

**INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AGREEMENTS SIGNED,  
RATIFIED OR ACCEDED TO BY THE UK<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Children's Rights</b>	<b>Genocide</b>	<b>Slavery/Trafficking in</b>
<b>Disabilities</b>	<b>ICESCR &amp; ICCPR</b>	<b>Persons</b>
<b>ECHR</b>	<b>Racial Discrimination</b>	<b>Social</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>Refugees and</b>	<b>Torture</b>
<b>Employment</b>	<b>Statelessness</b>	<b>Women's Rights</b>
<b>Freedom of Association</b>		

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**CHILDREN'S RIGHTS**

**Convention on the Rights of the Child (New York, 20 Nov. 1989)**

UK Ratification: 16 Dec. 1991

**Amendment to Article 43, paragraph 2, of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, 20 November 1989 (New York, 12 Dec. 1995)**

UK Acceptance: 17 July 1997

**Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict (New York, 25 May 2000)**

UK Ratification: 24 June 2003

**Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child pornography and child prostitution (New York, 25 May 2000)**

UK Signature: 7 September 2000

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<sup>1</sup> Source: United Kingdom Foreign and Commonwealth Office:  
<http://www.fco.gov.uk/servlet/Front?pagename=OpenMarket/Xcelerate/ShowPage&c=Page&cid=1044360377428>

## **DISABILITIES**

### **Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Not yet in force)**

UK Signature: 30 March 2007

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## **ECHR**

### **Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms [ETS No.5] (Rome, 4 Nov. 1950)**

UK Ratification: 8 March 1951

### **Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms [ETS No.9] (Paris, 20 March 1952)**

UK Ratification: 3 Nov. 1952

### **Fourth Protocol to the General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe Provisions concerning the European Court of Human Rights (Paris, 16 Dec. 1961)**

UK Ratification: 24 February 1971

### **Protocol No.2 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, conferring upon the European Court of Human Rights competence to give Advisory Opinions (Strasbourg, 6 May 1963)**

UK Signature: 6 May 1963 [Ratification not required]

### **Protocol No.3 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, amending Articles 29,30 and 34 of the Convention (Strasbourg, 6 May 1963)**

UK Signature: 6 May 1963 [Ratification not required]

### **Protocol No.5 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, amending Articles 22 and 40 of the Convention (Strasbourg, 20 Jan. 1966)**

UK Ratification: 24 Oct. 1967

### **European Agreement relating to Persons participating in Proceedings of the European Commission and Court of Human Rights (London, 6 May 1969)**

UK Ratification: 24:02:1971

**Protocol No.6 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms concerning the Abolition of the Death Penalty (Strasbourg, 28 April 1983)**

UK Ratification: 20 May 1999

**Protocol No.8 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of 4 November 1950 (Vienna, 19 March 1985)**

UK Ratification: 21 April 1986

**Protocol No.10 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (Strasbourg, 25 March 1992)**

UK Ratification: 9 March 1993 [The Protocol is not yet in Force]

**Protocol No.11 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, restructuring the control machinery established thereby [ETS No.155] (Strasbourg, 11 May 1994)**

UK Ratification: 9 Dec. 1994

**European Agreement relating to Persons Participating in proceedings of the European Court of Human Rights [ETS No.161] (Strasbourg, 5 March 1996)**

UK Ratification: 9 Nov. 2001

**Protocol No.13 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, concerning the abolition of the death penalty in all circumstances [ETS No.187] (Vilnius, 3 May 2002)**

UK Ratification: 10 Oct. 2003

**Protocol No.14 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, amending the control system of the Convention [ETS No.194] (Strasbourg, 13 May 2004)**

UK Ratification: 28 Jan. 2005 [The Protocol is not yet in force]

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## **EDUCATION**

**Convention against Discrimination in Education, adopted by the General Conference of UNESCO at its Eleventh Session (Paris, 14 December 1960)**

UK Acceptance: 14 March 1962

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## **EMPLOYMENT**

**ILO Convention No. 100 concerning Equal Remuneration for Men and Women Workers for Work of Equal Value (Adopted at Geneva, 29 June 1951)**

UK Ratification: 15 June 1971

**ILO Convention No.111 concerning Discrimination in respect of Employment and Occupation (Adopted at Geneva, 25 June 1958)**

UK Ratification, 8 June 1999

**ILO Convention No. 122 concerning Employment Policy (Adopted at Geneva on 9 July 1964)**

UK Ratification: 27 June 1966

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## **FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION**

**ILO Convention No.87 on Freedom of Association and Protection of the right to organise (San Francisco, 9 July 1948)**

UK Ratification: 27 June 1949

**ILO Convention No.135 concerning protection and Facilities to be afforded to the Workers' Representatives in the Undertaking (Adopted at Geneva, 23 June 1971)**

UK Ratification: 15 March 1973

**ILO Convention No.151 concerning the protection of the Right to organise and Procedures for determining conditions of Employment in the Public Service (Adopted at Geneva, 7 June 1978)**

UK Ratification: 19 March 1980

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## **GENOCIDE**

### **Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Paris, 9 Dec. 1948)**

UK Accession: 30 Jan. 1970

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## **ICESCR & ICCPR**

### **International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (New York, 19 Dec. 1966)**

UK Ratification: 20 May 1976

### **International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (New York, 19 Dec. 1966)**

UK Ratification: 20 May 1976

### **Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the Death Penalty (New York, 15 Dec. 1989)**

UK Ratification: 10 Dec. 1999

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## **RACIAL DISCRIMINATION**

### **International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (New York, 7 March 1966)**

UK Ratification: 7 March 1969

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## **REFUGEES AND STATELESSNESS**

### **Convention relating to the Status of Refugees (Geneva, 28 July 1951)**

UK Ratification: 11 March 1954

### **Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons (New York, 28 September 1954)**

UK ratification: 16 April 1959

### **Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (New York, 30 August 1961 to 31 May 1962)**

UK Ratification: 29 March 1966

**Agreement relating to Refugee Seamen (The Hague, 23 Nov. 1957)**

UK Ratification: 9 Aug. 1958  
[Amended by Protocol of 12 June 1973 (below)]

**European Agreement on the Abolition of Visas for Refugees (Strasbourg, 20 April 1959)**

UK Definitive Signature: 26 Aug. 1968

**Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees (New York, 31 Jan. 1967)**

UK Accession: 4 Sept. 1968

**Protocol 1 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention as revised at Paris on 24 July 1971 concerning the Application of that Convention to Works of Stateless Persons and Refugees (Paris, 24 July 1971)**

UK Ratification: 19 May 1972

**Protocol relating to Refugee Seamen (The Hague, 12 June 1973)**

UK Acceptance: 12 Nov. 1974

**European Agreement on Transfer of Responsibility for Refugees [ETS No. 107] (Strasbourg, 16 Oct. 1980)**

UK Ratification: 1 Oct. 1986

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**SLAVERY/TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS**

**General Act of the Brussels Conference relative to the African Slave Trade (Great Britain, Austria-Hungary, Belgium, Congo, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Persia, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sweden and Norway, Turkey, United States, and Zanzibar), with Annexed Declaration of the same date (Brussels, 2 July 1890)**

UK Ratification: 2 July 1891

**International Agreement for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic (Paris, 18 May 1904)**

UK Ratification: 30 July 1904

**International Convention for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic (Paris, 4 May 1910)**

UK Ratification: 8 Aug. 1912

**International Convention with (the) object of Securing the Abolition of Slavery and the Slave Trade (Geneva, 25 Sept. 1926)**

UK Ratification: 18 June 1927

**Protocol amending the International Agreement for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic of the 18th May 1904 and the International Convention for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic of 4th May 1910 (Lake Success, 4 May 1949)**

UK Ratification: 4 May 1949

**Slavery Convention signed at Geneva on the 25th September 1926, as amended by the Protocol agreed at New York on 7th December 1953 [together with the Protocol of 7th December 1953 and the Annex to that Protocol] (New York, 7 Dec. 1953)**

UK Definitive Signature: 7 Dec. 1953

**Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade and Institutions and Practices similar to Slavery, Supplementary to the International Convention signed at Geneva on 25 September 1926 (Geneva, 7 Sept. 1956)**

UK Ratification: 30 April 1957

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**SOCIAL**

**European Social Charter (Turin, 18 Oct. 1961)**

UK Ratification: 11 July 1962

**Convention on consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and registration of Marriages (New York, 10 December 1962 to 31 December 1963)**

UK Ratification: 9 July 1970

**Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities [ETS No. 157] (Strasbourg, 1 Feb. 1995)**

UK Ratification: 15 Jan. 1998

**European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages [ETS No. 148] (Strasbourg, 5 Nov. 1992)**

UK Ratification: 27 March 2001

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**TORTURE**

**Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (New York, 4 Feb. 1985)**

UK Ratification, 8 Dec. 1988

**European Convention against Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment [ETS No. 126] (Strasbourg, 26 Nov. 1987)**

UK Ratification, 24 June 1988

**Amendments to Article 17 and Article 18 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, opened for signature at New York, 4 Feb. 1985 (New York, 8 September 1992)**

UK Acceptance: 7 Feb. 1994 [The Amendments are not yet in Force]

**Protocol No.1 to the European Convention against Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, signed at Strasbourg, 26 November 1987**

UK Ratification, 11 April 1996

**Protocol No.2 to the European Convention against Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, signed at Strasbourg, 26 November 1987**

UK Ratification, 11 April 1996

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**WOMEN'S RIGHTS**

**Convention on the Political Rights of Women (signed at New York, 31 March 1953)**

UK Accession, 24 February 1967

**Convention on the Nationality of Married Women (New York, 20 February 1957)**

UK Ratification, 28 August 1957

**Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (New York, 1 March 1980)**

UK Ratification, 7 April 1986

**Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (22 December 2000)**

UK Accession, 17 March 2005

**Amendment to Article 20, Paragraph 1 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, adopted at New York on 18 December 1979 (New York, 22 December 1995)**

UK Acceptance, 19 November 1996 [The Amendment is not yet in force]