

## Tables for UN Compilation on Sri Lanka

### I. Scope of international obligations<sup>1</sup>

#### A. International human rights treaties<sup>2</sup>

|   | <i>Ratified</i>  | <i>Not ratified/not accepted</i>   |
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| <i>Ratification, accession or succession</i>                          | ICERD (1982)<br>ICESCR (1980)<br>ICCPR (1980)<br>CEDAW (1981)<br>CAT (1994)<br>OP-CAT (2017)<br>CRC (1991)<br>OP-CRC-AC (2000)<br>OP-CRC-SC (2006)<br>ICRMW (1996)<br>CRPD (2016)<br>ICPPED (2016) | ICCPR-OP 2   |
| <i>Complaints procedures, inquiries and urgent action<sup>3</sup></i> | ICCPR, art. 41 (1980)<br>ICCPR-OP 1 (1997)<br>OP-CEDAW, art. 8 (2002)<br>CAT, arts. 20 (1994) and 22 (2016)<br>ICPPED, art. 32 (2016)  | ICERD, art. 14<br>OP-ICESCR<br>CAT, art. 21<br>OP-CRC-IC<br>ICRMW, arts. 76 and 77<br>OP-CRPD<br>ICPPED, art. 31   |
| <i>Reservations and / or declarations</i>                             |  | <i>Current Status</i>  |
|   |  | ICCPR-OP 1 (Declaration, art. 1)<br>OP-CRC-AC (Declaration, art. 3(2), minimum age of voluntary military recruitment at 18 years)<br>ICRMW (Declarations, arts. 8(2), 49 and 54) |

During the period under review, Sri Lanka became a party to the OP-CAT.

## B. Other main relevant international instruments

|  | <i>Ratified</i>  | <i>Not ratified</i>  |
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| <i>Ratification, accession or succession</i> | Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide<br>Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 <sup>4</sup><br>Palermo Protocol <sup>5</sup><br>ILO fundamental Conventions except Conventions Nos. 155 and 187 <sup>8</sup><br>Convention against Discrimination in Education | Conventions on refugees and stateless persons <sup>6</sup><br>Additional Protocols I, II and III to the 1949 Geneva Conventions <sup>7</sup><br>Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court<br>ILO fundamental Conventions Nos. 155 and 187 <sup>9</sup><br>ILO Conventions Nos. 169, 189 and 190 <sup>10</sup> |

## II. Cooperation with human rights mechanisms and bodies

### A. Cooperation with treaty bodies<sup>11</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>                               |
|--------------------|--|--|---|---|
| CERD               | August 2016  | --   | --  | Eighteenth and nineteenth reports overdue since 2019. |
| CESCR              | June 2017  | --   | --  | Sixth report overdue since 2022.                      |
| HR Committee       | October 2014   | 2019   | --  | Sixth report pending consideration in March 2023.     |
| CEDAW              | February 2017  | 2022   | --  | Ninth report pending consideration.                   |
| CAT                | --   | 2015   | November 2016                                 | Sixth report overdue since 2020.                      |
| CRC                | --   | 2016 (on CRC)/2018 (on OP-CRC-SC)                    | February 2018 (on CRC)/May 2019 (on O-CRC-SC) | Seventh report due in 2023.                           |
| CMW                | September 2016   | --   | --  | Third report overdue since 2021.                      |

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| CRPD | -- | 2019 | -- | Initial report pending consideration. |
| CED  | -- | --   | -- | Initial report overdue since 2018.    |

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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                | April 2019  | Report confidential   |

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**B. Cooperation with special procedures<sup>12</sup>**

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|   | <i>Status during the Period Under Review</i>   |
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| <i>Standing invitations</i>   | Yes (17 December 2015)   |
| <i>Visits undertaken during the period under review</i>             | Truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence (10–13 October 2017)<br>Arbitrary detention (1–15 December 2017)<br>Foreign debt (3–11 September 2018)<br>Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association (18–26 July 2019)<br>Religion or belief (15–26 August 2019)<br>Slavery (26 November–3 December 2021) |
| <i>Visits agreed to in principle during the period under review</i> | Sexual orientation and gender identity<br>International solidarity<br>Education  |
| <i>Visits requested during the period under review</i>              | Violence against women<br>Leprosy  |
| Responses to letters of allegation and urgent appeal                | During the period under review 30 communications were sent. The Government replied to 9 communications   |

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**C. Status of national human rights institution<sup>13</sup>**

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| <i>National human rights institution</i>      | <i>Status during previous cycle</i> | <i>Status during present cycle<sup>14</sup></i>       |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| National Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka | A (2018)                            | A (Recommended to be downgraded to B in October 2022) |

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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 Sri Lanka from the previous cycle (A/HRC/WG.6/LKA/2).
- <sup>2</sup> The following abbreviations have been used in the universal periodic review document:
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| 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). For the official status of ratifications, see Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, at <https://www.dfae.admin.ch/eda/fr/dfaef/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> 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>7</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>8</sup> International Labour Organization Convention No. 29 concerning Forced or Compulsory Labour; Protocol of 2014 to 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> International Labour Organization Convention No. 155 concerning Occupational Safety and Health; and Convention No. 187 concerning Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health.
- <sup>10</sup> ILO Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169), Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189) and Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (No. 190).
- <sup>11</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>12</sup> For the titles of special procedure mandate holders see: <https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/about/abbreviations>.
- <sup>13</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>14</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://ganhri.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/StatusAccreditationChartNHRIs\\_28.12.21.pdf](https://ganhri.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/StatusAccreditationChartNHRIs_28.12.21.pdf)
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