

Tables for UN Compilation on Australia

I. Scope of international obligations¹

A. International human rights treaties²

	<i>Ratified</i>	<i>Not ratified/not accepted</i>
<i>Ratification, accession or succession</i>	ICERD (1975)	ICRMW
	ICESCR (1975)	ICPPED
	ICCPR (1980)	
	ICCPR-OP 2 (1990)	
	CEDAW (1983)	
	CAT (1989)	
	OP-CAT (2017)	
	CRC (1990)	
	OP-CRC-AC (2006)	
	OP-CRC-SC (2007)	
<i>Complaints procedures, inquiries and urgent action³</i>	ICERD, art. 14 (1993)	OP-ICESCR
	ICCPR, art. 41 (1993)	OP-CRC-IC
	ICCPR-OP 1 (1991)	
	OP-CEDAW, art. 8 (2008)	
	CAT, arts. 20 (1989), 21 and 22 (1993)	
	OP-CRPD, art. 6 (2009)	
<i>Reservations and / or declarations</i>	<i>Current Status</i>	

CERD (Declaration, art. 4(a))

ICCPR (Reservations, arts. 10(2)(a)(b), 10(3), 14(6) and 20/General declaration)

CEDAW (Reservation, art. 11(2)/General declaration)

OP-CAT (Declaration, art. 24)

CRC (Reservation, art. 37(c))

OP-CRC-AC (Declaration, art. 3.2, minimum age of military recruitment at 17 years)

B. Other main relevant international instruments

	<i>Ratified</i>	<i>Not ratified</i>
<i>Ratification, accession or succession</i>	Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and Additional Protocols thereto ⁴ Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court Conventions on refugees and stateless persons ⁵ Palermo Protocol ⁶	ILO Conventions Nos. 169 and 189 ⁹ ILO fundamental Conventions ⁷ ILO Convention No. 190 ⁸ Convention against Discrimination in Education

During the period under review, Australia became a party to: Protocol of 2014 to ILO Convention No. 29 concerning Forced or Compulsory Labour Convention, ILO Convention No. 138 concerning Minimum Age for Admission to Employment; and ILO Convention No. 187 concerning Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health.

II. Cooperation with human rights mechanisms and bodies

A. Cooperation with treaty bodies¹⁰

Reporting status

<i>Treaty body</i>	<i>Concluding observations included in previous review</i>	<i>Latest report submitted since previous review</i>	<i>Latest concluding observations</i>	<i>Reporting status</i>
CERD	December 2017	--	--	Twenty-first and twenty-second reports overdue since 2020
CESCR	June 2017	2023	--	Sixth report pending consideration in 2026
HR Committee	November 2017	--	--	Seventh report due in 2026. Initially due in 2023

CEDAW	July 2018	2025	--	Ninth report pending consideration
CAT	--	2019	November 2022	Seventh report overdue since November 2026
CRC	September 2019	--	--	Seventh report overdue since 2024
CRPD	September 2019	--	--	Fourth and fifth reports due in 2030

Country visits and/or inquiries by treaty bodies

<i>Treaty body</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Subject matter</i>
SPT	October 2022 ¹¹	Visit places of deprivation of liberty and provide advice and assistance to the national preventive mechanism. ¹²

B. Cooperation with special procedures¹³

	<i>Status during the Period Under Review</i>
<i>Standing invitations</i>	Yes (7 August 2008)
<i>Visits undertaken during the period under review</i>	African Descent (12–20 December 2022) Toxics and human rights (28 August-8 September 2023) Sale of children (30 October-10 November 2023) Privacy (8–19 August 2024) Myanmar (1–10 October 2024) Slavery (14–27 November 2024) Arbitrary Detention (1–12 December 2025)
<i>Visits agreed to in principle during the period under review</i>	Terrorism
<i>Visits requested during the period under review</i>	Foreign debt Mercenaries
<i>Responses to letters of allegation and urgent appeal</i>	During the period under review 20 communications were sent. The Government replied to 15 communications.

C. Status of national human rights institution¹⁴

<i>National human rights institution</i>	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Status during present cycle¹⁵</i>
Australian Human Rights Commission	A (2016)	A (2023)

Notes

¹ 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 Australia from the previous cycle (A/HRC/WG.6/37/AUS/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.

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.

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.dfae.admin.ch/eda/fr/dfae/politique-exterieure/droit-international-public/traites-internationaux/depositaire/protection-des-victimes-de-la-guerre.html>

- ⁵ 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.
- ⁶ Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.
- ⁷ International Labour Organization Convention No. 29 concerning Forced or Compulsory Labour; Protocol of 2014 to Convention No. 29 concerning Forced or Compulsory Labour; Convention No. 105 concerning the Abolition of Forced Labour; Convention No. 87 concerning Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise; Convention No. 98 concerning the Application of the Principles of the Right to Organise and to Bargain Collectively; Convention No. 100 concerning Equal Remuneration for Men and Women Workers for Work of Equal Value; Convention No. 111 concerning Discrimination in Respect of Employment and Occupation; Convention No. 138 concerning Minimum Age for Admission to Employment; Convention No. 182 concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour; Convention No. 155 concerning Occupational Safety and Health; and Convention No. 187 concerning Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health.
- ⁸ International Labour Organization Convention No. 190 concerning Violence and Harassment.
- ⁹ International Labour Organization Convention No. 169 concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples; and Convention No. 189 concerning Domestic Workers.
- ¹⁰ The following abbreviations have been used in the present document:
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| 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; |
| CRPD | Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; |
| SPT | Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture. |
- ¹¹ CAT/OP/AUS/ROSP/1.
- ¹² CAT/OP/AUS/ROSP/1, para. 3. See also CAT/OP/AUS/CSPRO/1.
- ¹³ For the titles of special procedure mandate holders see: <https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/about/abbreviations>.
- ¹⁴ 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).
- ¹⁵ The list of national human rights institutions with accreditation status granted by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), accessed at: <https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/countries/nhri/StatusAccreditationChartNHRI.pdf>