

Compilation on United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

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

A. Scope of international obligations and cooperation with international human rights mechanisms and bodiesⁱ

1. International human rights treatiesⁱⁱ

	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Action after review</i>	<i>Not ratified/not accepted</i>
<i>Ratification, accession or succession</i>	ICERD (1969)		ICRMW
	ICESCR (1976)		ICPPED
	ICCPR (1976)		
	ICCPR-OP 2 (1999)		
	CEDAW (1986)		
	CAT (1988)		
	OP-CAT (2003)		
	CRC (1991)		
	OP-CRC-AC (2003)		
	OP-CRC-SC (2009)		
	CRPD (2009)		
<i>Reservations and/or declarations</i>	*see previous cycles compilations		
<i>Complaints procedures, inquiries and urgent actionⁱⁱⁱ</i>	OP-CEDAW (2004)		ICERD, art. 14
	ICCPR, art.41 (1976)		ICCPR-OP 1
	OP-CRPD (2009)		OP-ICESCR
	CAT, arts. 20-21(1988)		OP-CRC-IC CAT, art. 22

2. 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		
	Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court		
	Palermo Protocol ^{iv}		
	Conventions on refugees and stateless persons ^v		

Status during previous cycle

Action after review

Not ratified

Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949
and Additional Protocols^{vi}

ILO fundamental conventions^{vii}

ILO Conventions Nos. 169
and 189^{viii}

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	September 2011	2015	August 2016	Combined twenty-fourth to twenty-sixth report due in 2020
Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	June 2009	2014	June 2016	Seventh report due in 2021
Human Rights Committee	July 2008	2012	July 2015	Eight report due in 2020
Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women	July 2008	2011	July 2013	Eighth report due in 2017
Committee against Torture	--	2011	May 2013	Sixth report due in 2017
Committee on the Rights of the Child	October 2008	2014 / 2011, OP-SC	May 2016 / May 2014, OP-SC	Combined sixth to seventh reports due in 2022
Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	--	2011	--	Initial report pending consideration

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 Racial Discrimination	2017	Racist hate speech and hate crimes, counter-terrorism measure, health. ^{ix}	--

Concluding observations			
<i>Treaty body</i>	<i>Due in</i>	<i>Subject matter</i>	<i>Submitted in</i>
Human Rights Committee	2016	Accountability for conflict-related violations in Northern Ireland; accountability for human rights violations committed by British forces abroad. ^x	2016 ^{xi}
Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women	2014 and 2015	Legal aid and access to justice for women victims of violence; Health and women. ^{xii}	2014 ^{xiii} and 2015 ^{xiv} . Follow up ongoing. ^{xv}
Committee against Torture	2014	Inquiries into allegations of torture overseas; observance of safeguards ensuring respect for the principle of non-refoulement; ensuring the prompt release and return to the United Kingdom of Shaker Aamer; adopting comprehensive measures of transitional justice in Northern Ireland and conducting prompt, thorough and independent investigations. ^{xvi}	2014 ^{xvii} . Follow up ongoing. ^{xviii}

B. Cooperation with special procedures^{xix}

	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Current status</i>
<i>Standing invitation</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Visits undertaken</i>	Mercenaries (WG) Migrants (SR)	African Descent (SG) Freedom of peaceful assembly and association (SR) Housing (SR) Violence against women (SR) Truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence (SR) Hazardous substances and wastes (SR)
<i>Visits agreed to in principle</i>		Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and Association(SR)
<i>Visits requested</i>		Food (SR)
<i>Responses to letters of allegation and urgent appeals</i>	<i>During the period under review, 24 communications were sent. The Government replied to 24 communications.</i>	
<i>[Follow-up reports and missions]</i>		

ⁱ 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 the United Kingdom from the previous cycle (A/HRC/WG.6/13/GBR/2).

ii 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
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 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol and 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons. 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.

vi 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 12th August 1949, and relating to the Adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem (Protocol III), 8 December 2005. For the official status of ratifications, see <https://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/fr/dfae/politique-exterieure/droit-international-public/traites-internationaux/depositaire/protection-des-victimes-de-la-guerre.html>.

vii 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); ILO Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182); ILO Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138).

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- viii ILO Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169), and Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189).
- ix CERD/C/GBR/CO/21-23, para. 48.
- x CCPR/C/GBR/CO/7, para. 27.
- xi Follow – up report to HR Committee, available at:
http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2fCPR%2fAFR%2fGBR%2f24948&Lang=en
- xii CEDAW/C/GBR/CO/7, para. 68.
- xiii CEDAW/C/GBR/CO/7/Add.1.
- xiv CEDAW/C/GBR/CO/7/Add.2.
- xv Letter from CEDAW to the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations Office at Geneva to the United Nations Office at Geneva, dated 10 August 2016, available from:
http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CEDAW/Shared%20Documents/GBR/INT_CEDAW_FUL_GBR_24834_E.pdf.
- xvi CAT/C/GBR/CO/5, para. 38.
- xvii CAT/C/GBR/CO/5/Add.1.
- xviii Letter from CAT to the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations Office at Geneva dated 29 August 2016, available from:
http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CAT/Shared%20Documents/GBR/INT_CAT_FUL_GBR_25025_E.pdf.
- xix For the titles of special procedure mandate holders, see
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/Welcomepage.aspx>.
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