabwe	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

Organization of American States (OAS)

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62 Countries making a Declaration under Article 62 recognize as binding the jurisdiction of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (on all matters relating to the interpretation or application of the American Convention)

	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)
Antigua and Barbuda				
Argentina	○ ⁶²		○	○
Bahamas				
Barbados	○			
Belize				
Bolivia	○ ⁶²		◑	○
Brazil	○ ⁶²	○	○	◑
Canada				
Chile	○ ⁶²		○	◑
Colombia	○ ⁶²		○	◑
Costa Rica	○ ⁶²	○	●	○
Cuba*				
Dominica	○			
Dominican Republic	○ ⁶²		○	
Ecuador	○ ⁶²	○	○	◐
El Salvador	○ ⁶²		○	
Grenada	○			
Guatemala	○ ⁶²		○	●
Guyana				
Haiti	○ ⁶²		◑	
Honduras	○ ⁶²		◑	◑
Jamaica	○			
Mexico	○ ⁶²		○	
Nicaragua	○ ⁶²	○	◑	◑
Panama	○ ⁶²	○	○	○
Paraguay	○ ⁶²	○	○	○
Peru	○ ⁶²		○	
Saint Kitts and Nevis				
Saint Lucia				
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines				
Suriname	○ ⁶²		○	
Trinidad and Tobago				
United States of America	◑			
Uruguay	○ ⁶²	○	○	○
Venezuela	○ ⁶²	○	○	○

* In 1962 the VIII Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs decided to exclude Cuba from participating in the Inter-American system

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)	
Albania	○	●	○	● became a state party in 2000
Andorra	○	○	○	○ state is a party
Austria	○	○	○	● signed in 2000
Belgium	○	○	○	○ signed but not yet ratified
Bulgaria	○	○	○	
Croatia	○	○	○	
Cyprus	○	●	○	
Czech Republic	○	○	○	
Denmark	○	○	○	
Estonia	○	○	○	
Finland	○	○	○	
France	○	○	○	
Georgia	○	●	●	
Germany	○	○	○	
Greece	○	○	○	
Hungary	○	○	○	
Iceland	○	○	○	
Ireland	○	○	○	
Italy	○	○	○	
Latvia	○	○	○	
Liechtenstein	○	○	○	
Lithuania	○	○	○	
Luxembourg	○	○	○	
Macedonia	○	○	○	
Malta	○	○	○	
Moldova	○	○	○	
Netherlands	○	○	○	
Norway	○	○	○	
Poland	○	●	○	
Portugal	○	○	○	
Romania	○	○	○	
Russian Federation	○	◻	○	
San Marino	○	○	○	
Slovakia	○	○	○	
Slovenia	○	○	○	
Spain	○	○	○	
Sweden	○	○	○	
Switzerland	○	○	○	
Turkey	○	○	○	
Ukraine	○	●	○	
United Kingdom	○	○	○	