

Key legal instruments

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United Nations

Conventions and Declarations

- [Convention on Protection Of Children And Cooperation In Respect of Intercountry Adoption](#)
- [Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#)
- [Convention on the Rights of the Child](#)
- [United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training](#)
- [Optional Protocol to the CRC on the sale of Children Child prostitution and Child pornography](#)
- [Optional Protocol to the CRC on the Involvement of Children in Armed conflict](#)
- [Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime](#)
- [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)
- [International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights](#)
- [International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights](#)
- [International Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination](#)
- [Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment](#)
- [Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women](#)
- [International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families](#)
- [International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance](#)
- [Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure](#)

Guidelines and Rules

- [Guidelines for Action on Children in the Criminal Justice System](#)
- [Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children](#)
- [United Nations Guidelines for the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency \(The Riyadh Guidelines\)](#)
- [United Nations Rules for the Protection of Juveniles Deprived of their Liberty](#)
- [United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for Non-custodial Measures \(The Tokyo Rules\)](#)
- [Convention against Discrimination in Education](#)
- [Convention on Technical and Vocational Education](#)
- [Body of Principles for the Protection of All Persons under Any Form of Detention or](#)

Imprisonment

- [Basic Principles for the Treatment of Prisoners](#)
- [Administration of Juvenile Justice, Vienna Guidelines](#)
- [Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power](#)
- [Basic principles on the use of restorative justice programmes in criminal matters](#)
- [Recommended Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights and Human Trafficking](#)
- [Guidelines on Justice in Matters involving Child Victims and Witnesses of Crime](#)
- [United Nations Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-custodial Measures for Women Offenders \(the Bangkok Rules\)](#)
- [United Nations Principles and Guidelines on Access to Legal Aid in Criminal Justice Systems](#)

General Comments - Committee on the Rights of the Child

- [General comment No. 17 \(2013\) on the right of the child to rest, leisure, play, recreational activities, cultural life and the arts \(art. 31\)](#)
- [General comment No. 16 \(2013\) on State obligations regarding the impact of the business sector on children's rights](#)
- [General comment No. 15 \(2013\) on the right of the child to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health \(art. 24\)](#)
- [General comment No. 14 \(2013\) on the right of the child to have his or her best interests taken as a primary consideration \(art. 3, para. 1\)](#)
- [General comment No. 13 \(2011\) - The right of the child to freedom from all forms of violence](#)
- [General Comment No. 12 \(2009\): The right of the child to be heard](#)
- [General Comment No. 11 \(2009\) Indigenous children and their rights under the Convention](#)
- [General Comment N° 10 \(2007\): Children's rights in juvenile justice](#)
- [General Comment No. 9 \(2006\): The rights of children with disabilities](#)
- [General Comment N° 8 \(2006\): The right of the child to protection from corporal punishment and other cruel or degrading forms of punishment \(arts. 19; 28, para. 2; and 37, inter alia\)](#)
- [General comment No. 7 \(2005\): Implementing child rights in early childhood](#)
- [General Comment No. 6 \(2005\): Treatment of Unaccompanied and Separated Children Outside Their Country of Origin](#)
- [General Comment No. 5 \(2003\): General Measures of Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child](#)
- [General comment No. 4: Adolescent health and development in the context of the Convention on the Rights of the Child](#)
- [General comment No. 3 \(2003\): HIV/AIDS and the rights of the children](#)
- [General comment No. 2: The Role of Independent National Human Rights Institutions in the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of the Child](#)
- [General comment No. 1: The Aims of Education](#)

UNESCO

Conventions and Declarations

Conventions

- [Declaration of Amsterdam on the right to and the rights in education](#)
- [The Right to Basic Education as a Fundamental Right and the Legal Framework for its Financing](#)

Declarations

- [The Salamanca Statement and Framework for Action on Special Needs Education](#)
- [World Declaration on Education For All, Jomtien, Thailand](#)
- [World Declaration on Higher Education for the Twenty-First Century: Vision and Action](#)
- [Dakar Framework for Action, The World Education Forum African Youth Charter](#)
- [Principles and Guidelines on the Right to a Fair Trial and Legal Assistance in Africa](#)
- [Protocol on the Rights of Women in Africa](#)
- [African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child](#)
- [Dakar Framework for Action, The World Education Forum](#)

International Labour Organization (ILO) Conventions

- [Night Work of Young Persons \(Industry\)](#)
- [Night Work of Young Persons \(Industry\) Convention \(Revised\)](#)
- [Minimum Age Convention](#)
- [Minimum Age \(Agriculture\) Convention](#)
- [Minimum Age \(Non-Industrial Employment\) Convention](#)
- [Minimum Age \(Non-Industrial Employment\) Convention \(Revised\)](#)
- [Minimum Age \(Industry\) Convention \(Revised\)](#)
- [Medical Examination of Young Persons \(Industry\) Convention](#)
- [Medical Examination of Young Persons \(Non-Industrial Occupations\) Convention](#)
- [Night Work of Young Persons \(Non-Industrial Occupations\) Convention](#)
- [Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention](#)
- [Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention](#)
- [Forced Labour Convention No 29, 1930](#)
- [Migration for Employment Convention No 66, 1939](#)
- [Migration for Employment Convention, revised, No 97, 1949](#)
- [Domestic Workers Convention, No 189, 2011](#)

Council of Europe

Conventions

- [Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings](#)
- [Convention on Contact Concerning Children](#)
- [Convention on Cybercrime](#)
- [Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse](#)
- [European Convention For The Prevention Of Torture and Inhuman Or Degrading Treatment](#)
- [European Convention on The Adoption of Children](#)
- [European Convention on the Adoption of Children \(Revised\)](#)
- [European Convention on the Exercise of Children's Rights](#)
- [European Convention on Recognition and Enforcement of Decisions Concerning Custody of Children](#)
- [Convention on Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse](#)
- [European Convention on the Adoption of Children \(Revised\)](#)
- [European Convention on the Exercise of Children's Rights](#)

Guidelines and Recommendations

- [Recommendation No R\(80\)4 on violence in the family](#)
- [Recommendation No R\(90\)2 on social measures concerning violence within the family](#)
- [Recommendation No R\(93\)2 on the medico-legal aspects of child abuse](#)
- [Recommendation No R\(99\)19 concerning mediation in penal matters](#)
- [Recommendation No R\(2002\)5 on the protection of women against violence](#)
- [Recommendation No R\(2005\)5 on the rights of children living in residential institutions](#)
- [Recommendation 1977 \(2007\) on sexual abuse linked to "date-rape drugs"](#)
- [Guidelines of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on child-friendly justice](#)

African Union

- [African Youth Charter](#)
- [Principles and Guidelines on the Right to a Fair Trial and Legal Assistance in Africa](#)
- [Protocol on the Rights of Women in Africa](#)
- [African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child](#)

Asia

Conventions and Declarations

Conventions

- [SAARC Convention on Preventing and Combating Trafficking in Women and Children for](#)

[Prostitution](#)

- [SAARC Convention on Regional Arrangements For The Promotion of Child welfare In South Asia](#)

Declarations

- [Declaration on the Commitments for Children in ASEAN](#)