

Who has signed what...

Below we list a selection of significant human rights and refugee conventions and treaties, with details of which countries have signed and ratified them. An asterisk* denotes signatory but not ratifying party. The signatories listed are those in the Arab world but also include five major non-Arabic Islamic countries, namely Bangladesh, Indonesia, Iran, Pakistan and Turkey.

Geneva Conventions 1949

www.icrc.org/ihl.nsf/FULL/365?OpenDocument (Conv. I);
www.icrc.org/ihl.nsf/FULL/370?OpenDocument (Conv. II);
www.icrc.org/ihl.nsf/FULL/375?OpenDocument (Conv. III);
www.icrc.org/ihl.nsf/FULL/380?OpenDocument (Conv. IV)
Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

Convention relating to the Status of Refugees 1951

www2.ohchr.org/english/law/refugees.htm
Algeria, Djibouti, Egypt, Iran, Mauritania, Morocco, Somalia, Sudan, Tunisia, Turkey, Yemen

Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons 1954

www2.ohchr.org/english/law/stateless.htm
Algeria, Libya, Tunisia, (of only 80 countries that signed the convention)

Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness 1961

www.unhcr.org/3bbb286d8.html
Libya, Tunisia

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination 1965

www2.ohchr.org/english/law/cerd.htm
Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights 1966

www2.ohchr.org/english/law/cescr.htm
Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Comoros*, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Yemen

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 1966

www2.ohchr.org/english/law/ccpr.htm
Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Comoros*, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Yemen

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 1966

www2.ohchr.org/english/law/ccpr-one.htm
Algeria, Djibouti, Libya, Somalia, Tunisia, Turkey

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women 1979

www2.ohchr.org/english/law/cedaw.htm
Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment 1984

www2.ohchr.org/english/law/cat.htm
Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Comoros*, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan*, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Yemen

Convention on the Rights of the Child 1989

www2.ohchr.org/english/law/crc.htm
Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia*, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty 1989

www2.ohchr.org/english/law/ccpr-death.htm
Djibouti, Turkey

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families 1990

www2.ohchr.org/english/law/cmwf.htm
Algeria, Bangladesh, Comoros*, Egypt, Indonesia*, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Syria, Turkey

Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms 1998

www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/SRHRDefenders/Pages/Declaration.aspx
A Declaration and thus not available for signing or ratification.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflicts 2000

www2.ohchr.org/english/law/crc-conflict.htm
Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia*, Iran*, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon*, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan*, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia*, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Yemen

Notes:

1. All countries listed above, with the exception of Turkey, expressed some reservations regarding any potential implicit recognition of the state of Israel, the equal rights of women or any contradiction with *shari'a*, as well as the rights of children if, again, they conflict with *shari'a*.
2. The Palestinian National Authority is not entitled to accede to United Nations Conventions on human rights or to the International Labour Organization related conventions. This is why it is the only country in the League of Arab States not a signatory of any of the treaties and conventions listed above.