

International Legal Instruments: Children's Rights



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
Geneva Declaration of the Rights of the Child (Non binding)	Not applicable	League of Nations	26 sept. 1924	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Non binding)	A/RES/217 A (III)	United Nations General Assembly	10-Dec-48	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Declaration of the Rights of the Child (Non binding)	A/RES/1386 (XIV)	United Nations General Assembly	20-Nov-59	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Convention against Discrimination in Education	Not applicable	Adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation	14-Dec-60	22-May-62	0 (Signatures without ratification)	106	No action
International Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	A/RES/2106 A (XX)	United Nations General Assembly	21-Dec-65	4-Jan-69	88	181	14-Oct-70
International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	A/RES/2200 A (XXI)	United Nations General Assembly	16-Dec-66	3-Jan-76	71	169	19-May-76
International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	A/RES/2200 A (XXI)	United Nations General Assembly	16-Dec-66	23-Mar-76	74	172	19-May-76
Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	A/RES/2200 A (XXI)	United Nations General Assembly	16-Dec-66	23-Mar-76	35	116	19-May-76
Proclamation of Tehran (Non binding)	A/CONF.32/41	International Conference on Human Rights	13-May-68	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	A/RES/34/180	United Nations General Assembly	18-Dec-79	3-Sep-81	99	189	10-Dec-81
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/RES/41/85	United Nations General Assembly	3-Dec-86	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Convention on the Rights of the Child	A/RES/44/25	United Nations General Assembly	20-Nov-89	2-Sep-90	140	196	13-Dec-91
Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty	A/RES/44/128	United Nations General Assembly	15-Dec-89	11-Jul-91	38	87	25-Nov-05
Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women	A/RES/54/4	United Nations General Assembly	6-Oct-99	22-Dec-00	80	122	18-Oct-02
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	A/RES/61/106	United Nations General Assembly	13-Dec-06	3-May-08	162	157	11-Mar-10
Resolution Of the United Nations General Assembly: The Rights of the Child (Non binding)	A/RES/62/141	United Nations General Assembly	18-Dec-07	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Resolution of the United Nations General Assembly : the Girl Child(Non binding)	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
Geneva Convention (I) for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field	Not applicable	Diplomatic Conference of Geneva of 1949	12-Aug-49	21-Oct-50	0 (Signatures without ratification)	196	14-May-65
Geneva Convention (II) for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea	Not applicable	Diplomatic Conference of Geneva of 1947	12-Aug-49	21-Oct-50	0 (Signatures without ratification)	196	14-May-65
Geneva Convention (III) relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War	Not applicable	Diplomatic Conference of Geneva of 1948	12-Aug-49	21-Oct-50	0 (Signatures without ratification)	196	14-May-65
Geneva Convention (IV) relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War	Not applicable	Diplomatic Conference of Geneva of 1949	12-Aug-49	21-Oct-50	0 (Signatures without ratification)	196	14-May-65
Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I)	Not applicable	Diplomatic Conference on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law applicable in Armed Conflicts	8-Jun-77	7-Dec-78	3	174	20-Nov-90
Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions Relating to the Protection of Victims of Non-International Armed Conflicts (Protocol II)	Not applicable	Diplomatic Conference on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law applicable in Armed Conflicts	8-Jun-77	7-Dec-78	3	168	20-Nov-90
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	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	4	125	24-Jun-94
Statute of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia	S/RES/827	United Nations Security Council	25-May-93	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Statute of the International Tribunal for Rwanda	S/RES/955	United Nations Security Council	8-Nov-94	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (Non binding)	Not applicable	Fourth World Conference on Women	15-Sep-95	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
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)	Not applicable	Review Conference of the 1980 Convention on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons	3-May-96	3-Dec-98	0 (Signatures without ratification)	105	5-Jan-98
Report: "Impact of Armed Conflict on Children" (Non binding)	A/RES/51/306	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

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Cape Town Principles and Best Practices (Non binding)	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
Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction	Not applicable	Diplomatic Conference on a Total Global Ban on Anti-Personnel Mines in Oslo	18-Sep-97	1-Mar-99	1	164	3-Dec-97
Ten Rules Code of Personal Conduct For Blue Helmets	Not applicable	The Department of Peacekeeping Operations	1-Jan-98	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court	A/CONF.183/9	United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court	17-Jul-98	1-Jul-02	137	122	7-Jul-00
Lomé Peace Accord (First agreement to recognize the special needs of children in the process of demobilization and reintegration post conflict.)	Not applicable	Not applicable	7-Jul-99	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
United Nations Security Council Resolution 1261: Children and Armed Conflict	S/RES/1261	United Nations Security Council	25-Aug-99	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
United Nations Security Council Resolution 1296: Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict	S/RES/1296	United Nations Security Council	19-Apr-00	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict	A/RES/54/263	United Nations General Assembly	25-May-00	12-Feb-02	130	168	7-Jul-00
Organisation of American States Resolution on Children and Armed Conflicts	AG/RES. 1709 (XX-O/00)	General Assembly of the Organization of American States	5-Jun-00	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
United Nations Security Council Resolution 1314: Children and Armed Conflict	S/RES/1314	United Nations Security Council	11-Aug-00	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Arusha Peace and Reconciliation Agreement for Burundi	Not applicable	Under the aegis of Mr. Nelson Mandela	1-Nov-01	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325: Women and Peace and Security	S/RES/1325	United Nations Security Council	31-Oct-00	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
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/RES/55/255	United Nations General Assembly	31-May-01	3-Jul-05	52	118	Not ratified

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United Nations Security Council Resolution 1379: Children and Armed Conflict	S/RES/1379	United Nations Security Council	20-Nov-01	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Statute of the Special Court for Sierra Leone	S/RES/1315	United Nations Security Council	16-Jan-02	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
United Nations Security Council Resolution 1460: Children and Armed Conflict	S/RES/1460	United Nations Security Council	30-Jan-03	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (Sphere Project) (Non binding)	Not applicable	The Sphere Project	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
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	Not applicable	Meeting of States Parties to the 1980 CCW Convention	28-Nov-03	12-Nov-06	0 (Signatures without ratification)	95	19-May-09
European Union Guidelines on Children in Armed Conflict	Not applicable	European Union	8-Dec-03	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Minimum Standards for Education in Emergencies, Chronic Crises and Early Reconstruction (Non binding)	Not applicable	The Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies	1-Dec-04	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
United Nations Security Council Resolution 1539: Children and Armed Conflict	S/RES/1539	United Nations Security Council	22-Apr-04	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
United Nations Security Council Resolution 1612: Children and Armed Conflict	S/RES/1612	United Nations Security Council	26-Jul-05	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
United Nations Security Council Resolution 1674: Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict	S/RES/1674	United Nations Security Council	28-Apr-06	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Integrated Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Standards (Non binding)	Not applicable	The United Nations Inter-Agency Working Group on Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration	1-Aug-06	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Paris Principles: Principles and Guidelines on Children Associated with Armed Forces or Armed Groups (Non binding)	Not applicable	UNICEF	1-Feb-07	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
The Paris Commitments to protect children from unlawful recruitment or use by armed forces or armed groups	Not applicable	UNICEF	6-Feb-07	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Machel Study 10-Year Strategic Review: Children and Conflict in a Changing World (Non binding)	Not applicable	Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Children and Armed Conflict in collaboration with UNICEF	1-Oct-07	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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Convention on Cluster Munitions	Not applicable	Dublin Diplomatic Conference on Cluster Munitions	30-May-08	1-Aug-10	105	16	16-Mar-15
United Nations Security Council Resolution 1820: Women and Peace and Security	S/RES/1820	United Nations Security Council	19-Jun-08	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
United Nations Security Council Resolution 1888: Women and Peace and Security	S/RES/1888	United Nations Security Council	30-Sep-09	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
United Nations Security Council Resolution 1882: Children and Armed Conflict	S/RES/1882	United Nations Security Council	4-Aug-09	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
United Nations Security Council Resolution 1889: Women and Peace and Security	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
Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others	317 (IV)	United Nations General Assembly	2-Dec-49	25-Jul-51	25	82	No action
Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages	1763 A (XVII)	United Nations General Assembly	10-Dec-62	9-Dec-64	16	56	No action
Convention on the civil aspects of international abduction	No. 28	The Hague Conference on Private International Law	25-Oct-80	1-Dec-83	0 (Signatures without ratification)	103	2-Jun-83
Convention on protection of children and co-operation in respect of intercountry adoption	No. 33	The Hague Conference on Private International Law	29-May-93	1-May-95	3	101	19-Dec-96
Inter-American Convention on International Traffic in Minors	B-57	Organization of American States	18-Mar-94	15-Aug-97	2	17	No action
Stockholm Declaration and Agenda for Action	Not applicable	1st World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children	31-Aug-96	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
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	Not applicable	End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes (ECPAT)	1-Apr-98	Not applicable (companies make a commitment and not States)	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
United Nations Human Rights Commission Resolution: Traffic in Women and Girls	E/CN.4/RES/199/9/40	United Nations Human Rights Commission (replaced by the Human Rights Council in 2006)	26-Apr-99	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography	A/RES/54/263	United Nations General Assembly	25-May-00	18-Jan-02	121	176	14-Sep-05

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
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") (p.53)	A/RES/55/25	United Nations General Assembly	15-Nov-00	28-Jan-04	112	149	13-May-02
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") (p.41)	A/RES/55/25	United Nations General Assembly	15-Nov-00	25-Dec-03	117	174	13-May-02
The Yokohama Global Commitment 2001	Not applicable	2nd World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children	20-Dec-01	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
SAARC Regional Convention on the Preventing and Combating Trafficking in Women and Children for Prostitution	Not applicable	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)	5-Jan-02	1-Dec-05	0 (signatures without ratification)	8	Not applicable
Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings	No. 197	Council of Europe	16-May-05	1-Feb-08	0 (signatures without ratification)	47	Not applicable
European Parliament resolution on strategies to prevent the trafficking of women and children who are vulnerable to sexual exploitation	2004/2216(INI)	European Parliament (European Union)	17-Jan-06	n/a	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance	A/RES/61/177	United Nations General Assembly	20-Dec-06	23-Dec-10	98	60	No action
Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse	No. 201	Council of Europe	25-Oct-07	1-Jul-10	3	44	No action
Rio de Janeiro Declaration and Call for Action to Prevent and Stop Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents	Not applicable	3rd World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents	28-Nov-08	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
General Assembly of the Organisation of American States Resolution 2548: Prevention and Eradication of Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Minors (Non binding)	AG/RES. 2548 (XL-O/10)	General Assembly of the Organisation on the American States	8-Jun-10	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
Convention concerning Minimum Age for Admission to Employment	C138	International Labour Organization	26-Jun-73	19-Jun-76	0 (Signatures without ratification)	172	No action
Convention concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour	C182	International Labour Organization	17-Jun-99	19-Nov-00	0 (Signatures without ratification)	186	6-Jun-00

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Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction	No. 28	the Hague Conference on Private International Law	25-Oct-80	1-Dec-83	1	100	2-Jun-83
Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption	No. 33	the Hague Conference on Private International Law	29-May-93	1-May-95	3	101	19-Dec-96

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
United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Administration of Juvenile Justice ("The Beijing Rules") (Non binding)	A/RES/40/33	United Nations General Assembly	29-Nov-85	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
United Nations Guidelines for the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency (The Riyadh Guidelines) (Non binding)	A/RES/45/112	United Nations General Assembly	14-Dec-90	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
United Nations Rules for the Protection of Juveniles Deprived of their Liberty ("Havana Rules") (Non binding)	A/RES/45/113	United Nations General Assembly	14-Dec-90	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Guidelines for Action on Children in the Criminal Justice System (Non binding)	Recommended by Resolution 1997/30	United Nations Economic and Social Council	21-Jul-97	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Guidelines on Justice in Matters involving Child Victims and Witnesses of Crime (Non binding)	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
Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	A/RES/39/46	United Nations General Assembly	1-Dec-84	25-Jun-87	83	166	24-Jun-87
European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	No. 126	Council of Europe	26-Nov-87	1-Feb-89	0 (Signatures without ratification)	47	Not applicable
Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	A/RES/57/199	United Nations General Assembly	18-Dec-02	22/Jun/06	76	89	No Action
Report of the independent expert for the United Nations study on violence against children (Non binding)	A/61/299	United Nations General Assembly	29-Aug-06	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
United Nations General Assembly Resolution: Rights of the child (section on violence against children)	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
Convention relating to the Status of Refugees	A/RES/429 (V)	United Nations General Assembly	28-Jul-51	22-Apr-54	19	146	4-Jun-69
Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness	A/RES 896 (IX)	United Nations General Assembly	30-Aug-61	13-Dec-75	5	73	17-Jul-78
Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees	A/RES/2198 (XXI)	United Nations General Assembly	31-Jan-67	4-Oct-67	0 (Signatures without ratification)	147	4-Jun-69
UN High Commissioner for Refugees Guidelines on Determining the Best Interests of the Child (Non binding)	Not applicable	UN High Commissioner for Refugees	1-May-08	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Non binding)	A/RES/45/158	United Nations General Assembly	18-Dec-90	1-Jul-03	39	54	No action
UN High Commissioner for Refugees Guidelines on the Protection and Care of Children (Non binding)	Not applicable	UN High Commissioner for Refugees	1-Jan-94	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement (Non binding)	ONU E/CN.4/1998/53/Add.2	UN Commission on Human Rights	11-Feb-98	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Minimum Standards for Education in Emergencies, Chronic Crises and Early Reconstruction (Non binding)	Not applicable	The Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies	1-Dec-04	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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Africa							
African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights	CAB/LEG/67/3 rev. 5	Organization of African Unity (dissolved in 2002 and replaced by the African Union)	27-Jun-81	21-Oct-86	53	53	Not applicable
African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child	CAB/LEG/153 rev. 2	Organization of African Unity (dissolved in 2002 and replaced by the African Union)	11-Jul-90	29-Nov-99	9	41	Not applicable
Statute of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda	S/RES/955	United Nations Security Council	8-Nov-94	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa	Not applicable	African Union	11-Jul-03	25-Nov-05	15	36	Not applicable
Resolution of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights on the Situation of Women and Children in Africa	Res.66(XXXV)04	African Commission on Human and People's Rights (African Union)	4-Jun-04	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
African Youth Charter	Not applicable	African Union	2-Jul-06	8-Aug-09	40	29	Not applicable
African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons on Africa (Kampala Convention)	Not applicable	African Union	22-Oct-09	6-Dec-12	22	20	Not applicable
American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man (Non binding)	Not applicable	Organization of American States	30-Apr-48	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
American Convention on Human Rights	B-32	Organization of American States	22-Nov-69	18-Jul-78	1	25	No action

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Americas							
Inter-American Convention to Prevent and Punish Torture	A-51	Organization of American States	9-Dec-85	28-Feb-87	<u>2</u>	<u>18</u>	No action
Inter-American Convention on the International Return of Children	B-53	Organization of American States	15-Jul-89	11-Apr-94	<u>2</u>	<u>14</u>	No action
Inter-American Convention on International Traffic in Minors	B-57	Organization of American States	18-Mar-94	15-Aug-97	<u>2</u>	<u>15</u>	No action
Inter-American Convention on Forced Disappearance of Persons	A-60	Organization of American States	9-Jun-94	28-Mar-96	<u>1</u>	<u>14</u>	No action
Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence Against Women "Convention of Belem Do Para"	A-61	Organization of American States	9-Jun-94	5-Mar-93	<u>0 (Signatures without ratification)</u>	<u>32</u>	No action
Interamerican Convention Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and Other Related Materials	A-63	Organization of American States	14-Nov-97	1-Jul-98	<u>3</u>	<u>31</u>	Signature (November 14, 1997)
Inter-American Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities	A-65	Organization of American States	7-Jun-99	14-Sep-01	<u>2</u>	<u>19</u>	No action
General Assembly of the Organisation of American States Resolution 2548: Prevention and Eradication of Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Minors (Non binding)	AG/RES. 2548 (XL-O/10)	General Assembly of the Organisation on the American States	8-Jun-10	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Asia							
Beijing Declaration on Commitments for Children in the East Asian and Pacific Region for 2001-2010 (Non binding)	Not applicable	Fifth East Asia and Pacific Ministerial Consultation	16-May-01	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
SAARC Convention on Regional Arrangements for the Promotion of Child Welfare in South Asia	Not applicable	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)	5-Jan-02	15-Nov-05	No information	No information	Not applicable
Arab Charter on Human Rights	Not applicable	League of Arab States	22-May-04	15-Mar-08	16	11	Not applicable
Europe							
Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms	No. 005	Council of Europe	4-Nov-50	3-Sep-53	<u>0 (Signatures without ratification)</u>	<u>47</u>	Not applicable
European Social Charter (Revised 1996)	No. 035	Council of Europe	18-Oct-61	26-Feb-65	<u>5</u>	<u>27</u>	Not applicable
European Convention on the Adoption of Children	No. 058	Council of Europe	24-Apr-67	26-Apr-68	<u>3</u>	<u>16</u>	Not applicable
European Convention on the Repatriation of Minors	No. 071	Council of Europe	28-May-70	28-Jul-15	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	Not applicable
European Convention on the Legal Status of Children born out of Wedlock	No. 085	Council of Europe	15-Oct-75	11-Aug-78	<u>3</u>	<u>23</u>	Not applicable
European Convention on Recognition and Enforcement of Decisions concerning Custody of Children and on Restoration of Custody of Children	No. 105	Council of Europe	20-May-80	1-Sep-83	<u>0</u>	<u>37</u>	Not applicable

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Europe							
European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	No. 126	Council of Europe	26-Nov-87	1-Feb-89	0 (Signatures without ratification)	47	Not applicable
Statute of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia	S/RES/827	United Nations Security Council	25-May-93	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
European Convention on the Exercise of Children's Rights	No. 160	Council of Europe	25-Jan-96	1-Jul-00	8	20	Not applicable
European Convention on Nationality	No. 166	Council of Europe	6-Nov-97	1-Mar-00	8	21	No action
Convention on Cybercrime	No. 185	Council of Europe	23-Nov-01	1-Jul-04	3	63	Not ratified
Convention on Contact concerning Children	No. 192	Council of Europe	15-May-03	1-Sep-05	10	9	Not applicable
European Union Guidelines on Children in Armed Conflict	Not applicable	European Union	8-Dec-03	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings	No. 197	Council of Europe	16-May-05	1-Feb-08	0	47	Not applicable
European Parliament resolution on strategies to prevent the trafficking of women and children who are vulnerable to sexual exploitation	2004/2216(INI)	European Parliament (European Union)	17-Jan-06	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
European Convention on the Adoption of Children (Revised 2008)	No. 202	Council of Europe	27-Nov-08	1-Sep-11	8	10	No action



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