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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|  | *Status during previous cycle* | *Action after review* | *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 (2010)  OP-CEDAW, art. 8 (2008)  CAT, arts. 20-22 (1986) | ICCPR, art. 41 (2017)  OP-CRC-IC, art. 12  (2017)  ICPPED, arts. 31 and 32 (2016) | ICCPR-OP 1  OP-ICESCR  OP-CRPD  ICRMW |

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| *Reservations and / or declarations* | *Status during previous cycle* | *Action after review* | *Current Status* |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | ICERD (Reservations, arts. 4 and 2, para. 1 (a), 1994) | – | ICERD (Reservations, arts. 4 and 2, para. 1 (a), 1994) |
|  | ICCPR (Reservations, arts. 12, para. 1, 20, para. 1, 25 (b) and 26, 1992) | – | ICCPR (Reservations, arts. 12, para. 1, 20, para. 1, 25 (b) and 26, 1992) |
|  | CEDAW (Reservations, arts. 15, para. 2, and 16, para. 1 (g) and (h), 1997) | CEDAW (Reservation withdrawn, art. 16, para. 1 (g), 2013) | CEDAW (Reservations, arts. 15, para. 2, and 16, para. 1(h), 1997) |
|  | CRC (Reservations, arts.10, para. 1, 37 (c) and 40, paras. l and 3, and General declaration, 1997) | – | CRC (Reservations, arts.10, para. 1, 37 (c) and 40, para. l and 3and General declaration, 1997) |
|  | OP-CRC-AC (Declaration art, 3.2, minimum age of recruitment 18 years 2002) | – | OP-CRC-AC (Declaration art, 3.2, minimum age of recruitment 18 years 2002) |

B. Other main relevant international instruments

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|  | *Status during previous cycle* | *Action after review* | *Not ratified* |
|  |  |  |  |
| *Ratification, accession or succession* | Convention on the  Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide  Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and Additional Protocols thereto[[4]](#endnote-5)  Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court  Conventions on refugees and stateless persons except the 1961 Convention[[5]](#endnote-6)  Palermo Protocol[[6]](#endnote-7)  ILO fundamental conventions[[7]](#endnote-8) | ILO Conventions  No. 189[[8]](#endnote-9) (2014) | Convention of 1961 on the Reduction of Statelessness[[9]](#endnote-10)  ILO Conventions No. 169[[10]](#endnote-11)  UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education |

II. Cooperation with human rights mechanisms and bodies

A. Cooperation with treaty bodies

Reporting status

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Treaty body* | *Concluding observations included in previous review* | *Latest report submitted since previous review* | *Latest concluding observations* | *Reporting status* |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| CERD | August 2008 | 2012 | February 2014 | Combined 10th to 11th reports due in December 2017 |
| CESCR | November 2010 | – | – | Fourth periodic report overdue since 2015 |
| HR Committee | October 2009 | 2016 | – | Fourth periodic report pending consideration |
| CEDAW | July 2009 | 2015 | November 2016 | Sixth periodic report due in 2020 |
| CAT | May 2010 | 2014 | August 2015 | Eighth periodic report due in 2019 |
| CRC | – | 2012 | January 2015 | Combined 5th to 6th reports due in 2020 |
| CRPD | – | 2016 | – | Initial report submitted pending consideration |
| CED | – | – | – | Initial report due in 2018 |

Responses to specific follow-up requests from concluding observations

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Treaty body* | *Due in* | *Subject matter* | *Submitted in* |
|  |  |  |  |
| CERD | 2015 | Racism and xenophobia in politics and the media; naturalization; and persons granted temporary admission (“F” permit)[[11]](#endnote-12) | Ongoing dialogue[[12]](#endnote-13) |
| CEDAW | 2018 | National gender strategy, policy and action plan; federal and cantonal gender equality policies, plans and programmes; gender-based violence against women; and impact of the current pension system on low income couples[[13]](#endnote-14) | – |
| CAT | 2016 | Police violence; the principle of non-refoulement; unaccompanied asylum-seeking minors; and prison conditions[[14]](#endnote-15) | 2016[[15]](#endnote-16) |

Views

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| --- | --- | --- |
| *Treaty body* | *Number of views* | *Status* |
|  |  |  |
| CAT | 9[[16]](#endnote-17) | Ongoing dialogue |

B. Cooperation with special procedures[[17]](#endnote-18)

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|  | *Status during previous cycle* | | *Current status* |
|  |  | |  |
| *Standing invitations* | Yes | | Yes |
| *Visits undertaken* | – | | – |
| *Visits agreed to in principle* | *Poverty* | | *Trafficking in persons*  *Foreign debt* |
| *Visits requested* | *–* | | *–* |
|  |  | |  |
| *Responses to letters allegation  and urgent appeal* | | During the period under review, 5 communications were sent. The Government replied to 4 communications. | |

C. Status of national human rights institutions[[18]](#endnote-19)

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| *National human rights institution* | *Status during previous cycle* | *Status during present cycle*[[19]](#endnote-20) |
|  |  |  |
| 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.6/14/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; 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); 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.eda.admin.ch/eda/fr/dfae/politique-exterieure/droit-international-public/traites-internationaux/depositaire/protection-des-victimes-de-la-guerre.htm. [↑](#endnote-ref-5)
5. 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol, 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons. [↑](#endnote-ref-6)
6. Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. [↑](#endnote-ref-7)
7. International Labour Organization (ILO) Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29); Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105); Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87); Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98); Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100); Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111); Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138); Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182). [↑](#endnote-ref-8)
8. ILO Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189). [↑](#endnote-ref-9)
9. 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. [↑](#endnote-ref-10)
10. ILO Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169). [↑](#endnote-ref-11)
11. CERD/C/CHE/CO/7-9, para. 23. [↑](#endnote-ref-12)
12. CERD/C/CHE/CO/7-9/Add.1; Letter from CERD to the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations Office in Geneva, dated 26 January 2016, available at: http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CERD/Shared%20Documents/CHE/INT\_CERD\_FUL\_CHE\_22869\_F.pdf. [↑](#endnote-ref-13)
13. CEDAW/C/CHE/CO/4-5, para. 54. [↑](#endnote-ref-14)
14. CAT/C/CHE/CO/7, para. 22. [↑](#endnote-ref-15)
15. Letter sent from the Federal Department of Justice and Police, dated 16 of July 2016, available at: http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CAT/Shared%20Documents/CHE/INT\_CAT\_FCO\_CHE\_22382\_F.pdf. [↑](#endnote-ref-16)
16. CAT/C/53/D/489/2012; CAT/C/53/D/473/2011; CAT/C/53/D/482/2011; CAT/C/53/D/492/2012; CAT/C/53/D/470/2011; CAT/C/53/D/450/2011; CAT/C/52/D/481/2011; CAT/C/48/D/396/2009; CAT/C57/D/558/2013. [↑](#endnote-ref-17)
17. For the titles of special procedure mandate holders see: https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/about/abbreviations [↑](#endnote-ref-18)
18. 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-19)
19. The list of national human rights institutions with accreditation status granted by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), accessed at: http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/NHRI/Chart\_Status\_NIs.pdf.

    [↑](#endnote-ref-20)