

## Tables for UN Compilation on Mauritania

### 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 (1988)	--	ICCPR-OP 2
	ICESCR (2004)		OP-CRC-AC
	ICCPR (2004)		
	CEDAW (2001)		
	CAT (2004)		
	OP-CAT (2012)		
	CRC (1991)		
	OP-CRC-SC (2007)		
	ICRMW (2007)		
	CRPD (2012)		
<i>Complaints procedures, inquiries and urgent action<sup>3</sup></i>	OP-CRPD, art. 6 (2012)	--	ICERD, art. 14
			OP-ICESCR
			ICCPR, art. 41
			ICCPR-OP 1
			OP-CEDAW
			CAT, arts. 20, 21 and 22
			OP-CRC-IC
			ICRMW, arts. 76 and 77
			ICPPED, arts. 31 and 32
<i>Reservations and / or declarations</i>	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Action after review</i>	<i>Current Status</i>
	ICCPR (Reservations, arts. 18 and 23(4), 2004)	--	ICCPR (Reservations, arts. 18 and 23(4))
	CEDAW (General reservation, 2001/Partial withdrawal of general reservation, which continues	--	CEDAW (General reservation, arts. 13(a) and 16)

to apply for arts. 13(a) and 16, 2014)

CAT (Reservations, arts. 20 and 30(1), 2004) --

CAT (Reservations, arts. 20 and 30(1))

CRC (General reservation, 1990) --

CRC (General reservation)

## 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>	<p>Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide</p> <p>Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and Additional Protocols thereto<sup>4</sup></p> <p>Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court</p> <p>Conventions on refugees and stateless persons<sup>5</sup></p> <p>Palermo Protocol<sup>6</sup></p> <p>ILO fundamental Conventions<sup>7</sup></p> <p>ILO Conventions Nos. 169 and 189<sup>8</sup></p> <p>Convention against Discrimination in Education</p>	<p>Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 (No. 143)</p> <p>Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976</p>	

## II. Cooperation with human rights mechanisms and bodies

### A. Cooperation with treaty bodies<sup>9</sup>

#### 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>
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CERD	--	2017	May 2018	Fifteenth to sixteenth reports due in 2022.
CESCR	November 2012	2020	--	Second report pending consideration.
HR Committee	October 2013	2017	July 2019	Third report due in 2025.
CEDAW	July 2014	2020	--	Fourth report pending consideration.
CAT	May 2013	2017	August 2018	Third report due in 2022.
CRC	--	2017	October 2018	Sixth and seventh reports due in 2023. Report on OP-CRC-SC overdue since 2009.
CMW	--	2015	April 2016	Second report due in 2021.
CRPD	--	2017	--	Initial report pending consideration.
CED	--	--	--	Initial report overdue since 2014.

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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</i>
CERD	2019	New law criminalizing discrimination; Mauritanian refugees repatriated from Senegal; and NGOs and human rights associations. <sup>10</sup>	2019. <sup>11</sup> More information requested. <sup>12</sup>
HR Committee	2014	Application of the Covenant; definition and criminalization of torture; slavery; and conditions of detention. <sup>13</sup>	2014 <sup>14</sup> and 2015 <sup>15</sup> . More information requested and discontinuance of the procedure. <sup>16</sup>
	2021	Fight against impunity and past human rights violations: harmful practices against women and girls; and freedom of expression and protection of human rights defenders. <sup>17</sup>	--

CEDAW	2016	Female genital mutilation; and disadvantaged groups of women. <sup>18</sup>	2017. <sup>19</sup> More information requested. <sup>20</sup>
CAT	2019	Prosecution of torture and ill-treatment; release of human rights defenders arbitrary detained; and national mechanism for the prevention of torture. <sup>21</sup>	2020. <sup>22</sup> Request for further clarification. <sup>23</sup>
CMW	2018	Institutional coordination; training regarding the Convention and its dissemination; effective remedy; forced labour and other forms of exploitation; and working conditions. <sup>24</sup>	2019 <sup>25</sup>

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#### Country visits and/or inquiries by treaty bodies

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<i>Treaty body</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Subject matter</i>
SPT	October 2016 <sup>26</sup>	Provide advisory services and technical assistance to the national mechanism for the prevention of torture. <sup>27</sup>

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#### B. Cooperation with special procedures<sup>28</sup>

	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Current status</i>
<i>Standing invitations</i>	No	No
<i>Visits undertaken</i>	Racism	Torture (2016)Poverty (2016) Slavery (2017)
Visits agreed to in principle		Discrimination Slavery
Visits requested		WG on discrimination against women and girls Violence against women Water and sanitation
<i>Responses to letters of allegation and urgent appeal</i>	During the period under review 24 communications were sent. The Government replied to 0 communications	
<i>Follow-up reports and missions</i>		

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## C. Status of national human rights institutions<sup>29</sup>

<i>National human rights institution</i>	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Status during present cycle</i> <sup>30</sup>
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### 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 Mauritania from the previous cycle (A/HRC/WG.6/23/MRT/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; 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.
- <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); 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>

- <sup>5</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>6</sup> Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.
- <sup>7</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>8</sup> ILO Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169) and Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189).
- <sup>9</sup> The following abbreviations have been used in the present document:
- |              |                                                                                                 |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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;                                                           |
| CMW          | Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families; |
| CRPD         | Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;                                           |
| CED          | Committee on Enforced Disappearances;                                                           |
| SPT          | Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture.                                                          |
- <sup>10</sup> CERD/C/MRT/CO/8-14, para. 38.
- <sup>11</sup> CERD/C/MRT/CO/8-14/Add.1.
- <sup>12</sup> Letter from CERD to the Permanent Mission of Mauritania to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, dated 24 September 2020, available from I INT\_CERD\_FUL\_MRT\_43390\_E.pdf (ohchr.org) (accessed on 4 December 2020).
- <sup>13</sup> CCPR/C/MRT/CO/1, para. 26.
- <sup>14</sup> Available from [https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CCPR/Shared%20Documents/MRT/INT\\_CCPR\\_AFR\\_MRT\\_18785\\_F.pdf](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CCPR/Shared%20Documents/MRT/INT_CCPR_AFR_MRT_18785_F.pdf) (accessed on 3 September 2020).
- <sup>15</sup> CCPR/C/MRT/CO/1/Add.1.
- <sup>16</sup> Letter from HR Committee to the Permanent Mission of Mauritania to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, dated 8 August 2017, available from [https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CCPR/Shared%20Documents/MRT/INT\\_CCPR\\_FUL\\_MRT\\_28388\\_F.pdf](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CCPR/Shared%20Documents/MRT/INT_CCPR_FUL_MRT_28388_F.pdf). See also letters from HR Committee to the Permanent Mission of Mauritania to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, dated 15 April 2016 and 23 September 2016, available from [https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CCPR/Shared%20Documents/MRT/INT\\_CCPR\\_FUL\\_MRT\\_23623\\_E.pdf](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CCPR/Shared%20Documents/MRT/INT_CCPR_FUL_MRT_23623_E.pdf) and [https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CCPR/Shared%20Documents/MRT/INT\\_CCPR\\_FUL\\_MRT\\_25284\\_F.pdf](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CCPR/Shared%20Documents/MRT/INT_CCPR_FUL_MRT_25284_F.pdf) (all accessed on 4 December 2020).
- <sup>17</sup> CCPR/C/MRT/CO/2, para. 49.
- <sup>18</sup> CEDAW/C/MRT/CO/2-3, para. 53.
- <sup>19</sup> CEDAW/C/MRT/CO/2-3/Add.1.

- <sup>20</sup> Letter from CEDAW to the Permanent Mission of Mauritania to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, dated 13 April 2018, available from [https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CEDAW/Shared%20Documents/MRT/INT\\_CEDAW\\_FUL\\_MRT\\_30899\\_E.pdf](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CEDAW/Shared%20Documents/MRT/INT_CEDAW_FUL_MRT_30899_E.pdf) (accessed on 4 December 2020).
- <sup>21</sup> CAT/C/MRT/CO/2, para. 42.
- <sup>22</sup> CAT/C/MRT/FCO/2.
- <sup>23</sup> Letter from CAT to the Permanent Mission of Mauritania to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, dated 30 July 2020, available from [https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CAT/Shared%20Documents/MRT/INT\\_CAT\\_FUL\\_MRT\\_42691\\_E.pdf](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CAT/Shared%20Documents/MRT/INT_CAT_FUL_MRT_42691_E.pdf) (accessed on 4 December 2020).
- <sup>24</sup> CMW/C/MRT/CO/1, para. 64.
- <sup>25</sup> Available from [https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CMW/Shared%20Documents/MRT/INT\\_CMW\\_FCO\\_MRT\\_41629\\_F.pdf](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CMW/Shared%20Documents/MRT/INT_CMW_FCO_MRT_41629_F.pdf) (accessed on 3 September 2020).
- <sup>26</sup> CAT/OP/MRT/2.
- <sup>27</sup> CAT/OP/MRT/2, para. 4.
- <sup>28</sup> For the titles of special procedure mandate holders see: <https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/about/abbreviations>
- <sup>29</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>30</sup> The list of national human rights institutions with accreditation status granted by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), accessed at: <https://nhri.ohchr.org/EN/Documents/Status%20Accreditation%20-%20Chart%20%2813022020%29.pdf>
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