Tables for UN Compilation on Switzerland

I. Scope of international obligations[[1]](#endnote-2)

A. International human rights treaties[[2]](#endnote-3)

|  |  |  |
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|  | *Ratified* | *Not ratified/not accepted* |
|  |  |  |
| *Ratification, accession or succession* | ICERD (1994)  ICESCR (1992)  ICCPR (1992)  ICCPR-OP 2 (1994)  CEDAW (1997)  CAT (1986)  OP-CAT (2009)  CRC (1997)  OP-CRC-AC (2002)  OP-CRC-SC (2006)  CRPD (2014)  ICPPED (2016) | ICRMW |
| *Complaints procedures, inquiries  and urgent action*[[3]](#endnote-4) | ICERD, art. 14 (2003)  ICCPR, art. 41 (2022 for a period  of five years)  OP-CEDAW, art. 8 (2008)  CAT, arts. 20, 21 and 22 (1986)  OP-CRC-IC, arts. 12 and 13 (2017)  ICPPED, arts. 31 and 32 (2016) | OP-ICESCR  ICCPR-OP 1  ICRMW  OP-CRPD |

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| *Reservations and / or declarations* | *Current Status* |
|  |  |
|  | ICERD (Reservations, arts. 4 and 2(1)(a)) |
|  | ICCPR (Reservations, arts. 12(1), 20(1), 25(b) and 26) |
|  | CEDAW (Reservations, arts. 15(2) and 16(1)(h)) |
|  | CRC (General declaration/Reservations, arts. 10(1), 37(c) and 40(1) and (3)) |
|  | OP-CRC-AC (Declaration, art. 3(2), minimum age  of military recruitment at 18 years) |

During the period under review, Switzerland renewed its declaration to art. 41   
of ICCPR (2017 and 2022).

B. Other main relevant international instruments

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Ratified* | *Not ratified* |
|  |  |  |
| *Ratification, accession or succession* | Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime  of Genocide | Convention of 1961 on the Reduction of Statelessness  ILO Convention Nos. 169 and 190[[4]](#endnote-5)  ILO fundamental Conventions  Nos. 155 and 187[[5]](#endnote-6)  UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education |
|  | Geneva Conventions  of 12 August 1949 and Additional Protocols thereto[[6]](#endnote-7) |  |
|  | Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court |  |
|  | Conventions on refugees and stateless persons except the1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness[[7]](#endnote-8) |  |
|  | Palermo Protocol[[8]](#endnote-9) |  |
|  | ILO fundamental Conventions, except Nos. 155 and 187[[9]](#endnote-10) |  |
|  | ILO Convention No. 189[[10]](#endnote-11) |  |

During the period under review, Switzerland became a party to: Protocol of 2014 to   
the Forced Labour Convention, 1930.

II. Cooperation with human rights mechanisms and bodies

A. Cooperation with treaty bodies[[11]](#endnote-12)

Reporting status

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Treaty body* | *Concluding observations included in previous review* | *Latest report submitted since previous review* | *Latest concluding observations* | *Reporting status* |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| CERD | February 2014 | 2018 | November 2021 | Thirteenth to sixteenth reports due in 2025. |
| CESCR | -- | 2018 | October 2019 | Fifth report due  in 2024. |
| HR Committee | -- | 2016 | July 2017 | Fifth report due  in 2023. |
| CEDAW | November 2016 | 2020 | October 2022 | Due date of the seventh report pending to be established. |
| CAT | August 2015 | 2019 | -- | Eighth report pending consideration. |
| CRC | January 2015  (on CRC and  OP-CRC-SC) | 2020 | September 2021 | Seventh report due  in 2026. |
| CRPD | -- | 2016 | March 2022 | Second to fourth reports due in 2028. |
| CED | -- | 2018 | May 2021 | Next report due  in 2026. |

Country visits and/or inquiries by treaty bodies

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| *Treaty body* | *Date* | *Subject matter* |
|  |  |  |
| SPT | January–February 2019 | Assist in the strengthening of  the protection of persons deprived of their liberty from the risk of torture and ill-treatment; and provide advice and technical assistance to the national preventive mechanism, and consider the extent to which the national and cantonal authorities are supporting its work and responding  to its recommendations.[[12]](#endnote-13) |

B. Cooperation with special procedures[[13]](#endnote-14)

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| --- | --- |
|  | *Status during the Period Under Review* |
|  |  |
| *Standing invitations* | Yes |
| *Visits undertaken during the period under review* | IE on foreign debt (2017)  WG on mercenaries (2019)  SR on development (2019)  WG on people of African Descent (2022) |
| *Visits agreed to in principle during the period  under review* | - |
| *Visits requested during the period under review* |  |
| *Responses to letters of allegation and urgent appeal* | During the period under review 20 communications  were sent. The Government replied to 18 communications. |

C. Status of national human rights institution[[14]](#endnote-15)

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| --- | --- | --- |
| *National human rights institution* | *Status during previous cycle* | *Status during present cycle*[[15]](#endnote-16) |
|  |  |  |
| Commission fédérale pour  les questions féminines  Federal Commission Against Racism | C  C | C  C |

1. Notes

   Unless indicated otherwise, the status of ratification of instruments listed in the table may be found   
   on the official website of the United Nations Treaty Collection database, Office of Legal Affairs of   
   the United Nations Secretariat, http://treaties.un.org/. Please also refer to the United Nations compilation on Switzerland from the previous cycle (A/HRC/WG.6/CHE/2). [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
2. The following abbreviations have been used in the universal periodic review document:

   ICERD International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms   
   of Racial Discrimination;

   ICESCR International Covenant on Economic, Social and   
   Cultural Rights;

   OP-ICESCR Optional Protocol to ICESCR;

   ICCPR International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;

   ICCPR-OP 1 Optional Protocol to ICCPR;

   ICCPR-OP 2 Second Optional Protocol to ICCPR, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty;

   CEDAW Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

   OP-CEDAW Optional Protocol to CEDAW;

   CAT Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman   
   or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;

   OP-CAT Optional Protocol to CAT;

   CRC Convention on the Rights of the Child;

   OP-CRC-AC Optional Protocol to CRC on the involvement of children   
   in armed conflict;

   OP-CRC-SC Optional Protocol to CRC on the sale of children,   
   child prostitution and child pornography;

   OP-CRC-IC Optional Protocol to CRC on a communications procedure;

   ICRMW International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;

   CRPD Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;

   OP-CRPD Optional Protocol to CRPD;

   ICPPED International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
3. Individual complaints: ICCPR-OP 1, art. 1; OP-CEDAW, art. 1; OP-CRPD, art. 1; OP-ICESCR,   
   art. 1; OP-CRC-IC, art. 5; ICERD, art. 14; CAT, art. 22; ICRMW, art. 77; and ICPPED, art. 31. Inquiry procedure: OP-CEDAW, art. 8; CAT, art. 20; ICPPED, art. 33; OP-CRPD, art. 6; OP-ICESCR, art. 11; and OP-CRC-IC, art. 13. Inter-State complaints: ICCPR, art. 41; ICERD, art. 11; ICRMW, art. 76; ICPPED, art. 32; CAT, art. 21; OP-ICESCR, art. 10; and OP-CRC-IC, art. 12. Urgent action: ICPPED, art. 30. [↑](#endnote-ref-4)
4. International Labour Organization Convention No. 169 concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples, and Convention No. 190 concerning Violence and Harassment. [↑](#endnote-ref-5)
5. International Labour Organization Convention No. 155 concerning Occupational Safety and Health; and Convention No. 187 concerning Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health. [↑](#endnote-ref-6)
6. Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field (First Convention); Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea (Second Convention); Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War (Third Convention); Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War (Fourth Convention);Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I); Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions   
   of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of Non-International Armed Conflicts (Protocol II); Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating   
   to the Adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem (Protocol III). For the official status   
   of ratifications, see Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, at https://www.dfae.admin.ch/eda/fr/dfae/politique-exterieure/droit-international-public/traites-internationaux/depositaire/protection-des-victimes-de-la-guerre.html [↑](#endnote-ref-7)
7. 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol and 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons. [↑](#endnote-ref-8)
8. Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. [↑](#endnote-ref-9)
9. International Labour Organization Convention No. 29 concerning Forced or Compulsory Labour; Protocol of 2014 to Convention No. 29 concerning Forced or Compulsory Labour; Convention   
   No. 105 concerning the Abolition of Forced Labour; Convention No. 87 concerning Freedom   
   of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise; Convention No. 98 concerning   
   the Application of the Principles of the Right to Organise and to Bargain Collectively; Convention No. 100 concerning Equal Remuneration for Men and Women Workers for Work of Equal Value; Convention No. 111 concerning Discrimination in Respect of Employment and Occupation; Convention No. 138 concerning Minimum Age for Admission to Employment; Convention No. 182 concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms   
   of Child Labour. [↑](#endnote-ref-10)
10. International Labour Organization No. 189 concerning Domestic. [↑](#endnote-ref-11)
11. The following abbreviations have been used in the present document:

    CERD Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;

    CESCR Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;

    HR Committee Human Rights Committee;

    CEDAW Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination   
    against Women;

    CAT Committee against Torture;

    CRC Committee on the Rights of the Child;

    CRPD Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;

    CED Committee on Enforced Disappearances;

    SPT Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture. [↑](#endnote-ref-12)
12. CAT/OP/CHE/ROSP/1, para. 4 and CAT/OP/CHE/RONPM/1, para. 3. See also CAT/OP/CHE/CSPRO/1 and CAT/OP/CHE/CNPMRO/1. [↑](#endnote-ref-13)
13. For the titles of special procedure mandate holders see: https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/about/abbreviations. [↑](#endnote-ref-14)
14. According to article 5 of the rules of procedure of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), the classifications for accreditation used by the Sub-Committee are:   
    A: voting member (fully in compliance with each of the Paris Principles); B: non-voting member   
    (not fully in compliance with each of the Paris Principles or insufficient information provided   
    to make a determination); and C: no status (not in compliance with the Paris Principles). [↑](#endnote-ref-15)
15. The list of national human rights institutions with accreditation status granted by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), accessed at: https://ganhri.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/StatusAccreditationChartNHRIs\_29-Nov-2022.pdf

    [↑](#endnote-ref-16)