

## Tables for UN Compilation on Japan

### I. Scope of international obligations<sup>1</sup>

#### A. International human rights treaties<sup>2</sup>

	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Action after review</i>	<i>Not ratified/not accepted</i>
<i>Ratification, accession or succession</i>	ICERD (1995) ICESCR (1979) ICCPR (1979) CEDAW (1985) CAT (1999) CRC (1994) OP-CRC-AC (2004) OP-CRC-SC (2005) ICPPED (2009)	CRPD (2014)	ICCPR-OP 2 OP-CAT ICRMW
<i>Complaints procedures, inquiries and urgent action<sup>3</sup></i>	CAT, arts. 20-21 (1999) ICPPED, art. 32 (2009)	–	ICERD, art. 14 ICCPR, art. 41 ICCPR-OP 1 OP-ICESCR OP-CEDAW CAT, art. 22 OP-CRC-IC OP-CRPD ICRMW ICPPED, art 31

<i>Reservations and / or declarations</i>	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Action after review</i>	<i>Current Status</i>
	ICERD (Reservation, art. 4 (a) and (b), 1995) ICESCR (Reservations, art. 7 (d), art. 8, para. 1 (d) / Declaration, art.8, para.2, 1979) ICCPR (Declaration, art. 22, para.2, 1979)	CRPD (Declaration, art. 23, para. 4, 2014)	ICERD (Reservation, art. 4 (a) and (b)) ICESCR (Reservations, art. 7 (d), art. 8, para. 1 (d) / Declaration, art.8, para.2) ICCPR (Declaration, art. 22, para.2)

CRC (Reservation, art. 37 (c) / Declarations, arts. 9, para.1 and art. 10, para.1, 1994)

OP-CRC-AC (Declarations, arts.3, para.2, and art. 3, para.5, 2004 and 2010)

CRC (Reservation, art. 37 (c) / Declarations, arts. 9, para.1 and art. 10, para.1)

OP-CRC-AC (Declarations, arts.3, para.2, and art. 3, para.5,)

CRPD (Declaration, art. 23, para. 4)

## B. Other main relevant international instruments

	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Action after review</i>	<i>Not ratified</i>
<i>Ratification, accession or succession</i>	Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 (1953) and Additional Protocols thereto ((2004) except Protocol III) <sup>4</sup>	Palermo Protocol <sup>7</sup>	Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide
	ILO fundamental conventions (except Conventions 105 and 111) <sup>5</sup>		1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness <sup>8</sup>
	Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court		ILO Conventions Nos. 105, 111, 169 and 189 <sup>9</sup>
	1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees (1981) and its 1967 Protocol <sup>6</sup>		Additional Protocol III to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 <sup>10</sup>
			UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education <sup>11</sup>

## II. Cooperation with human rights mechanisms and bodies

### A. Cooperation with treaty bodies

#### 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	March 2010	2017	August 2014	Combined 10 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> reports pending consideration.

CESCR	–	2009	May 2013	Fourth periodic report due in 2018.
HR Committee	October 2008	2012	July 2014	Seventh periodic report due in 2018.
CEDAW	July 2009	2014	February 2016	Ninth periodic report due in 2020.
CAT	–	2011	May 2013	Third periodic report overdue since May 2017.
CRC	June 2010	2017	–	Combined 4 <sup>th</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> reports pending consideration.
CRPD	–	2016	–	Initial report pending consideration.
CED	–	2016	–	Initial report pending consideration in 2018

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**Responses to specific follow-up requests from concluding observations**

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<i>Treaty body</i>	<i>Due in</i>	<i>Subject matter</i>	<i>Submitted in</i>
CERD	2015	Violence against foreign and minority women, comfort women and situation of the Burakumin. <sup>12</sup>	2016. <sup>13</sup> Further information requested. <sup>14</sup>
HR Committee	2015	Limiting capital punishment to the “most serious crimes”; Ongoing violations of “comfort women’s” rights; Sexual abuse, labour-related deaths and conditions of foreign trainees and technical interns; The use of the Substitute detention system (Daiyo Kangoku). <sup>15</sup>	2015 and 2016. <sup>16</sup> Further information requested. <sup>17</sup>
CEDAW	2018	Discriminatory laws and lack of legal protection; and Stereotypes and harmful practices. <sup>18</sup>	–
CAT	2014	Legal safeguards for persons detained; conducting, prompt, impartial and effective investigations; and prosecuting suspects and sanctioning perpetrators of torture or ill-treatment. <sup>19</sup>	2015 and 2016. <sup>20</sup> Further information requested. <sup>21</sup>

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## B. Cooperation with special procedures<sup>22</sup>

	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Current status</i>
<i>Standing invitations</i>	Yes	Yes
<i>Visits undertaken</i>	Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children (2009)	Special Rapporteur on health (2012) Independent Expert on foreign debt (2013)
	Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants (2010)	Special Rapporteur on sale of children (2015)
	Independent Expert on the issue of human rights obligations related to access to safe drinking water and sanitation (2010)	Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression (2016)
<i>Visits agreed to in principle</i>	<i>Working group on Arbitrary detention</i> <i>Special Rapporteur on health</i>	<i>Special Rapporteur on adequate housing (2015)</i>
<i>Visits requested</i>	–	<i>Working group on Arbitrary detention (reminder).</i> <i>Special Rapporteur on minorities issue (2016).</i> <i>Special Rapporteur on racism (2013).</i> <i>Special Rapporteur on hazardous substances and waste.</i> <i>Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence.</i>
<i>Responses to letters of allegation and urgent appeal</i>		During the period under review, 10 communications were sent. The Government replied to 9 communications.

## C. Status of national human rights institutions<sup>23</sup>

<i>National human rights institution</i>	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Status during present cycle<sup>24</sup></i>
Japan National Institute for Human Rights	N/A	No requested yet for accreditation

### Notes

<sup>1</sup> 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 Japan from the previous cycle (A/HRC/WG.6/14/JPN/2).

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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; ICRMW, art. 76; ICPPED, art. 32; CAT, art. 21; OP-ICESCR, art. 10; and OP-CRC-IC, art. 12. Urgent action: ICPPED, art. 30.

<sup>4</sup> 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); For the official status of ratifications, see International Committee of the Red Cross, [www.icrc.org/IHL](http://www.icrc.org/IHL).

<sup>5</sup> International Labour Organization (ILO) Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29); Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105); Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87); Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98); Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100); Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111); Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138); Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182).

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> International Labour Organization Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105); Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111); ILO Convention No. 169 concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in Independent Countries and ILO Convention No. 189

- concerning decent Work for Domestic Workers.
- <sup>10</sup> 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 International Committee of the Red Cross, [www.icrc.org/IHL](http://www.icrc.org/IHL).
  - <sup>11</sup> Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 14 December 1960.
  - <sup>12</sup> CERD/C/JPN/CO/7-9, para. 32.
  - <sup>13</sup> CERD/C/JPN/CO/7-9/ADD.1 and CERD/C/JPN/CO/7-9/ADD.2.
  - <sup>14</sup> Letter from CERD to the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, dated 22 December 2016, available from [http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CERD/Shared%20Documents/JPN/INT\\_CERD\\_FUL\\_JPN\\_26204\\_E.pdf](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CERD/Shared%20Documents/JPN/INT_CERD_FUL_JPN_26204_E.pdf)
  - <sup>15</sup> CCPR/C/JPN/CO/6, para. 28.
  - <sup>16</sup> Available from [http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CCPR/Shared%20Documents/JPN/INT\\_CCPR\\_FCO\\_JPN\\_21588\\_E.pdf](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CCPR/Shared%20Documents/JPN/INT_CCPR_FCO_JPN_21588_E.pdf); and [http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CCPR/Shared%20Documents/JPN/INT\\_CCPR\\_FCO\\_JPN\\_23340\\_E.pdf](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CCPR/Shared%20Documents/JPN/INT_CCPR_FCO_JPN_23340_E.pdf).
  - <sup>17</sup> Letter from HR Committee to the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, dated 19 April 2016, available from [http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CCPR/Shared%20Documents/JPN/INT\\_CCPR\\_FUL\\_JPN\\_23627\\_E.pdf](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CCPR/Shared%20Documents/JPN/INT_CCPR_FUL_JPN_23627_E.pdf).
  - <sup>18</sup> CEDAW/C/JPN/CO/7-8, para. 55.
  - <sup>19</sup> **CAT/C/JPN/CO/2, para. 29.**
  - <sup>20</sup> CAT/C/JPN/CO/2/Add.1 and CAT/C/JPN/CO/2/Add.2.
  - <sup>21</sup> Letter from CAT to the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, dated 29 August 2016, available from [http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CAT/Shared%20Documents/JPN/INT\\_CAT\\_FUL\\_JPN\\_25014\\_E.pdf](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CAT/Shared%20Documents/JPN/INT_CAT_FUL_JPN_25014_E.pdf).
  - <sup>22</sup> For the titles of special procedure mandate holders see: <https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/about/abbreviations>
  - <sup>23</sup> 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).
  - <sup>24</sup> The list of national human rights institutions with accreditation status granted by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), accessed at: [http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/NHRI/Chart\\_Status\\_NIs.pdf](http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/NHRI/Chart_Status_NIs.pdf).
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