

Tables for UN Compilation on Switzerland

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 (1994)	CRPD (2014)	ICRMW
	ICESCR (1992)	ICPPED (2016)	
	ICCPR (1992)		
	ICCPR-OP 2 (1994)		
	CEDAW (1997)		
	CAT (1986)		
	OP-CAT (2009)		
	CRC (1997)		
	OP-CRC-AC (2002)		
<i>Complaints procedures, inquiries and urgent action³</i>	ICERD, art. 14 (2003)	ICCPR, art. 41 (2017)	ICCPR-OP 1
	ICCPR, art. 41 (2010)	OP-CRC-IC, art. 12 (2017)	OP-ICESCR
	OP-CEDAW, art. 8 (2008)		OP-CRPD
	CAT, arts. 20-22 (1986)	ICPPED, arts. 31 and 32 (2016)	ICRMW

<i>Reservations and / or declarations</i>	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Action after review</i>	<i>Current Status</i>
	ICERD (Reservations, arts. 4 and 2, para. 1 (a), 1994)	–	ICERD (Reservations, arts. 4 and 2, para. 1 (a), 1994)
	ICCPR (Reservations, arts. 12, para. 1, 20, para. 1, 25 (b) and 26, 1992)	–	ICCPR (Reservations, arts. 12, para. 1, 20, para. 1, 25 (b) and 26, 1992)
	CEDAW (Reservations, arts. 15, para. 2, and 16, para. 1 (g) and (h), 1997)	CEDAW (Reservation withdrawn, art. 16, para. 1 (g), 2013)	CEDAW (Reservations, arts. 15, para. 2, and 16, para. 1(h), 1997)
	CRC (Reservations, arts.10, para. 1, 37 (c) and 40, paras. 1 and 3, and General declaration, 1997)	–	CRC (Reservations, arts.10, para. 1, 37 (c) and 40, para. 1 and 3and General declaration, 1997)

OP-CRC-AC (Declaration art, 3.2, minimum age of recruitment 18 years 2002) –

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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	ILO Conventions No. 189 ⁸ (2014)	Convention of 1961 on the Reduction of Statelessness ⁹
	Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and Additional Protocols thereto ⁴		ILO Conventions No. 169 ¹⁰
	Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court		UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education
	Conventions on refugees and stateless persons except the 1961 Convention ⁵		
	Palermo Protocol ⁶		
	ILO fundamental conventions ⁷		

II. Cooperation with human rights mechanisms and bodies

A. Cooperation with treaty bodies

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 2008	2012	February 2014	Combined 10 th to 11 th reports due in December 2017
CESCR	November 2010	–	–	Fourth periodic report overdue since 2015
HR Committee	October 2009	2016	–	Fourth periodic report pending consideration
CEDAW	July 2009	2015	November 2016	Sixth periodic report due in 2020

CAT	May 2010	2014	August 2015	Eighth periodic report due in 2019
CRC	–	2012	January 2015	Combined 5 th to 6 th reports due in 2020
CRPD	–	2016	–	Initial report submitted pending consideration
CED	–	–	–	Initial report due in 2018

Responses to specific follow-up requests from concluding observations

<i>Treaty body</i>	<i>Due in</i>	<i>Subject matter</i>	<i>Submitted in</i>
CERD	2015	Racism and xenophobia in politics and the media; naturalization; and persons granted temporary admission (“F” permit) ¹¹	Ongoing dialogue ¹²
CEDAW	2018	National gender strategy, policy and action plan; federal and cantonal gender equality policies, plans and programmes; gender-based violence against women; and impact of the current pension system on low income couples ¹³	–
CAT	2016	Police violence; the principle of non-refoulement; unaccompanied asylum-seeking minors; and prison conditions ¹⁴	2016 ¹⁵

Views

<i>Treaty body</i>	<i>Number of views</i>	<i>Status</i>
CAT	9 ¹⁶	Ongoing dialogue

B. Cooperation with special procedures¹⁷

	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Current status</i>
<i>Standing invitations</i>	Yes	Yes
<i>Visits undertaken</i>	–	–

<i>Visits agreed to in principle</i>	<i>Poverty</i>	<i>Trafficking in persons</i> <i>Foreign debt</i>
<i>Visits requested</i>	–	–
<i>Responses to letters allegation and urgent appeal</i>	During the period under review, 5 communications were sent. The Government replied to 4 communications.	

C. Status of national human rights institutions¹⁸

<i>National human rights institution</i>	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Status during present cycle¹⁹</i>
Commission fédérale pour les questions féminines	C	C
Federal Commission Against Racism	C	C

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 Switzerland from the previous cycle (A/HRC/WG.6/14/CHE/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 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.

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; 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.eda.admin.ch/eda/fr/dfae/politique-exterieure/droit-international-public/traites-internationaux/depositaire/protection-des-victimes-de-la-guerre.htm>.
- ⁵ 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol, 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons.
- ⁶ Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.
- ⁷ International Labour Organization (ILO) Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29); Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105); 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); Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111); Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138); Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182).
- ⁸ ILO Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189).
- ⁹ 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.
- ¹⁰ ILO Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169).
- ¹¹ CERD/C/CHE/CO/7-9, para. 23.
- ¹² CERD/C/CHE/CO/7-9/Add.1; Letter from CERD to the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations Office in Geneva, dated 26 January 2016, available at: http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CERD/Shared%20Documents/CHE/INT_CERD_FUL_CHE_22869_F.pdf.
- ¹³ CEDAW/C/CHE/CO/4-5, para. 54.
- ¹⁴ CAT/C/CHE/CO/7, para. 22.
- ¹⁵ Letter sent from the Federal Department of Justice and Police, dated 16 of July 2016, available at: http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CAT/Shared%20Documents/CHE/INT_CAT_FCO_CHE_22382_F.pdf.
- ¹⁶ CAT/C/53/D/489/2012; CAT/C/53/D/473/2011; CAT/C/53/D/482/2011; CAT/C/53/D/492/2012; CAT/C/53/D/470/2011; CAT/C/53/D/450/2011; CAT/C/52/D/481/2011; CAT/C/48/D/396/2009; CAT/C57/D/558/2013.
- ¹⁷ For the titles of special procedure mandate holders see: <https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/about/abbreviations>
- ¹⁸ 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).
- ¹⁹ The list of national human rights institutions with accreditation status granted by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), accessed at: http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/NHRI/Chart_Status_NIs.pdf.