

# Compilation on Bahrain

## Report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

### I. Scope of international obligations and cooperation with international human rights mechanisms and bodies<sup>i</sup>

#### 1. International human rights treaties<sup>ii</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 (1990)		ICCPR-OP 2
	ICESCR (2007)		OP-CAT
	ICCPR (2006)		ICRMW
	CEDAW (2002)		ICPPED
	CAT (1998)		
	CRC (1990)		
	OP-CRC-AC (2004)		
	OP-CRC-SC (2004)		
<i>Reservations and/or declarations</i>	CRPD (2011)		
	ICERD, ICERD, (declaration/reservation, art. 22, 1990)		
	ICCPR, (declaration/reservation, arts. 3, 18, 23 9 (5) and 14 (7), 2006)		
	ICESCR, (declaration/reservation, art. 8, para. 1 (d) )		
	CEDAW, (declaration/reservations, arts. 2, 9(2), 15 (4), 16 and 29)		
<i>Complaints procedures, inquiries and urgent action<sup>iii</sup></i>	CAT, (art. 30,( 1)		
	OP-CEDAW (2002)		ICERD, art. 14
	CAT, art. 20 (1998)		ICCPR, art. 41 ICCPR-OP 1 OP-ICESCR CAT, art. 21-22 OP-CRC-IC OP-CRPD

## 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>	Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide Palermo Protocol <sup>iv</sup> Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and Additional Protocol I and II <sup>v</sup> ILO fundamental conventions except No. 87, 98 and 100 <sup>vi</sup>	ILO fundamental conventions No. 138 <sup>vii</sup>	Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court Conventions on refugees and stateless persons <sup>viii</sup> ILO Conventions Nos. 87, 98, 100, 169 and 189 <sup>ix</sup> Additional Protocol III to the 1949 Geneva Conventions <sup>x</sup> UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education

## II. Cooperation with human rights mechanisms

### A. Cooperation with treaty bodies

#### 1. 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>
Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	--	--	--	Combined eighth to ninth reports overdue since 2007
Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	--	--	--	Initial report overdue since 2009
Human Rights Committee	--	--	--	Initial report overdue since 2007
Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women	October 2008	2011	February 2014	Fourth report due in 2018
Committee against Torture		2015	--	Second report pending consideration
Committee on the Rights of the Child	June 2011	--	--	Combined fourth to seventh reports due in 2017; initial reports on OP-CRC-SC and OP-CRC-AC overdue since 2006
Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	--	--	--	Initial report overdue since 2013

## 2. Responses to specific follow-up requests by treaty bodies

### Concluding observations

<i>Treaty body</i>	<i>Due in</i>	<i>Subject matter</i>	<i>Submitted in</i>
Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women	2016	Trafficking and exploitation of prostitution; Marriage and family relations. <sup>1</sup>	2016 <sup>xi</sup> ; additional information requested. <sup>xii</sup>

### B. Cooperation with special procedures<sup>1</sup>

	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Current status</i>
<i>Standing invitation</i>	No	No
<i>Visits undertaken</i>		
<i>Visits agreed to in principle</i>	Special Rapporteur on torture	
<i>Visits requested</i>	Special Rapporteur on migrants	Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights
	Special Rapporteur on freedom of peaceful assembly and of association	Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice
		Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders
		Special Rapporteur on freedom of peaceful assembly and of association
		Working Group on Arbitrary Detention
		Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances
		Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression
<i>Responses to letters of allegation and urgent appeals</i>	During the period under review, 55 communications were sent. The Government replied to 55 communications.	

### Status of national human rights institutions<sup>xiii</sup>

<i>National human rights institution</i>	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Status during present cycle</i> <sup>xiv</sup>
Bahrain National Institution for Human Rights		May 2016 – B

<sup>i</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 Bahrain from the previous cycle (A/HRC/WG.6/13/BHR/2).

<sup>ii</sup> The following abbreviations have been used in the present 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

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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

- iii 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; ICRMW, art. 76; ICPPED, art. 32; CAT, art. 21; OP-ICESCR, art. 10; and OP-CRC-IC, art. 12. Urgent action: ICPPED, art. 30.
- iv Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.
- v 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); For the official status of ratifications, see International Committee of the Red Cross, [www.icrc.org/IHL](http://www.icrc.org/IHL).
- vi International Labour Organization Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29); Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105); Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111); Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182).
- vii International Labour Organization Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138); Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182).
- viii 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.
- ix International Labour Organization Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87); Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98); Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100); International Labour Organization, Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169); and Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189).
- x 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 International Committee of the Red Cross, [www.icrc.org/IHL](http://www.icrc.org/IHL).
- xi CEDAW/C/BHR/CO/3/Add.1.
- xii Letter from CEDAW to the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Nations at Geneva, dated 6 December 2016, available from: [http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CEDAW/Shared%20Documents/BHR/INT\\_CEDAW\\_FU\\_L\\_BHR\\_25958\\_E.pdf](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CEDAW/Shared%20Documents/BHR/INT_CEDAW_FU_L_BHR_25958_E.pdf).

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- <sup>xiii</sup> According to article 5 of the rules of procedure of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions Sub-Committee on Accreditation, 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>xiv</sup> The list of national human rights institutions with accreditation status granted by the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights is available from <http://nhri.ohchr.org/EN/Documents/Status%20Accreditation%20Chart.pdf>.
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