

Tables for UN Compilation on Belgium

I. Scope of international obligations¹

A. International human rights treaties²

	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Action after review</i>	<i>Not ratified/not accepted</i>
<i>Ratification, accession or succession</i>	ICERD (1975)	--	OP-CAT (signature, 2005)
	ICESCR (1983)		ICRMW
	ICCPR (1983)		
	ICCPR-OP 2 (1998)		
	CEDAW (1985)		
	CAT (1999)		
	OP-CAT (signature, 2005)		
	CRC (1991)		
	OP-CRC-AC (2002)		
	OP-CRC-SC (2006)		
	CRPD (2009)		
	ICPPED (2011)		
<i>Complaints procedures, inquiries and urgent action³</i>	ICERD, art. 14 (2000)	--	ICRMW
	OP-ICESCR, arts. 10 and 11 (2014)		
	ICCPR, art. 41 (1987)		
	ICCPR-OP 1 (1994)		
	OP-CEDAW, art. 8 (2004)		
	CAT, arts. 20, 21 and 22 (1999)		
	OP-CRC-IC, arts. 12 and 13 (2014)		
	OP-CRPD, art. 6 (2009)		
ICPPED, arts. 31 and 32 (2011)			
<i>Reservations and / or declarations</i>	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Action after review</i>	<i>Current Status</i>
	ICERD (Declaration, art. 4, 1975)	--	ICERD (Declaration, art. 4)

ICESCR (Interpretative declaration, art. 2(2)(3) 1983)	--	ICESCR (Interpretative declaration, art. 2(2)(3))
ICCPR (Reservations, arts. 10(2)(a),10(3), 14(1), 14(5), 19, 21 and 22 / Declarations, arts. 20(1) and 23(2), 1983 / Withdrawal of reservations, arts. 2, 3 and 25, 1998)	--	ICCPR (Reservations, arts. 10(2)(a), 10(3), 14(1), 14(5), 19, 21 and 22 / Declarations, arts. 20(1) and 23(2), 1983)
CEDAW (Withdrawal of reservations, arts. 7 and 15(2), and 15(3), 2002)	--	--
OP-CEDAW (General declaration, 1999)	--	OP-CEDAW (General declaration)
OP-CAT (General declaration, 2005)	--	OP-CAT (General declaration)
CRC (Interpretative declarations, arts. 2(1), 13, 14(1), 15 and 40 (2)(b)(v), 1991)	--	CRC (Interpretative declarations, arts. 2(1), 13, 14(1), 15 and 40 (2)(b)(v))
OP-CRC-AC (Declaration, art. 3(2), minimum age of recruitment at 18 years, 2002 / Withdrawal of general declaration, 2003)	--	OP-CRC-AC (Declaration, art. 3(2), minimum age of recruitment at 18 years)
OP-CRC-SC (General declarations, 2000 and 2006)	--	OP-CRC-SC (General declarations)
OP-CRC-IC (General declaration, 2012)	--	OP-CRC-IC (General declaration)
CRPD (General declaration, 2007)	--	CRPD (General declaration)

B. 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	Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide	

Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and Additional Protocols thereto ⁴	Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and Additional Protocols thereto ⁵
Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court	Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court
Conventions on refugees and stateless persons ⁶	Conventions on refugees and stateless persons ⁷
Palermo Protocol ⁸	Palermo Protocol
ILO fundamental Conventions ⁹	ILO Fundamental Conventions
ILO Conventions Nos. 169 and 189 ¹⁰	ILO Conventions Nos 169 and 189
Convention against Discrimination in Education	Convention against Discrimination in Education

II. Cooperation with human rights mechanisms and bodies

A. Cooperation with treaty bodies¹¹

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	February 2014	2019	--	Twentieth to twenty second reports pending consideration in April 2021.
CESCR	November 2013	2019	March 2020	Sixth report due in 2025.
HR Committee	--	2018	November 2019	Seventh report due in 2026.
CEDAW	October 2014	2020	--	Eighth report pending consideration.
CAT	November 2013	2018	--	Forth report pending consideration in July 2021 (provisional dates)
CRC	--	2017	February 2019	Seventh report due in 2024.

CRPD	October 2014	2020	--	Second and third reports pending consideration.
CED	September 2014	--	--	Next report overdue since 2020.

Responses to specific follow-up requests from concluding observations

<i>Treaty body</i>	<i>Due in</i>	<i>Subject matter</i>	<i>Submitted</i>
CESCR	2022	Domestic work; poverty; and forced evictions. ¹²	--
HR Committee	2021	Federal Institute for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights; repatriation of all children of Belgian nationals in conflict zones; and detention for reasons related to immigration. ¹³	--
CEDAW	2016	Violence against women; and temporary residence permits to women and girls victims of trafficking. ¹⁴	2016. ¹⁵ Information requested in next report. ¹⁶
CAT	2014	Legal safeguards for persons held in custody; promptly conducting effective, impartial investigations; proceedings against suspects and the penalties handed down to the perpetrators of ill-treatment; and establishing a central policy custody register and a complaint mechanism in prisons and closed centres. ¹⁷	2014. ¹⁸ Additional information requested. ¹⁹
CED	2015	Ratification of the OP-CAT; definition and criminalization of enforced disappearance in the Criminal Code; and Draft royal decrees. ²⁰	2016 ²¹

Views

<i>Treaty body</i>	<i>Number of views</i>	<i>Status</i>
CRC	1 ²²	Information requested. ²³

B. Cooperation with special procedures²⁴

	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Current status</i>
<i>Standing invitations</i>	Yes	Yes
Visits undertaken	Slavery Mercenaries	Counter terrorism African descent
Visits agreed to in principle	Toxic waste	--
Visits requested	--	--
<i>Responses to letters of allegation and urgent appeal</i>	During the period under review 11 communications were sent. The Government replied to 8 communications	

C. Status of national human rights institutions²⁵

<i>National human rights institution</i>	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Status during present cycle²⁶</i>
Interfederal Centre for Equal Opportunity and fight against racism and discrimination	B	B

Notes

¹ 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 Belgium from the previous cycle (A/HRC/WG.6/24/BEL/2).

² The following abbreviations have been used in the universal periodic review 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;
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

OP-CAT	Degrading Treatment or Punishment; 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.

- ³ 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.
- ⁴ 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); 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.dfae.admin.ch/eda/fr/dfaef/politique-exterieure/droit-international-public/traites-internationaux/depositaire/protection-des-victimes-de-la-guerre.html>.
- ⁵ 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); 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.dfae.admin.ch/eda/fr/dfaef/politique-exterieure/droit-international-public/traites-internationaux/depositaire/protection-des-victimes-de-la-guerre.html>.
- ⁶ 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.
- ⁷ 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.
- ⁸ Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.
- ⁹ International Labour Organization 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.

¹⁰ ILO Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169) and Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189).

¹¹ 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;
CRPD	Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
CED	Committee on Enforced Disappearances.

¹² E/C.12/BEL/CO/5, para. 61.

¹³ CCPR/C/BEL/CO/6, para. 36.

¹⁴ CEDAW/C/BEL/CO/7, para. 57.

¹⁵ CEDAW/C/BEL/CO/7/Add.1.

¹⁶ Letter from CEDAW to the Permanent Mission of Belgium to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, dated 21 September 2017, available from https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CEDAW/Shared%20Documents/BEL/INT_CEDAW_FUL_BEL_28949_E.pdf (accessed on 5 March 2021).

¹⁷ CAT/C/BEL/CO/3, para. 30.

¹⁸ CAT/C/BEL/CO/3/Add.1.

¹⁹ Letter from CAT to the Permanent Mission of Belgium to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, dated 29 August 2016, available from https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CAT/Shared%20Documents/BEL/INT_CAT_FUL_BEL_25008_E.pdf (accessed on 5 March 2021).

²⁰ CED/C/BEL/CO/1, para. 34.

²¹ CED/C/BEL/CO/1/Add.1.

²² CRC/C/79/D/12/2017.

²³ CRC/C/79/D/12/2017, para. 11.

²⁴ For the titles of special procedure mandate holders see: <https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/about/abbreviations>

²⁵ 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).

²⁶ The list of national human rights institutions with accreditation status granted by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), accessed at: <https://nhri.ohchr.org/EN/Documents/Status%20Accreditation%20-%20Chart%20%2813022020%29.pdf>.