

## Tables for UN Compilation on Sri Lanka

### 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 (1982)	ICPPED (2016)	ICCPR-OP 2
	ICESCR (1980)	CRPD (2016)	OP-CAT
	ICCPR (1980)		
	CEDAW (1981)		
	CAT (1994)		
	CRC (1991)		
	OP-CRC-AC (2000)		
	OP-CRC-SC (2006)		
	ICRMW (1996)		
<i>Complaints procedures, inquiries and urgent action<sup>3</sup></i>	ICCPR, art. 41 (1998)	ICPPED, arts. 32-33 (2016)	ICERD, art. 14
	OP-CEDAW, art. 8 (2002)		OP-ICESCR
	CAT, art. 22 (1994)		OP-CEDAW, art. 8
			OP-CRC-IC
			OP-CRPD, art. 6
		ICRMW, arts. 76-77	
		ICPPED, art. 31	
<i>Reservations and / or declarations</i>	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Action after review</i>	<i>Current Status</i>
	ICCPR-OP 1 (Declaration, art. 1, 1997)		ICCPR-OP-1 (Declaration, art. 1)
	OP-CRC-AC-(Declaration art. 3 (2), 2000)		OP-CRC-AC (Declaration, art. 3 (2) )
	ICRMW (Declaration: arts, 8 (2), 29, 49 and 54, (1996)	ICRMW (Withdrawal of the reservation art, 29, 2016)	ICRMW (Declaration: arts, 8 (2), 49 and 54)

## 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 <sup>4</sup>	Palermo Protocol <sup>5</sup> (2015)	Additional Protocols I, II and III to the 1949 Geneva Conventions <sup>6</sup> Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court
	Convention against Discrimination in Education	–	Conventions on refugees and stateless persons <sup>7</sup>
	ILO fundamental Conventions <sup>8</sup>	–	ILO Conventions Nos. 169 and 189 <sup>9</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	–	2015	August 2016	Combined 18 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> reports due In 2019
CESRC	November 2010	2015	June 2017	Sixth report due in 2022
HR Committee	–	–	October 2014	Sixth periodic report due in 2017
CEDAW	January 2011	2015	February 2017	Ninth periodic report due in 2021
CRC	October 2010	2016	–	Combined fifth to sixth reports pending consideration; initial report on OP-CRC-SC overdue since 2008; initial report on OP-CRC-AC submitted in 2008
ICRMW	October 2009	2016	September 2016	Third periodic report in 2021

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

<i>Treaty body</i>	<i>Due in</i>	<i>Subject matter</i>	<i>Submitted in</i>
CERD	2017	Legislative and policy measures to ensure application of the Convention, public education campaigns on the rights of the Convention, provide information on the number and types of complaints on racial discrimination and hate crimes; right to due process and strengthening the mandate of the National Human Rights Institution; protect the safety and security of ethnic and ethno-religious minorities and their places of worship, legislation on hate speech and prosecute the perpetrators of hate speech, incitement to violence and hate crimes, Access to basic services and improve the Adivasi/Veddah people's socioeconomic situation in consultation with the Adivasi/Veddah people <sup>10</sup>	–
CESCR	2019	Constitutional reform process, including the adoption of a comprehensive Bill of Rights that fully incorporates economic, social and cultural rights; Private and public land under the control of the military, ensure its restitution; Official Languages Law and National Trilingual Policy <sup>11</sup>	
HR Committee	2015	Impartial processes for appointments to the judiciary and other independent bodies; Unlawful use of force and violations of the right to life by State agents and/or by paramilitary groups; Investigation, prosecution and punishment perpetrators of enforced disappearance and establish the whereabouts of missing persons; Intimidation or harassment taken against persons exercising their right to freedom of expression <sup>12</sup>  Discriminatory provisions of the Land Development Ordinance;	Ongoing dialogue <sup>16</sup>

CEDAW	2019	Personal Laws, containing discriminatory provisions regulating ownership, inheritance, transfer and disposal of land and property, as well as provisions regulating legal capacity, marriage, divorce, and child custody; the National Plan of Action for addressing Sexual and Gender Based Violence; criminal investigations, habeas corpus, and fundamental rights petitions related to sexual violence <sup>13</sup>	–
CAT	2017	The role and responsibilities of Mr. Mendis when he was Deputy Inspector General of the Criminal Investigations Department with regard to torture that allegedly occurred during his mandate; the establishment of a judicial mechanism with a special counsel to investigate allegations of torture, enforced disappearances and other serious human rights violations; the establishment of an independent, effective, confidential and accessible complaints mechanism for victims of torture and the revision of the Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crimes and Witnesses Act. <sup>14</sup>	–
ICRMW	2018	Legislation on migration; withdrawal of the declarations and reservations made with respect to articles 49 and 54 of the Convention; trade union activities for all migrant workers, the right to vote for Sri Lankan migrant workers residing abroad <sup>15</sup>	–

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**Views**

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Treaty body	Number of views	Status
HR Committee	2 <sup>17</sup>	Ongoing dialogue

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## B. Cooperation with special procedures<sup>18</sup>

	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Current status</i>
<i>Standing invitations</i>	No	Yes (2015)
<i>Visits undertaken</i>	–	<p>Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons (2-6 December 2013)</p> <p>Special Rapporteur on the rights of migrants (19-26 May 2014)</p> <p>Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearance (9-18 November 2015)</p> <p>Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment and Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers (29 April – 7 May 2016)</p> <p>Special Rapporteur on minority issues (10-20 October 2016)</p> <p>Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism (10-14 July 2017)</p>
<i>Visits agreed to in principle</i>	–	<i>Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence (10-23 October 2017)</i>
<i>Visits requested</i>	<p><i>Working Group on Disappearances (requested in 2009, 2010 and 2011)</i></p> <p><i>Independent Expert on minority issues (requested in 2010)</i></p> <p><i>Special Rapporteur on human rights defenders (requested in 2008)</i></p> <p><i>Special Rapporteur on freedom of expression (requested in 2009)</i></p> <p><i>Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial executions (requested in 2009, reminder in 2010)</i></p> <p><i>Special Rapporteur on freedom of association and assembly (Requested in 2011)</i></p>	<p><i>Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (reminder)</i></p> <p><i>Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders (reminder)</i></p> <p><i>Special Rapporteur on the rights of freedom of peaceful assembly and association (reminder)</i></p> <p><i>Working Group on discrimination against women in law and in practice (requested)</i></p>

Responses to letters of  
allegation and urgent appeal

During the period under review, 30 communications were sent. The  
Government replied to 21 communications

### C. Status of national human rights institutions<sup>19</sup>

National human rights institution	Status during previous cycle	Status during present cycle <sup>20</sup>
Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (HRCSL)	B (2009)	B (Not reviewed)

#### 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 Sri Lanka from the previous cycle (A/HRC/WG.6/14/LKA/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). For the official status of ratifications, see Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, at <https://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/fr/dfae/politique-exterieure/droit-international-public/traites-internationaux/depositaire/protection-des-victimes-de-la-guerre.html>
- <sup>5</sup> Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.
- <sup>6</sup> 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.eda.admin.ch/eda/fr/dfae/politique-exterieure/droit-international-public/traites-internationaux/depositaire/protection-des-victimes-de-la-guerre.html>.
- <sup>7</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>8</sup> International Labour Organization 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.
- <sup>9</sup> ILO Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169) and Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189).
- <sup>10</sup> CERD/C/LKA/CO/10-17, para. 38.
- <sup>11</sup> E/C.12/LKA/CO/5, para. 77.
- <sup>12</sup> CCPR/C/LKA/CO/5, para. 25.
- <sup>13</sup> CEDAW/C/LKA/CO/8, para. 52.
- <sup>14</sup> CAT/C/LKA/CO/5, para. 49.
- <sup>15</sup> CMW/C/LKA/CO/2, para. 62.
- <sup>16</sup> Follow-up report sent to the Committee on 16 October 2015; Letter sent to the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations Office at Geneva, dated 16 August 2016, available at [http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CCPR/Shared%20Documents/LKA/INT\\_CCPR\\_FUL\\_LKA\\_24979\\_E.pdf](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CCPR/Shared%20Documents/LKA/INT_CCPR_FUL_LKA_24979_E.pdf); Letter sent to the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations Office at Geneva, dated 7 December 2016, available at [http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CCPR/Shared%20Documents/LKA/INT\\_CCPR\\_FUL\\_LKA\\_25999\\_E.pdf](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CCPR/Shared%20Documents/LKA/INT_CCPR_FUL_LKA_25999_E.pdf).
- <sup>17</sup> CCPR/C/115/D/2258/2013; CCPR/C/113/D/2087/2011.
- <sup>18</sup> For the titles of special procedure mandate holders see: <https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/about/abbreviations>
- <sup>19</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>20</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).