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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 (1975)  ICESCR (1975)  ICCPR (1975)  ICCPR-OP 2 (2008)  CEDAW (1981)  CAT (2008)  OP-CAT (2015)  CRC (1991)  OP-CRC-AC (2002)  OP-CRC-SC (2002)  ICRMW (2008)  CRPD (2008) |  |  |
| *Complaints procedures, inquiries and  urgent action*[[3]](#endnote-4) | OP-CEDAW, art. 8 (2008)  CAT, art. 20 (2008)  OP-CRPD, art. 6 (2008) |  | ICERD, art. 14  OP-ICESCR  ICCPR, art. 41  ICCPR-OP 1  CAT, arts. 21 and 22  OP-CRC-IC  ICRMW, arts. 76 and 77  ICPPED |

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| *Reservations and / or declarations* | *Status during previous cycle* | *Action after review* | *Current Status* |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | OP-CRC-AC (Declaration, art. 3(2), minimum age of recruitment at 18 years, 2002) |  | OP-CRC-AC (Declaration, art. 3(2), minimum age of recruitment at 18 years) |

B. Other main relevant international instruments

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|  | *Status during previous cycle* | *Action after review* | *Not ratified* |
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| *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) |  | Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem (Protocol III). |
|  |  |  | Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court[[5]](#endnote-6) |  |
|  | Conventions on refugees and stateless persons[[6]](#endnote-7) |  | ILO Conventions Nos. 169 and 189[[7]](#endnote-8) |
|  | Palermo Protocol[[8]](#endnote-9) |  |  |
|  | Convention against Discrimination in Education |  |  |  |

II. Cooperation with human rights mechanisms and bodies

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

Reporting status

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Treaty body* | *Concluding observations included in previous review* | *Latest report submitted since previous review* | *Latest concluding observations* | *Reporting status* |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| CERD | March 2011 | 2014 | May 2016 | Twenty-first and twenty-second reports overdue since May 2020. |
| CESCR | May 2013 | -- | -- | Fifth report overdue since 2018 |
| HR Committee | -- | 2014 | March 2016 | Fifth report overdue since 2019 |
| CEDAW | -- | 2015 | February 2017 | Tenth report due in 2021 |
| CAT | May 2012 | 2016 | December 2017 | Third report due in 2021 |
| CRC | June 2013 | 2018 | February 2020 | Seventh and eighth reports due in 2025 |
| CMW | September 2012 | 2020 | -- | Second report pending consideration in April 2021. |
| CRPD | -- | 2015 | March 2019 | Second to fourth reports due in 2023. |

Responses to specific follow-up requests from concluding observations

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Treaty body* | *Due in* | *Subject matter* | *Submitted* |
|  |  |  |  |
| CERD | 2017 | Compatibility of criminal legislation with article 4 of the Convention; and refugees and asylum seekers.[[10]](#endnote-11) | -- |
| HR Committee | 2017 | Violence against women and children; unlawful detention and allegations of torture and ill-treatment; prison conditions; and freedom of expression.[[11]](#endnote-12) | 2018.[[12]](#endnote-13) More information requested and discontinuance of the follow-up procedure.[[13]](#endnote-14) |
| CEDAW | 2019 | Support to victims of gender-based violence; code of conduct and training on women’s rights for member of armed forces; and protection from trafficking.[[14]](#endnote-15) | 2020.[[15]](#endnote-16) More information requested.[[16]](#endnote-17) |
| CAT | 2018 | Alleged secret and incommunicado detention; allegations of torture and ill-treatment in military detention facilities; impunity for acts of torture and ill-treatment; and the lack of cooperation with the SPT.[[17]](#endnote-18) | Reminder sent.[[18]](#endnote-19) |

Country visits and/or inquiries by treaty bodies

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| *Treaty body* | *Date* | *Subject matter* |
|  |  |  |
| SPT | October 2017[[19]](#endnote-20) | Visit planned from 15 to 21 October 2017 but suspended on 19 October without a report, owing to difficulties in effectively exercising its visiting mandate in accordance with the Optional Protocol.[[20]](#endnote-21) |
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B. Cooperation with special procedures[[21]](#endnote-22)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Status during previous cycle* | *Current status*[[22]](#endnote-23) |
|  |  |  |
| *Standing invitations* | No | Yes |
| *Visits undertaken* | Minorities  Housing  Peaceful assembly and association |  |
| Visits agreed to in principle | Minorities |  |
| Visits requested |  | Poverty  Enforced Disappearance  Transnational corporations  Discrimination against women  Older persons  Assembly and Association  Torture  Arbitrary detention  Water and sanitation |
|  |  |  |
| *Responses to letters of  allegation and urgent appeal* | During the period under review 5 communications were sent. The Government replied to 2 communications.[[23]](#endnote-24) |  |
| *Follow-up reports and missions* | Summary executions |  |

C. Status of national human rights institutions[[24]](#endnote-25)

|  |  |  |
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| *National human rights institution* | *Status during previous cycle* | *Status during present cycle*[[25]](#endnote-26) |
|  |  |  |
| National Commission for Human Rights | A | 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 Rwanda from the previous cycle (A/HRC/WG.6/23/RWA/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);Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I); and Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of Non-International Armed Conflicts (Protocol II). [↑](#endnote-ref-5)
5. See https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=IND&mtdsg\_no=XVIII-10&chapter=18&lang=en [↑](#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. ILO Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169) and Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189). See:https://www.ilo.org/dyn/normlex/en/f?p=1000:11210:0::NO:11210:P11210\_COUNTRY\_ID:103460 [↑](#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. 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;

   CMW Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;

   CRPD Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;

   SPT Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture. [↑](#endnote-ref-10)
10. CERD/C/RWA/CO/18-20, para. 30. [↑](#endnote-ref-11)
11. CCPR/C/RWA/CO/4, para. 50. [↑](#endnote-ref-12)
12. CCPR/C/RWA/CO/4/Add.1. [↑](#endnote-ref-13)
13. Letter from HR Committee to the Permanent Mission of Rwanda to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, dated 8 November 2018, available from https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CCPR/Shared%20Documents/RWA/INT\_CCPR\_FUD\_RWA\_32977\_E.pdf (accessed on 4 December 2020). [↑](#endnote-ref-14)
14. CEDAW/C/RWA/CO/7-9, para. 58. [↑](#endnote-ref-15)
15. CEDAW/C/RWA/FCO/7-9. [↑](#endnote-ref-16)
16. Letter from CEDAW to the Permanent Mission of Rwanda to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, dated 14 July 2020, available from https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CEDAW/Shared%20Documents/RWA/INT\_CEDAW\_FUL\_RWA\_42758\_E.pdf (accessed on 5 October 2020). [↑](#endnote-ref-17)
17. CAT/C/RWA/CO/2, para. 54. [↑](#endnote-ref-18)
18. Letter from CAT to the Permanent Mission of Rwanda to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, dated 21 May 2019, available from https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CAT/Shared%20Documents/RWA/INT\_CAT\_FUL\_RWA\_34999\_E.pdf (accessed on 4 December 2020). [↑](#endnote-ref-19)
19. CAT/C/63/4, para. 13 and CAT/C/66/2, para. 11. [↑](#endnote-ref-20)
20. CAT/C/63/4, paras. 13 and 15. See also CAT/C/66/2, paras. 11, 35 and 38. [↑](#endnote-ref-21)
21. For the titles of special procedure mandate holders see: https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/about/abbreviations [↑](#endnote-ref-22)
22. See: <https://spinternet.ohchr.org/Search.aspx?Lang=En> (accessed on 11 October 2020). [↑](#endnote-ref-23)
23. See: <https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TmSearch/Results> (accessed on 11 October 2020). [↑](#endnote-ref-24)
24. 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-25)
25. The list of national human rights institutions with accreditation status granted by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), accessed at: <https://nhri.ohchr.org/EN/Documents/Status%20Accreditation%20-%20Chart%20%2813022020%29.pdf>

    [↑](#endnote-ref-26)