

General Legal Instruments	Reference Number	Adopted Under the Aegis of	Date of Adoption	Date of Entry into Force	Number of Signatories	Number of State Parties	Date of ratification by Canada
<a href="#">Geneva Declaration of the Rights of the Child (Non binding)</a>	Not applicable	League of Nations	26/Sep/24	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Non binding)</a>	A/RES/217 (III)	United Nations General Assembly	10/Dec/48	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Declaration of the Rights of the Child (Non binding)</a>	A/RES/1386 (XIV)	United Nations General Assembly	20/Nov/59	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Convention against Discrimination in Education</a>	Not applicable	Adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation	14/Dec/60	May 22, 1962	<a href="#">0 (Signatures without ratification)</a>	<a href="#">97</a>	No action
<a href="#">International Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination</a>	A/RES/2107 (XX)	United Nations General Assembly	21/Dec/65	4/Jan/69	<a href="#">86</a>	<a href="#">175</a>	<a href="#">14/Oct/70</a>
<a href="#">International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</a>	A/RES/2200 A (XXI)	United Nations General Assembly	16/Dec/66	3/Jan/76	<a href="#">70</a>	<a href="#">160</a>	<a href="#">19/May/76</a>
<a href="#">International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights</a>	A/RES/2200 A (XXI)	United Nations General Assembly	16/Dec/66	23/Mar/76	<a href="#">74</a>	<a href="#">167</a>	<a href="#">19/May/76</a>
<a href="#">Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights</a>	A/RES/2200 A (XXI)	United Nations General Assembly	16/Dec/66	23/Mar/76	<a href="#">35</a>	<a href="#">114</a>	<a href="#">19/May/76</a>
<a href="#">Proclamation of Tehran (Non binding)</a>	Not applicable	International Conference on Human Rights	13/May/68	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women</a>	A/RES/34/180	United Nations General Assembly	18/Dec/79	3/Sep/81	<a href="#">99</a>	<a href="#">187</a>	<a href="#">10/Dec/81</a>
<a href="#">Declaration on Social and Legal Principles relating to the Protection and Welfare of Children, with special reference to Foster Placement and Adoption nationally and internationally (Non binding)</a>	A/RES/41/85	United Nations General Assembly	3/Dec/86	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Convention on the Rights of the Child</a>	A/RES/44/25	United Nations General Assembly	20/Nov/89	2/Sep/90	<a href="#">140</a>	<a href="#">193</a>	<a href="#">13/Dec/91</a>
<a href="#">Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty</a>	A/RES/44/128	United Nations General Assembly	15/Dec/89	11/Jul/91	<a href="#">35</a>	<a href="#">73</a>	<a href="#">25/Nov/05</a>
<a href="#">Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women</a>	A/RES/54/4	United Nations General Assembly	6/Oct/99	22/Dec/00	<a href="#">79</a>	<a href="#">103</a>	<a href="#">18/Oct/02</a>
<a href="#">Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</a>	A/RES/61/106	United Nations General Assembly	13/Dec/06	3/May/08	<a href="#">153</a>	<a href="#">106</a>	<a href="#">11/Mar/10</a>
<a href="#">Resolution Of the United Nations General Assembly: The Rights of the Child (Non binding)</a>	A/RES/62/141	United Nations General Assembly	18/Dec/07	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Resolution of the United Nations General Assembly : the Girl Child(Non binding)</a>	A/RES/62/140	United Nations General Assembly	18/Dec/07	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Children in Armed Conflict	Reference Number	Adopted Under the Aegis of	Date of Adoption	Date of Entry into Force	Number of Signatories	Number of State Parties	Date of ratification by Canada
<a href="#">Geneva Convention (I) for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field</a>	Not applicable	Diplomatic Conference of Geneva of 1949	12/Aug/49	21/Oct/50	<a href="#">0 (Signatures without ratification)</a>	<a href="#">194</a>	<a href="#">14/May/65</a>
<a href="#">Geneva Convention (II) for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea</a>	Not applicable	Diplomatic Conference of Geneva of 1947	12/Aug/49	21/Oct/50	<a href="#">1 (Signatures without ratification)</a>	<a href="#">194</a>	<a href="#">14/May/65</a>
<a href="#">Geneva Convention (III) relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War</a>	Not applicable	Diplomatic Conference of Geneva of 1948	12/Aug/49	21/Oct/50	<a href="#">2 (Signatures without ratification)</a>	<a href="#">194</a>	<a href="#">14/May/65</a>
<a href="#">Geneva Convention (IV) relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War</a>	Not applicable	Diplomatic Conference of Geneva of 1949	12/Aug/49	21/Oct/50	<a href="#">0 (Signatures without ratification)</a>	<a href="#">194</a>	<a href="#">14/May/65</a>

<a href="#">Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I)</a>	Not applicable	Diplomatic Conference on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law applicable in Armed Conflicts	8/Jun/77	7/Dec/78	<a href="#">4</a>	<a href="#">171</a>	<a href="#">20/Nov/90</a>
<a href="#">Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions Relating to the Protection of Victims of Non-International Armed Conflicts (Protocol II)</a>	Not applicable	Diplomatic Conference on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law applicable in Armed Conflicts	8/Jun/77	7/Dec/78	<a href="#">3</a>	<a href="#">166</a>	<a href="#">20/Nov/90</a>
<a href="#">Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects</a>	Not applicable	United Nations Conference on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects.	10/Oct/80	2/Dec/83	<a href="#">5</a>	<a href="#">114</a>	<a href="#">24/Jun/94</a>
<a href="#">Statute of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia</a>	S/RES/827	United Nations Security Council	25/May/93	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Statute of the International Tribunal for Rwanda</a>	S/RES/955	United Nations Security Council	8/Nov/94	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (Non binding)</a>	Not applicable	Fourth World Conference on Women	15/Sep/95	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Protocol II on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II to the 1980 Convention as amended on 3 May 1996)</a>	Not applicable	Review Conference of the 1980 Convention on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons	3/May/96	3/Dec/98	<a href="#">0 (Signatures without ratification)</a>	<a href="#">97</a>	5/Jan/98
<a href="#">Report: "Impact of Armed Conflict on Children" (Non binding)</a>	Not applicable	Graça Machel, with the support of the UN Centre for Human Rights and UNICEF	26/Aug/96	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Cape Town Principles and Best Practices (Non binding)</a>	Not applicable	Symposium on the Prevention of Recruitment of Children in the Armed Forces and on Demobilization and Social Reintegration of Child Soldiers in Africa	30/Apr/97	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction</a>	Not applicable	Diplomatic Conference on an International Total Ban on Anti-Personnel Land Mines at Oslo	September 18, 1997	March 1, 1999	<a href="#">2</a>	<a href="#">156</a>	<a href="#">3/Dec/97</a>
<a href="#">Ten Rules Code of Personal Conduct For Blue Helmets</a>	Not applicable	United Nations General Assembly	1/Jan/98	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court</a>	Not applicable	United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court	17/Jul/98	1/Jul/02	<a href="#">139</a>	<a href="#">119</a>	<a href="#">7/Jul/00</a>
<a href="#">Lomé Peace Accord (First agreement to recognize the special needs of children in the process of demobilization and reintegration post conflict.)</a>	Not applicable	Not applicable	7/Jul/99	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">United Nations Security Council Resolution 1261: Children and Armed Conflict</a>	S/RES/1261	United Nations Security Council	25/Aug/99	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">United Nations Security Council Resolution 1296: Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict</a>	S/RES/1296	United Nations Security Council	19/Apr/00	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict</a>	A/RES/54/263	United Nations General Assembly	25/May/00	12/Feb/02	<a href="#">129</a>	<a href="#">143</a>	<a href="#">7/Jul/00</a>
<a href="#">Organisation of American States Resolution on Children and Armed Conflicts</a>	AG/RES. 1709	General Assembly of the Organization of American States	5/Jun/00	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">United Nations Security Council Resolution 1314: Children and Armed Conflict</a>	S/RES/1314	United Nations Security Council	11/Aug/00	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Arusha Peace and Reconciliation Agreement for Burundi</a>	Not applicable	United Nations General Assembly	28/Aug/00	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325: Women and Peace and Security</a>	S/RES/1325	United Nations Security Council	31/Oct/00	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Protocol Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, their Parts and Components and Ammunition, Supplementing the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime</a>	A/RES/55/255	United Nations General Assembly	31/May/01	3/Jul/05	<a href="#">52</a>	<a href="#">89</a>	Not applicable
<a href="#">United Nations Security Council Resolution 1379: Children and Armed Conflict</a>	S/RES/1379	United Nations Security Council	20/Nov/01	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Statute of the Special Court for Sierra Leone</a>	S/RES/1315	United Nations Security Council	16/Jan/02	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">United Nations Security Council Resolution 1460: Children and Armed Conflict</a>	S/RES/1460	United Nations Security Council	30/Jan/03	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

<a href="#">Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (Sphere Project) (Non binding)</a>	Not applicable	The Sphere Project	1/Nov/03	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects</a>	Not applicable	Meeting of States Parties to the 1980 Convention	28/Nov/03	12/Nov/06	<a href="#">0 (Signatures without ratification)</a>	<a href="#">82</a>	<a href="#">19/May/09</a>
<a href="#">European Union Guidelines on Children in Armed Conflict</a>	Not applicable	European Union	8/Dec/03	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Minimum Standards for Education in Emergencies, Chronic Crises and Early Reconstruction (Non binding)</a>	Not applicable	The Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies	1/Jan/04	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">United Nations Security Council Resolution 1539: Children and Armed Conflict</a>	S/RES/1539	United Nations Security Council	22/Apr/04	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">United Nations Security Council Resolution 1612: Children and Armed Conflict</a>	S/RES/1612	United Nations Security Council	26/Jul/05	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">United Nations Security Council Resolution 1674: Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict</a>	S/RES/1674	United Nations Security Council	28/Apr/06	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Integrated Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Standards (Non binding)</a>	Not applicable	United Nations	1/Aug/06	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Paris Principles: Principles and Guidelines on Children Associated with Armed Forces or Armed Groups (Non binding)</a>	Not applicable	UNICEF	1/Feb/07	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">The Paris Commitments to protect children from unlawful recruitment or use by armed forces or armed groups</a>	Not applicable	UNICEF	1/Feb/07	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Machel Study 10-Year Strategic Review: Children and Conflict in a Changing World (Non binding)</a>	Not applicable	Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Children and Armed Conflict	17/Oct/07	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Convention on Cluster Munitions</a>	Not applicable	Diplomatic Conference on Cluster Munitions at Dublin	May 30, 2008	August 1, 2010	<a href="#">108</a>	<a href="#">66</a>	No Action
<a href="#">United Nations Security Council Resolution 1820: Women and Peace and Security</a>	S/RES/1820	United Nations Security Council	19/Jun/08	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">United Nations Security Council Resolution 1888: Women and Peace and Security</a>	S/RES/1888	United Nations Security Council	30/Sep/09	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">United Nations Security Council Resolution 1882: Children and Armed Conflict</a>	S/RES/1882	United Nations Security Council	4/Aug/09	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">United Nations Security Council Resolution 1889: Women and Peace and Security</a>	S/RES/1889	United Nations Security Council	5/Oct/09	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Sexual Exploitation and Child Trafficking	Reference Number	Adopted Under the Aegis of	Date of Adoption	Date of Entry into Force	Number of Signatories	Number of State Parties	Date of ratification by Canada
<a href="#">Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others</a>	317 (IV)	United Nations General Assembly	21/Mar/50	25/Jul/51	<a href="#">25</a>	<a href="#">82</a>	No action
<a href="#">Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages</a>	1763 A (XVII)	United Nations General Assembly	7/Nov/62	9/Dec/64	<a href="#">16</a>	<a href="#">55</a>	No action
<a href="#">Convention on the civil aspects of international abduction</a>	No. 28	The Hague Conference on Private International Law	25/Oct/80	1/Dec/83	<a href="#">0 (Signatures without ratification)</a>	<a href="#">86</a>	<a href="#">2/Jun/83</a>
<a href="#">Convention on protection of children and co-operation in respect of intercountry adoption</a>	No. 33	The Hague Conference on Private International Law	29/May/93	1/May/95	<a href="#">4</a>	<a href="#">84</a>	<a href="#">19/Dec/96</a>
<a href="#">Inter-American Convention on International Traffic in Minors</a>	B-57	Organization of American States	18/Mar/94	15/Aug/97	<a href="#">2</a>	<a href="#">16</a>	No action
<a href="#">Stockholm Declaration and Agenda for Action</a>	Not applicable	1st World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children	31/Aug/96	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism developed by End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes</a>	Not applicable	End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes (ECPAT), UNICEF, United Nations World Tourism Organization	1/Apr/98	Not applicable (companies make a commitment and not States)	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">United Nations Human Rights Commission Resolution: Traffic in Women and Girls</a>	E/CN.4/RES/1999/40	United Nations Human Rights Commission (replaced by the Human Rights Council in 2006)	26/Apr/99	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography</a>	A/RES/54/263	United Nations General Assembly	25/May/00	18/Jan/02	<a href="#">119</a>	<a href="#">150</a>	<a href="#">14/Sep/05</a>
<a href="#">Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (one of the "Palermo Protocols")</a>	A/RES/55/25	United Nations General Assembly	15/Nov/00	28/Jan/04	<a href="#">112</a>	<a href="#">129</a>	<a href="#">13/May/02</a>
<a href="#">Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against transnational organized crime (one of the "Palermo Protocols")</a>	A/RES/55/25	United Nations General Assembly	15/Nov/00	25/Dec/03	<a href="#">117</a>	<a href="#">146</a>	<a href="#">13/May/02</a>
<a href="#">The Yokohama Global Commitment 2001</a>	Not applicable	2nd World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children	20/Dec/01	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">SAARC Regional Convention on the Preventing and Combating Trafficking in Women and Children for Prostitution</a>	Not applicable	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)	5/Jan/02	15/Nov/05	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings</a>	No. 197	Council of Europe	16/May/05	1/Feb/08	<a href="#">17</a>	<a href="#">24</a>	Not applicable
<a href="#">European Parliament resolution on strategies to prevent the trafficking of women and children who are vulnerable to sexual exploitation</a>	Not applicable	European Parliament (European Union)	17/Jan/06	n/a	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance</a>	A/RES/61/177	United Nations General Assembly	20/Dec/06	Has not yet entered into force	<a href="#">90</a>	<a href="#">30</a>	No action
<a href="#">Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse</a>	No. 201	Council of Europe	25/Oct/07	Has not yet entered into force	<a href="#">33</a>	<a href="#">2</a>	Not applicable
<a href="#">Rio de Janeiro Declaration and Call for Action to Prevent and Stop Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents</a>	Not applicable	3rd World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children	28/Nov/08	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Child Labour	Reference Number	Adopted Under the Aegis of	Date of Adoption	Date of Entry into Force	Number of Signatories	Number of State Parties	Date of ratification by Canada
<a href="#">Convention concerning Minimum Age for Admission to Employment</a>	C138	International Labour Organization	26/Jun/73	19/Jun/76	<a href="#">0 (Signatures without ratification)</a>	<a href="#">161</a>	<a href="#">No ratification</a>
<a href="#">Convention concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour</a>	C182	International Labour Organization	17/Jun/99	19/Nov/00	<a href="#">0 (Signatures without ratification)</a>	<a href="#">174</a>	<a href="#">6/Jun/00</a>
<a href="#">Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction</a>	No. 28	the Hague Conference on Private International Law	25/Oct/80	1/Dec/83	<a href="#">0 (Signatures without ratification)</a>	<a href="#">86</a>	<a href="#">2/Jun/83</a>
<a href="#">Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption</a>	No. 33	the Hague Conference on Private International Law	29/May/93	1/May/95	<a href="#">6</a>	<a href="#">86</a>	<a href="#">19/Dec/96</a>
Juvenile Justice	Reference Number	Adopted Under the Aegis of	Date of Adoption	Date of Entry into Force	Number of Signatories	Number of State Parties	Date of ratification by Canada
<a href="#">United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Administration of Juvenile Justice ("The Beijing Rules") (Non binding)</a>	A/RES/40/33	United Nations General Assembly	29/Nov/85	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">United Nations Guidelines for the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency (The Riyadh Guidelines) (Non binding)</a>	A/RES/45/112	United Nations General Assembly	14/Dec/90	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">United Nations Rules for the Protection of Juveniles Deprived of their Liberty ("Havana Rules") (Non binding)</a>	A/RES/45/113	United Nations General Assembly	14/Dec/90	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Guidelines for Action on Children in the Criminal Justice System (Non binding)</a>	Recommended by Resolution 1997/30	United Nations Economic and Social Council	21/Jul/97	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Guidelines on Justice in Matters involving Child Victims and Witnesses of Crime (Non binding)</a>	Resolution 2005/20	United Nations Economic and Social Council	22/Jul/05	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Violence Against Children	Reference Number	Adopted Under the Aegis of	Date of Adoption	Date of Entry into Force	Number of Signatories	Number of State Parties	Date of ratification by Canada
<a href="#">Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment</a>	A/RES/39/46	United Nations General Assembly	December 10, 1984	June 26, 1987	<a href="#">78</a>	<a href="#">149</a>	<a href="#">24/Jun/87</a>
<a href="#">European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment</a>	No. 126	Council of Europe	26/Nov/87	1/Feb/89	<a href="#">0 (Signatures without ratification)</a>	<a href="#">47</a>	Not applicable
<a href="#">Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment</a>	A/RES/57/199	United Nations General Assembly	December 18, 2002	June 22, 2006	<a href="#">71</a>	<a href="#">61</a>	No Action
<a href="#">Report of the independent expert for the United Nations study on violence against children (Non binding)</a>	A/61/299	United Nations General Assembly	20/Nov/06	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">United Nations General Assembly Resolution: Rights of the child (section on violence against children)</a>	A/RES/63/241	United Nations General Assembly	24/Dec/08	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Refugees	Reference Number	Adopted Under the Aegis of	Date of Adoption	Date of Entry into Force	Number of Signatories	Number of State Parties	Date of ratification by Canada
<a href="#">Convention relating to the Status of Refugees</a>	A/RES/429 (V)	United Nations General Assembly	28/Jul/51	22/Apr/54	<a href="#">19</a>	<a href="#">145</a>	<a href="#">4/Jun/69</a>
<a href="#">Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness</a>	A/RES 896 (IX)	United Nations General Assembly	30/Aug/61	13/Dec/75	<a href="#">5</a>	<a href="#">40</a>	<a href="#">17/Jul/78</a>
<a href="#">Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees</a>	A/RES/1186 (XLI)	United Nations General Assembly	31/Jan/67	4/Oct/67	<a href="#">0 (Signatures without ratification)</a>	<a href="#">146</a>	<a href="#">4/Jun/69</a>
<a href="#">UN High Commissioner for Refugees Guidelines on Determining the Best Interests of the Child (Non binding)</a>	Not applicable	UN High Commissioner for Refugees	1/May/08	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Non binding)</a>	A/RES/45/158	United Nations General Assembly	18/Dec/90	1/Jul/03	<a href="#">33</a>	<a href="#">45</a>	No action
<a href="#">UN High Commissioner for Refugees Guidelines on the Protection and Care of Children (Non binding)</a>	Not applicable	UN High Commissioner for Refugees	1/Jan/94	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement (Non binding)</a>	No. 32	UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs	1/Jan/00	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Minimum Standards for Education in Emergencies, Chronic Crises and Early Reconstruction (Non binding)</a>	Not applicable	The Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies	1/Jan/04	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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<b>Africa</b>							
<a href="#">African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights</a>	Not applicable	Organization of African Unity (dissolved in 2002 and replaced by the African Union)	27/Jun/81	21/Oct/86	<a href="#">0 (Signatures without ratification)</a>	<a href="#">53</a>	Not applicable
<a href="#">African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child</a>	Not applicable	African Union	11/Jul/90	29/Nov/99	<a href="#">8</a>	<a href="#">53</a>	Not applicable
<a href="#">Statute of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda</a>	S/RES/955	United Nations Security Council	8/Nov/94	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa</a>	Not applicable	African Union	11/Jul/03	Not yet in force	<a href="#">21</a>	<a href="#">49</a>	Not applicable
<a href="#">Resolution of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights on the Situation of Women and Children in Africa</a>	Res.66(XXXV) 04	African Commission on Human and People's Rights	4/Jun/04	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">African Youth Charter</a>	Not applicable	African Union	2/Jul/06	Not yet in force	<a href="#">21</a>	<a href="#">43</a>	Not applicable
<a href="#">African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons on Africa (Kampala Convention)</a>	Not applicable	African Union	22/Oct/09	Not yet in force	<a href="#">29</a>	<a href="#">29</a>	Not applicable

<b>Americas</b>							
<a href="#">American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man (Non binding)</a>	Not applicable	Organization of American States	1/May/05	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">American Convention on Human Rights</a>	B-32	Organization of American States	22/Nov/69	18/Jul/78	<a href="#">1</a>	<a href="#">25</a>	No action
<a href="#">Inter-American Convention to Prevent and Punish Torture</a>	A-51	Organization of American States	9/Dec/85	28/Feb/87	<a href="#">2</a>	<a href="#">18</a>	No action
<a href="#">Inter-American Convention on the International Return of Children</a>	B-53	Organization of American States	15/Jul/89	11/Apr/94	<a href="#">2</a>	<a href="#">14</a>	No action

<a href="#">Inter-American Convention on International Traffic in Minors</a>	B-57	Organization of American States	18/Mar/94	15/Aug/97	<a href="#">2</a>	<a href="#">14</a>	No action
<a href="#">Inter-American Convention on Forced Disappearance of Persons</a>	A-60	Organization of American States	9/Jun/94	28/Mar/96	<a href="#">2</a>	<a href="#">16</a>	No action
<a href="#">Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence Against Women "Convention of Belem Do Para"</a>	A-61	Organization of American States	9/Jun/94	5/Mar/93	<a href="#">0 (Signatures without ratification)</a>	<a href="#">32</a>	No action
<a href="#">Interamerican Convention Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and Other Related Materials</a>	A-63	Organization of American States	14/Nov/97	1/Jul/98	<a href="#">4</a>	<a href="#">30</a>	Signature (November 14, 1997)
<a href="#">Inter-American Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities</a>	A-65	Organization of American States	7/Jun/99	14/Sep/01	<a href="#">2</a>	<a href="#">18</a>	No action
<a href="#">Organization of American States General Assembly Resolution 2548: Prevention and Eradication of the Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children and Adolescents</a>	AG/RES. 2548 (XL-O/10)	Organization of American States	8/Jun/10	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Asia</b>							
<a href="#">Beijing Declaration on Commitments for Children in the East Asian and Pacific Region for 2001-2010 (Non binding)</a>	Not applicable	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)	16/May/01	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">SAARC Convention on Regional Arrangements for the Promotion of Child Welfare in South Asia</a>	Not applicable	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)	5/Jan/02	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Arab Charter on Human Rights</a>	Not applicable	League of Arab States	22/May/04	15/Mar/08	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Europe</b>							
<a href="#">Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms</a>	No. 005	Council of Europe	4/Nov/50	3/Sep/53	<a href="#">0 (Signatures without ratification)</a>	<a href="#">47</a>	Not applicable
<a href="#">European Social Charter (Revised 1996)</a>	No. 035	Council of Europe	18/Oct/61	26/Feb/65	<a href="#">5</a>	<a href="#">27</a>	Not applicable
<a href="#">European Convention on the Adoption of Children</a>	No. 058	Council of Europe	24/Apr/67	26/Apr/68	<a href="#">3</a>	<a href="#">18</a>	Not applicable
<a href="#">European Convention on the Repatriation of Minors</a>	No. 071	Council of Europe	28/May/70	Not yet in force	<a href="#">7</a>	<a href="#">2</a>	Not applicable
<a href="#">European Convention on the Legal Status of Children born out of Wedlock</a>	No. 085	Council of Europe	15/Oct/75	11/Aug/78	<a href="#">4</a>	<a href="#">22</a>	Not applicable
<a href="#">European Convention on Recognition and Enforcement of Decisions concerning Custody of Children and on Restoration of Custody of Children</a>	No. 105	Council of Europe	20/May/80	1/Sep/83	<a href="#">1</a>	<a href="#">36</a>	Not applicable
<a href="#">European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment</a>	No. 126	Council of Europe	26/Nov/87	1/Feb/89	<a href="#">0 (Signatures without ratification)</a>	<a href="#">47</a>	Not applicable
<a href="#">Statute of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia</a>	S/RES/827	United Nations Security Council	25/May/93	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">European Convention on the Exercise of Children's Rights</a>	No. 160	Council of Europe	25/Jan/96	1/Jul/00	<a href="#">11</a>	<a href="#">13</a>	Not applicable
<a href="#">European Convention on Nationality</a>	No. 166	Council of Europe	6/Nov/97	1/Mar/00	<a href="#">10</a>	<a href="#">18</a>	Not applicable
<a href="#">Convention on Cybercrime</a>	No. 185	Council of Europe	23/Nov/01	1/Jul/04	<a href="#">20</a>	<a href="#">26</a>	Not applicable
<a href="#">Convention on Contact concerning Children</a>	No. 192	Council of Europe	15/May/03	1/Sep/05	<a href="#">11</a>	<a href="#">6</a>	Not applicable
<a href="#">European Union Guidelines on Children in Armed Conflict</a>	Not applicable	European Union	8/Dec/03	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings</a>	No. 197	Council of Europe	16/May/05	1/Feb/08	<a href="#">17</a>	<a href="#">24</a>	Not applicable
<a href="#">European Parliament resolution on strategies to prevent the trafficking of women and children who are vulnerable to sexual exploitation</a>	Not applicable	European Parliament (European Union)	17/Jan/06	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">European Convention on the Adoption of Children (Revised 2008)</a>	No. 202	Council of Europe	27/Nov/08	Not yet in force	<a href="#">9</a>	<a href="#">0</a>	Not applicable
<b>Middle East and North Africa</b>							
<a href="#">Pacte des droits de l'enfant arabe (in French only)</a>	Not applicable	The Arab League	6-Dec-83	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam</a>	Not applicable	Organization of the Islamic Conference	5/Aug/90	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Declaration on the Protection of Refugees and Displaced Persons in the Arab World</a>	Not applicable	Group of Arab Experts	19/Nov/92	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

<a href="#">Déclaration sur les droits et la protection de l'enfant dans le monde islamique (in French only)</a>	Not applicable	Organization of the Islamic Conference	15-Dec-92	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<a href="#">Arab Charter on Human Rights</a>	Not applicable	The Arab League	22/May/04	15/Mar/08	7	?	Not applicable
<a href="#">Covenant on the Rights of the Child in Islam</a>	OIC/9-IGGE/HRI/2004/RAP.FINAL	Organization of the Islamic Conference	06 2005		Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable