

TREATY-BASED BODIES

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Committee	Cmtte on the Elim of Racial Discrim (CERD)	Human Rights Cmmte (CCHR)			Cmmte on Economic, Social & Cultural Rights (CESCR)		Cmmte on Elimination of Discrim against Women (CEDAW)		Cmmte against Torture (CAT) & Subcmmte on Prevention of Torture (SPT)		Cmmte on Right of the Child (CRC)			Cmmte on Migrant Workers (CMW)	Cmmte on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)		Cmmte on Enforced Disappearances (CED)
HR Instrument	International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrim	Intl Covenant on Civil & Political Rights (ICCPR)	First Optional Protocol to the ICCPR (ICCPR-OP)	Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR (aimed at abolition of the Death Penalty) (ICCPR-OP2)	Intl Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)	Optional Protocol to the ICESCR (ICESCR-OP)	Convention on the Elim of All Forms of Discrim against Women (CEDAW)	Optional Protocol to CEDAW (OPCEDAW)	Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment (CAT)	Optional protocol to the CAT (OPCAT)	Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)	First Optional Protocol to CRC (children in armed conflict) (OPAC) & Second Optional Protocol (sale of children) (OPSC)	Third Optional Protocol to CRC (communications procedure) (OPIC)	Intl Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (ICRMW)	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)	Optional Protocol to CRPD (OPCRPD)	International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance
Date of Instrument	21/12/1965	16/12/66	15/12/89	12/12/66	10/12/08	18/12/79	10/12/99	10/12/84	18/12/02	20/11/89	25/05/00	19/12/11	18/12/90	13/12/06	20/12/06		
Reporting	1 year after accession, then every 2 years	1 year after accession and then whenever requested (usually every 4 years). Cmmte issues "concluding observations"			Within 2 years of accession, then every 5 years. Cmmte issues "concluding observations"		1 year after accession, then every 2 years. Cmmte issues "concluding observations"		1 year after accession, then every 4 years. Cmmte issues "concluding observations"	States to establish indep NPM	2 years after accession, then every 5 years.	Initial report require by acceding states	1 year after accession, then every 5 years. Cmmte issues "concluding observations".	Within 2 years of ratifying, then every 4 years. Cmmte issues "concluding observations".		Within 2 years of accession. Cmmte issues "concluding observations".	
Individual complaints*	Yes		Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes – under certain circumstances				Yes	Yes –available once 10 states have accepted procedure (art 77)		Yes	Yes – per art 31	

Inter-State complaints*	Yes	Yes - per art 41 ICCPR			Yes	Yes	Yes										Yes – per art 32	
Committee Initiated inquiries*					Yes – under certain circumstances, on grave or systemic violations of any of the ICESCR rights				Yes	Yes – into allegations of grave or systematic violations							Yes – for grave and systematic violation	
Early Warning Procedure	Yes						Yes											
Advisory Role	General recommendations	General comments			General comments		General Recommendations		General comments		General Comments			General comments				
Ratification (as at Feb 2015)	177 parties, 5 signatories	168 parties, 7 signatories	115 parties, 4 signatories	81 parties, 3 signatories	163 parties, 6 signatories	18 parties, 28 signatories	188 parties, 2 signatories	105 parties, 14 signatories	157 parties, 9 signatories	77 parties, 18 signatories	194 parties, 2 signatories	OPAC - 159 parties, 14 signatories; OPSC - 169 parties, 9 signatories	15 parties, 36 signatories	47 parties, 18 Signatories	152 parties, 30 signatories	85 parties, 31 signatories	45 parties, 54 signatories	

* where States recognise the competence of the relevant committee

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