

Tables for UN Compilation on Republic of Korea

I. Scope of international obligations¹

A. International human rights treaties²

International human rights treaties³

	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Action after review</i>	<i>Not ratified/not accepted</i>
<i>Ratification, accession or succession</i>	ICERD (1978)	–	ICRMW
	ICESCR (1990)		ICPPED
	ICCPR (1990)		OP-CAT
	CEDAW (1984)		ICCPR-OP 2
	CAT (1995)		
	CRC (1991)		
	OP-CRC-AC (2004)		
	OP-CRC-SC (2004)		
	CRPD (2008)		
<i>Complaints procedures, inquiries and urgent action⁴</i>	ICERD, art. 14 (1997)	–	OP-ICESCR
	ICCPR, art. 41 (1990)		OP-CRC-IC
	ICCPR-OP 1 (1990)		OP-CRPD
	OP-CEDAW, art 8 (2006)		ICRMW
	CAT, arts. 20-22 (2007)		

<i>Reservations and / or declarations</i>	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Action after review</i>	<i>Current Status</i>
	ICCPR (Reservation, art. 22, 1990)	–	–
	CEDAW (Reservation, art. 16 para.1(g), 1984)	–	–
	CRC (Reservation, arts. 21(a) and 40 para. 2(b)(v), 1991)	–	–
	OP-CRC-AC (Declaration, art. 3 para. 2, minimum age of recruitment 18 years, 2004)	–	–

OP-CRC-SC (Declaration, art. 3(1)(a)(ii), 2004)	–	–
CRPD (Reservation, art. 25(e), 2008)	–	–

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>	Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and Additional Protocols, except the additional Protocol III ⁵	–	Palermo Protocol ⁶ Protocol III additional to the Geneva Conventions ⁷
	Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court	–	Convention against Discrimination in Education
	Conventions on refugees and stateless persons, except the 1961 Convention ⁸	–	1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness
	ILO fundamental Conventions, except nos 29, 87, 98 and 105 ⁹	–	ILO fundamental Conventions nos 29, 87, 98 and 105 ¹⁰
	–	–	ILO Conventions nos. 169 and 189 ¹¹

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	–	2012	August 2012	Combined 17 th to 19 th reports overdue since 2016
CESCR	November 2009	2016	–	Fourth periodic report pending consideration
HR Committee	–	2013	November 2015	Fifth periodic report due in 2019

CEDAW	July 2011	2015	–	Eighth periodic report pending consideration
CAT	–	2016	May 2017	Sixth periodic report due in 2021
CRC	October 2011	–	–	Combined 5 th to 6 th reports overdue since June 2017
CRPD	–	2011	September 2014	Combined 2 nd to 3 rd reports due in 2019

Responses to specific follow-up requests from concluding observations

<i>Treaty body</i>	<i>Due in</i>	<i>Subject matter</i>	<i>Submitted</i>
CAT	2018	Outcome of investigations by the Prosecutor's Office and the National Police Agency in relation to the death of Mr. Baek, on the outcome of any proceedings in relation to the Sewol Ferry accident, on the closing of remaining "substitute cells" and on the establishment of the office of the military Ombudsman. ¹²	–
HR Committee	2016	Discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity; conscientious objection; peaceful assembly ¹³	2017 ¹⁶
CEDAW	2013	To adopt a comprehensive Anti-Discrimination Act that includes a clear prohibition of all forms of discrimination; To take the necessary measures to encourage the reporting of domestic and sexual violence cases ¹⁴	Ongoing dialogue ¹⁷
CERD	2013	Discrimination, exploitation and lower or unpaid wages for migrant workers; to protect the rights of undocumented migrant workers; ensure unhindered and equal access to official	Ongoing dialogue ¹⁸

procedures for lodging
asylum applications at ports
of entry¹⁵

Views		
<i>Treaty body</i>	<i>Number of views</i>	<i>Status</i>
HR Committee	3 ¹⁹	Ongoing dialogue
CERD	1 ²⁰	Ongoing dialogue

B. Cooperation with special procedures²¹

	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Current status</i>
<i>Standing invitations</i>	Yes	Yes
<i>Visits undertaken</i>	Freedom of expression (2010)	Human Rights Defenders (2013) Racism (2014) Hazardous substances and waste (2015) Freedom of peaceful assembly and association (2016) Business and transnational corporations (2016)
<i>Visits agreed to in principle</i>	–	<i>Migrants</i> <i>Cultural rights</i> <i>Privacy</i>
<i>Visits requested</i>	<i>Health (2012)</i>	<i>Sale of Children</i> <i>Housing</i>
<i>Responses to letters of allegation and urgent appeals</i>	During the period under review, 15 communications were sent. The Government replied to 14 communications.	

In 2016, the Republic of Korea invited the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention to visit the country in 2018.

C. Status of national human rights institutions²²

<i>National human rights institution</i>	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Status during present cycle²³</i>
National Human Rights Commission	A	A (2016)

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 Republic of Korea from the previous cycle (A/HRC/WG.6/14/KOR/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
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- ⁴ 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.
- ⁵ 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 at <https://ihl-databases.icrc.org/applic/ihl/ihl.nsf/vwTreaties1949.xsp>.
- ⁶ Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.
- ⁷ 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 at <https://ihl-databases.icrc.org/applic/ihl/ihl.nsf/vwTreaties1949.xsp>.
- ⁸ 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol, 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons.
- ⁹ International Labour Organization (ILO) 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).
- ¹⁰ 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).
- ¹¹ ILO Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169), and Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189).
- ¹² CAT/C/KOR/CO/3-5, para. 49.
- ¹³ CCPR/C/KOR/CO/4, para. 59.
- ¹⁴ CEDAW/C/KOR/CO/7, para. 46.
- ¹⁵ CERD/C/KOR/CO/15-16, para. 23.
- ¹⁶ CCPR/C/KOR/CO/4/Add.1.
- ¹⁷ Letter sent to the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office in Geneva, dated 10 September 2014, available at http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CEDAW/Shared%20Documents/KOR/INT_CEDAW_FUL_KOR_18185_E.pdf.
- ¹⁸ CERD/C/KOR/CO/15-16/Add.1; Letter sent to the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office in Geneva, dated 7 March 2014, available at http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CERD/Shared%20Documents/KOR/INT_CERD_FUL_KOR_16944_E.pdf.
- ¹⁹ CCPR/C/112/D/2179/2012 ; CCPR/C/110/D/1908/2009 ; CCPR/C/106/D/1786/2008.
- ²⁰ CERD/C/86/D/51/2012.
- ²¹ For the titles of special procedure mandate holders see: <https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/about/abbreviations>.
- ²² 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).

²³ 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.
