

## Annex 9 Ratification of international and regional human rights complaint/communications mechanisms, by region

### Africa

STATE	ICCPR (First Optional Protocol)	ICERD (art. 14 declaration)	CAT (art. 22 declaration)	CEDAW (Optional Protocol)	African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights	Protocol to African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (establishment of Court)	African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of Children	Optional Protocol to the ESCR	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
Algeria	√	√	√		√	√	√		
Angola	√			√	√		√		
Benin	√				√		√		
Botswana				√	√		√		
Burkina Faso	√			√	√	√	√		√
Burundi			√		√	√	√		
Cameroon	√		√	√	√		√		
Cape Verde	√				√		√		
Central African Republic	√				√				
Chad	√				√		√		
Comoros					√	√	√		
Congo, Republic of	√				√		√		
Cote d'Ivoire	√				√	√	√		
DR Congo	√				√				
Djibouti	√				√				
Egypt					√		√		
Equatorial Guinea	√			√	√		√		
Eritrea					√		√		
Ethiopia					√		√		
Gabon				√	√	√	√		
Gambia	√				√	√	√		

Ghana	√		√		√	√	√		
Guinea	√				√		√		√
Guinea-Bissau				√	√				
Kenya					√	√	√		
Lesotho	√			√	√	√	√		
Liberia					√				
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	√			√	√	√	√		
Madagascar	√				√		√		
Malawi	√				√		√		
Mali	√			√	√	√	√		√
Mauritania					√	√	√		
Mauritius	√			√	√	√	√		
Morocco		√	√ <sup>1</sup>						√
Mozambique				√	√	√	√		
Namibia	√			√	√		√		√
Niger	√			√	√	√	√		
Nigeria				√	√	√	√		
Rwanda				√	√	√	√		√
Sao Tome & Principe					√				
Senegal	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		
Seychelles	√		√		√		√		
Sierra Leone	√				√		√		
Somalia	√				√				
South Africa	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√
Sudan					√				√
Swaziland					√				
Togo	√		√		√	√	√		
Tunisia			√	√	√	√			√
Uganda	√				√	√	√		√

<sup>1</sup> **Morocco 19 October 2006 - Declarations made under articles 21 and 22** - The Government of the Kingdom of Morocco declares, under article 22 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, that it recognizes, on the date of deposit of the present document, the competence of the Committee against Torture to receive and consider communications from or on behalf of individuals subject to its jurisdiction who claim to be victims of a violation, subsequent to the date of deposit of the present document, of the provisions of the Convention.

United Republic of Tanzania				√	√	√	√		√
Western Sahara					√ <sup>2</sup>				
Zambia	√				√				
Zimbabwe					√		√		

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<sup>2</sup> Listed as Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic

## East Asia and Pacific

Note: no relevant regional mechanisms

STATE	ICCPR (First Optional Protocol)	ICERD (art. 14 declaration)	CAT (art. 22 declaration)	CEDAW (Optional Protocol)	Optional Protocol to the ESCR	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
Australia	√	√	√	√		√
Brunei Darussalam						
Cambodia						
China						
Cook Islands				√		√
DPR Korea						
Fiji						
Indonesia						
Japan						
Kiribati						
Lao PDR						
Malaysia						
Marshall Islands						
Micronesia, Federated States						
Mongolia	√			√		√
Myanmar						
Nauru						
New Zealand	√		√	√		
Niue						
Palau						
Papua New Guinea						
Philippines	√			√		
Republic of Korea	√	√	√	√		
Samoa						
Singapore						
Solomon Islands				√		
Taiwan						

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Thailand				√		
Timor-Leste, DR				√		
Tonga						
Tuvalu						
Vanuatu				√		
Viet Nam						



Kazakhstan	√ <sup>3</sup>	√	√	√				
Kyrgyzstan	√			√				
Latvia	√				√			
Liechtenstein	√	√	√	√	√			
Lithuania	√			√	√			
Luxembourg	√	√	√	√	√			
Malta	√	√	√		√			
Monaco		√	√		√			
Montenegro	√		√	√	√			
Netherlands	√	√	√	√	√	√		
Norway	√	√	√	√	√	√		

<sup>3</sup> **Kazakhstan Declaration:** The Republic of Kazakhstan, in accordance with article 1 of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, recognizes the competence of the Human Rights Committee to receive and consider communications from individuals subject to the jurisdiction of the Republic of Kazakhstan concerning actions and omissions by the State authorities or acts or decisions adopted by them following the entry into force of this Optional Protocol in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

STATE	ICCPR (First Optional Protocol)	ICERD (art. 14 declaration)	CAT (art. 22 declaration)	CEDAW (Optional Protocol)	European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedom	European Social Charter (Collective Complaints Protocol)	Optional Protocol to the ESCR	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
Poland	√	√	√	√	√			
Portugal	√	√	√	√	√	√		√
Republic of Moldova	√			√	√			
Romania	√	√		√	√			
Russian Federation	√	√	√	√	√			
San Marino	√			√	√			√
Serbia	√	√	√	√	√			√
Slovakia	√	√	√	√	√			
Slovenia	√	√	√	√	√	√		√
Spain	√	√	√	√	√			√
Sweden	√	√	√	√	√	√		√
Switzerland		√	√	√	√			
Tajikistan	√							
TFYR Macedonia	√	√		√	√			
Turkey	√		√	√	√			
Turkmenistan	√			√				
Ukraine	√	√	√	√	√			
UK				√	√			√
Uzbekistan	√							



**Middle East**

Note: no relevant regional mechanisms

STATE	ICCPR (First Optional Protocol)	ICERD (art. 14 declaration)	CAT (art. 22 declaration)	CEDAW (Optional Protocol)	Optional Protocol to the ESCR	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
Bahrain						
Iran, Islamic Republic of						
Iraq						
Israel						
Jordan						
Kuwait						
Lebanon						
Oman						
Palestine						
Qatar						
Saudi Arabia						√
Syrian Arab Republic						√ <sup>4</sup>
United Arab Emirates						
Yemen						√

<sup>4</sup> **Syrian Arab Republic Declaration:** The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic declares that it does not recognize the competence of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities ("the Committee") provided for in articles 6 and 7 of the Optional Protocol, in accordance with Article 8 of that Protocol, which provides that each State Party may, at the time of signature or ratification of the present Protocol or accession thereto, declare that it does not recognize the competence of the Committee provided for in articles 6 and 7.

## The Americas and the Caribbean: ratification of international and regional human rights complaint/communications mechanisms

STATE	ICCPR (First Optional Protocol)	ICERD (art. 14 declaration)	CAT (art. 22 declaration)	CEDAW (Optional Protocol)	American Convention on Human Right	American Convention (recognition of jurisdiction of Court)	American Convention (recognition of competence of Commission (art. 45)	Optional Protocol to the ESCR	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
Antigua & Barbuda				√					
Argentina	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√
Bahamas									
Barbados	√				√				
Belize				√					
Bolivia	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√
Brazil	√	√	√	√	√	√			√
Canada	√		√	√					
Chile	√	√	√		√	√	√		√
Colombia	√			√	√	√	√		
Costa Rica	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√
Cuba									
Dominica					√				
Dominican Republic	√			√	√				√
Ecuador	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√
El Salvador	√				√	√			√
Grenada					√				
Guatemala	√		√	√	√	√			√
Guyana	√								
Haiti					√	√			√
Honduras	√				√	√			
Jamaica					√	√	√		
Mexico	√	√	√	√	√	√			√
Nicaragua	√				√	√	√		

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Panama	√			√	√	√			√
Paraguay	√		√	√	√	√			√
Peru	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√
Saint Kitts & Nevis				√					
Saint Lucia									
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	√								
Suriname	√				√	√			



**South Asia**

Note: no relevant regional mechanisms

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Afghanistan						
Bangladesh				√		√
Bhutan						
India						
Maldives	√			√		
Nepal	√			√		
Pakistan						
Sri Lanka	√			√		