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 five major non-Arabic Islamic countries, namely Bangladesh, Indonesia, Iran, Pakistan and Turkey.

**Geneva Conventions 1949**

- [www.icrc.org/ihl.nsf/FULL/370?OpenDocument (Conv. II)]
- [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 against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment 1984**

- [www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CAT/Pages/default.aspx]

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, Yemen

**Convention on the Rights of the Child 1989**

- [www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRC/Pages/default.aspx]

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**

- [www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CCPR/Pages/DeathPenalty.aspx]

Djibouti, Turkey

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

- [www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CМW/Pages/default.aspx]

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**

- [www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRC/Pages/conflict.aspx]

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 only the country in the League of Arab States not a signatory of any of the treaties and conventions listed above.

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* denotes signatory but not ratifying party.