

## Tables for UN Compilation on Benin

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

#### A. International human rights treaties<sup>2</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 (2001)	–	ICRMW (Signature only, 2005) ICPPED (Signature only, 2010)
	ICESCR (1992)		
	ICCPR (1992)		
	ICCPR-OP 2 (2012)		
	CEDAW (1992)		
	CAT (1992)		
	OP-CAT (2006)		
	CRC (1990)		
	OP-CRC-AC (2005)		
	OP-CRC-SC (2005)		
<i>Complaints procedures, inquiries and urgent action<sup>3</sup></i>	CRPD (2012)		
	ICCPR-OP 1 (1992)	–	ICERD, art. 14
	OP-CRPD, art. 6 (2012)		ICRMW, arts. 76-77
	CAT, art. 21 (1992)		ICCPR, art. 41
			OP-ICESCR
			OP-CEDAW (Signature only, 2000)
			CAT, arts. 21-22
			OP-CRC-IC (Signature only, 2013)
<i>Reservations and / or declarations</i>	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Action after review</i>	<i>Current Status</i>
	OP-CRC-AC (General declaration, 2005)	–	OP-CRC-AC (General declaration, 2005)

## 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>	Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 <sup>4</sup> and Additional Protocols I and II <sup>5</sup>	–	Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide Additional Protocols III to the 1949 Geneva Conventions <sup>6</sup>
	Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court	–	–
	Conventions on refugees and stateless persons <sup>7</sup>		
	1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness <sup>8</sup>		
	Palermo Protocol <sup>9</sup>	–	–
	ILO fundamental Conventions, except Nos. 138 and 182 <sup>10</sup>	–	ILO Conventions Nos. 169 and 189
	Convention against Discrimination in Education		

## 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	–	–	–	Initial Report overdue since 2002
CESCR	May 2008	–	–	Third periodic report overdue since 2010
HR Committee	–	2013	Nov. 2015	Third periodic report due in 2019
CEDAW	–	2012	Oct. 2013	Fifth periodic report due in 2017
CRC	–	2013	Jan. 2016	Combined sixth to seventh reports due in 2021

CAT	–	–	–	Third periodic report overdue since 2010
CRPD	–	–	–	Initial report overdue since 2014

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**Responses to specific follow-up requests from concluding observations**

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<i>Treaty body</i>	<i>Due in</i>	<i>Subject matter</i>	<i>Submitted</i>
HR Committee	2016	Appointment of the members of the National Human Rights Commission, abolition of the death penalty and definition and punishment of torture. <sup>11</sup>	– <sup>12</sup>
CEDAW	2015	Regulate and monitor the working conditions of girls employed as vidomegons in order to protect them from exploitative child labour and to take measures necessary to prevent, treat and control HIV/AIDS. <sup>13</sup>	Ongoing dialogue <sup>14</sup>

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**Views**

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<i>Treaty body</i>	<i>Number of views</i>	<i>Status</i>
HR Committee	1 <sup>15</sup>	–

**B. Cooperation with special procedures<sup>16</sup>**

	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Current status</i>
<i>Standing invitations</i>	No	Yes
<i>Visits undertaken</i>	Food (2009)	Sale of Children (2013)
<i>Visits agreed to in principle</i>	–	–
<i>Visits requested</i>	–	<i>Safe drinking water and sanitation</i>
<i>Responses to letters of allegation and urgent appeals</i>	–	

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## C. Status of national human rights institutions<sup>17</sup>

<i>National human rights institution</i>	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Status during present cycle</i> <sup>18</sup>
Beninese Human Rights Commission	C	C

### 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 Benin from the previous cycle (A/HRC/WG.6/14/BEN/2).

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<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; 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.eda.admin.ch/eda/fr/dfae/politique-exterieure/droit-international-public/traites->

- internationaux/depositaire/protection-des-victimes-de-la-guerre.html.
- <sup>5</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>6</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>7</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>8</sup> 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.
  - <sup>9</sup> Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.
  - <sup>10</sup> 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.
  - <sup>11</sup> CCPR/C/BEN/CO/2, para. 38.
  - <sup>12</sup> Letter sent to the Permanent Representative of Benin to the United Nations Office at Geneva, dated 18 April 2017 available at [http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2fCCPR%2fFUL%2fBEN%2f27211&Lang=en](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2fCCPR%2fFUL%2fBEN%2f27211&Lang=en).
  - <sup>13</sup> CEDAW/C/BEN/CO/4, para. 49.
  - <sup>14</sup> Letter sent to the Permanent Representative of Benin to the United Nations Office at Geneva, dated 6 December 2016, available at [http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2fCEDAW%2fFUL%2fBEN%2f25976&Lang=en](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2fCEDAW%2fFUL%2fBEN%2f25976&Lang=en); Reminder sent to the Permanent Representative of Benin to the United Nations Office at Geneva, dated 13 May 2016, available at [http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2fCEDAW%2fFUL%2fBEN%2f23904&Lang=en](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2fCEDAW%2fFUL%2fBEN%2f23904&Lang=en).
  - <sup>15</sup> CCPR/C/111/D/2055/2011.
  - <sup>16</sup> For the titles of special procedure mandate holders see: <https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/about/abbreviations>.
  - <sup>17</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>18</sup> 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](http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/NHRI/Chart_Status_NIs.pdf).