LIST OF IMPORTANT HUMAN RIGHTS INSTRUMENTS

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948


Right to Organize and Collective Bargaining Convention (ILO), 1949

Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others, 1950

Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, 1951

Convention on the International Right of Correction, 1952

Convention on the Political Rights of the Women, 1952


Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, 1955

Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery, 1956

Convention on the Nationality of Married Women, 1957

Convention Concerning the Abolition of Forced Labour, 1957
Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958

Declaration of the Rights of the Child, 1959

Convention Against Discrimination in Education, 1960

Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, 1960

Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, 1961

Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages, 1962

Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 1963

Employment Policy Convention (ILO), 1964

Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding Between Peoples, 1965

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 1965

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 1966

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966
Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, 1967

Declaration on Territorial Asylum, 1967

Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity, 1967

Declaration on Social Progress and Development, 1967

Workers’ Representatives Convention (ILO), 1971

Declaration on the Rights of Mentally Retarded Persons, 1971


Universal Declaration on the Eradication of Hunger and Malnutrition (World Food Conference), 1974

Declaration on the Protection of Women and Children in Emergency and Armed Conflict, 1974

Declaration on the Use of Scientific and Technological Progress in the Interests of Peace in the Interests of Peace and for the Benefit of Mankind, 1975

Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons, 1975

Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishments, 1975
Declaration on Race and Racial Prejudice (UNESCO), 1978

Declaration on Fundamental Principles Concerning the
  Contribution of the Mass Media to Strengthening
  Peace and International Understanding, to the Promotion
  Of Human Rights and to Countering Racialism,
  Apartheid and Incitement to War (UNESCO), 1978

Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials, 1979

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of
  Discrimination Against Women, 1979

Declaration on the elimination of All Forms of
  Intolerance and of Discrimination Based
  on Religion or Belief, 1981

Principles of Medical Ethics, 1982

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel,
  Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or
  Punishment, 1984