Tables for UN Compilation on Bhutan

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

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

|  | *Ratified* | *Not ratified/not accepted* |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |
| *Ratification, accession or succession* | CEDAW (1981)  CRC (1990)  OP-CRC-AC (2009)  OP-CRC-SC (2009)  CRPD (2024) | ICERD (signature, 1973)  ICESCR  ICCPR  ICCPR-OP 2  CAT  OP-CAT  ICRMW  ICPPED |
| *Complaints procedures, inquiries  and urgent action[[3]](#endnote-4)* | -- | ICERD (signature, 1973)  OP-ICESCR  ICCPR  ICCPR-OP 1  OP-CEDAW  CAT  OP-CRC-IC  ICRMW  OP-CRPD  ICPPED |

| *Reservations and / or declarations* | *Current Status* |
| --- | --- |
|  |  |
|  | OP-CRC-AC (Declaration, art. 3.2, minimum age of voluntary military recruitment at 18 years) |

B. Other main relevant international instruments

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Ratified* | *Not ratified* |
|  |  |  |
| *Ratification, accession or succession* | Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949[[4]](#endnote-5)  Palermo Protocol[[5]](#endnote-6) (2023) | Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide  Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court  Additional Protocols I, II, and III to the 12 August 1949 Geneva Conventions |
|  |  | Conventions on refugees and stateless persons[[6]](#endnote-7)  ILO fundamental Conventions[[7]](#endnote-8)  ILO Conventions Nos. 169, 189 and 190[[8]](#endnote-9)  Convention against Discrimination in Education |

During the period under review, Bhutan became a party to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Palermo Protocol.

II. Cooperation with human rights mechanisms and bodies

A. Cooperation with treaty bodies[[9]](#endnote-10)

Reporting status

| *Treaty body* | *Concluding observations included in previous review* | *Latest report submitted since previous review* | *Latest concluding observations* | *Reporting status* |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| CEDAW | October 2016 | 2022 | October 2023 | Due date of eleventh report unknown. |
| CRC | June 2017 | 2023 | May 2024 | Due date of eighth report unknown. |
| CRPD | -- | -- | -- | Initial report due in 2026. |

B. Cooperation with special procedures[[10]](#endnote-11)

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | *Status during the Period Under Review* |
|  |  |
| *Standing invitations* | No |
| *Visits undertaken during the period under review* | Arbitrary Detention (14 – 25 January 2019) |
| *Visits agreed to in principle during the period  under review* |  |
| *Visits requested during the period under review* | Poverty (Reminder, 2023)  Torture (Reminder, 2021) |
| *Responses to letters of allegation and urgent appeal* | During the period under review n communications were sent. The Government replied to 0 communications |

C. Status of national human rights institution[[11]](#endnote-12)

| *National human rights institution* | *Status during previous cycle* | *Status during present cycle[[12]](#endnote-13)* |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |
| N/A | N/A | N/A |

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 Bhutan from the previous cycle (A/HRC/WG.6/33/BTN/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. 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). 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-5)
5. Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. [↑](#endnote-ref-6)
6. 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol, 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, and 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. [↑](#endnote-ref-7)
7. 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; Convention No. 155 concerning Occupational Safety and Health; and Convention No. 187 concerning Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health. [↑](#endnote-ref-8)
8. International Labour Organization Convention No. 169 concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples, Convention No. 189 concerning Domestic Workers and Convention No. 190 concerning Violence and Harassment. [↑](#endnote-ref-9)
9. The following abbreviations have been used in the present document:

   CEDAW Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women;

   CRC Committee on the Rights of the Child;

   CRPD Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. [↑](#endnote-ref-10)
10. For the titles of special procedure mandate holders see: https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/about/abbreviations [↑](#endnote-ref-11)
11. 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-12)
12. The list of national human rights institutions with accreditation status granted by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), accessed at: https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/Documents/Countries/NHRI/StatusAccreditationChartNHRIs.pdf

    [↑](#endnote-ref-13)