

## Ratification status table International legal instruments

This table sets out information about status of ratifications of core United Nations (UN) human rights treaties and the European Social Charter and Revised Social Charter (ESC) by the 7 countries that are the focus of the RELEASE project: Belgium (BE), Bulgaria (BG), the Czech Republic (CZ), Greece (GR), Malta (MT), and Poland (PL).

The check mark denotes that the treaty is in force in the country, and the date in brackets is the date on which it entered into force with respect to that country.

The information included in the table is current as of 28 May 2025. Updates of this information and information about the status of ratification of human rights treaties by other countries may be found by searching on the country name for UN treaties at <http://indicators.ohchr.org/>, and for the ESC at <https://www.coe.int/en/web/european-social-charter/signatures-ratifications>.

The table does not include unilateral reservations and interpretative declarations made by the countries upon ratification of the treaties; this information should be checked individually for each country.

Monitoring body	Legal instrument	BE	BG	CZ	GR	MT	PL
CAT Committee	CAT	✓ (1999)	✓ (1986)	✓ (1993)	✓ (1988)	✓ (1990)	✓ (1989)
	Acceptance of individual communications procedure (art. 22 CAT)	✓ (1999)	✓ (1993)	✓ (1996)	✓ (1988)	✓ (1990)	✓ (1993)
	Acceptance of inquiry procedure (art. 21 CAT)	✓ (1999)	✓ (1986)	✓ (1993)	✓ (1988)	✓ (1990)	✓ (1993)
SPT	OP CAT	Signed (2005)	✓ (2011)	✓ (2006)	✓ (2014)	✓ (2003)	✓ (2005)
CED Committee	CED	✓ (2011)	Signed (2008)	✓ (2017)	✓ (2015)	✓ (2015)	✓ (2024)
	Acceptance of individual communications procedure (art. 31 CED)	✓ (2011)	✗	✓ (2017)	✗	✗	✓ (2024)
	Acceptance of inquiry procedure (art. 33 CED)	✓ (2011)	✗	✓ (2017)	✓ (2015)	✓ (2015)	✓ (2024)
CEDAW Committee	CEDAW	✓ (1985)	✓ (1982)	✓ (1993)	✓ (1983)	✓ (1991)	✓ (1980)
	OP CEDAW (art. 1 individual communications procedure; art. 8 inquiry procedure)	✓ (2004)	✓ (2006)	✓ (2001)	✓ (2002)	✓ (2019)	✓ (2003)
CRC Committee	CRC	✓ (1991)	✓ (1991)	✓ (1993)	✓ (1993)	✓ (1990)	✓ (1991)
	OP1 CRC	✓ (2006)	✓ (2002)	✓ (2013)	✓ (2008)	✓ (2010)	✓ (2005)
	OP2 CRC	✓ (2002)	✓ (2002)	✓ (2001)	✓ (2003)	✓ (2002)	✓ (2005)
	OP3 CRC (art. 5 individual communications procedure; art. 13 inquiry procedure)	✓ (2014)	✗	✓ (2015)	✗	Signed (2012)	Signed (2013)

		BE	BG	CZ	GR	MT	PL
CRPD Committee	CRPD	✓ (2009)	✓ (2012)	✓ (2009)	✓ (2012)	✓ (2012)	✓ (2012)
	OP CRPD (art. 1 individual communications procedure; art. 6 inquiry procedure)	✓ (2009)	Signed (2008)	✓ (2021)	✓ (2012)	✓ (2012)	✗
ECSR	ESC (dates on a dark blue background indicate ratification of the 1961 Charter, not the 1996 revised version)	✓ (2004)	✓ (2000)	✓ (1999)	✓ (2016)	✓ (2005)	✓ (1997)
	AP ESC	✓ (2003)	✓ (2000)	✓ (2012)	✓ (1998)	✗	✗
HRC	ICCPR	✓ (1983)	✓ (1970)	✓ (1993)	✓ (1997)	✓ (1990)	✓ (1977)
	OP1 ICCPR (art. 1 individual communications procedure)	✓ (1994)	✓ (1992)	✓ (1993)	✓ (1997)	✓ (1990)	✓ (1991)
	OP2 ICCPR	✓ (1998)	✓ (1999)	✓ (2004)	✓ (1997)	✓ (1994)	✓ (2014)
CERD Committee	ICERD	✓ (1975)	✓ (1966)	✓ (1993)	✓ (1970)	✓ (1971)	✓ (1968)
	Acceptance of individual communications procedure (art. 14 ICERD)	✓ (2000)	✓ (1993)	✓ (2000)	✗	✓ (1998)	✓ (1998)
CESCR Committee	ICESCR	✓ (1983)	✓ (1970)	✓ (1993)	✓ (1985)	✓ (1990)	✓ (1977)
	OP ICESCR (art. 1 individual communications procedure; art. 10 inquiry procedure)	✓ (2014)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
CMW Committee	ICRMW	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
	Acceptance of individual communications procedure (art. 77 ICRMW)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

## Acronyms

### *International monitoring bodies*

CAT Committee	Committee against Torture
SPT	Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
CED Committee	Committee on Enforced Disappearances
CEDAW Committee	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
CRC Committee	Committee on the Rights of the Child
CRPD Committee	Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
ECSR	European Committee on Social Rights
HRC	Human Rights Committee
CERD Committee	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
CESCR Committee	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
CMW Committee	Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families

### *International legal instruments*

CAT	Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
OP CAT	Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

CED	International Convention on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
OP CEDAW	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
CRC	Convention on the Rights of the Child
OP1 CRC	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography
OP2 CRC	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict
OP3 CRC	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communication procedure
CRPD	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
OP CRPD	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
ESC	European Social Charter and Revised Social Charter
AP ESC	Additional Protocol to the ESC Providing for a System of Collective Complaints
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
OP1 ICCPR	Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
OP2 ICCPR	Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty
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 the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
ICRMW	International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families



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