

## Resources List of International Human Rights Instruments

### UN Treaties

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/ccpr.htm> Adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1966 and entered into force in 1976. Signed by the US in 1977 and ratified by the US in 1992.

International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/cescr.htm> Adopted by the UN GA in 1966 and entered into force in 1976. Signed by the US in 1977.

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/cerd.htm> Adopted by the UN GA in 1965 and entered into force in 1969. Signed by the US in 1966 and ratified by the US in 1994.

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/cedaw.htm> Adopted by the UN GA in 1979 and entered into force in 1981. Signed by the US in 1980.

Convention on the Rights of the Child

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/crc.htm> Adopted by the UN GA in 1989 and entered into force in 1990. Signed by the US in 1995.

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/genocide.htm> Adopted by the UN GA in 1948 and entered into force in 1951. Signed by the US in 1948 and ratified by the US in 1988.

ILO Convention (No. 169) concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in Independent Countries

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/indigenous.htm> Adopted by the General Conference of the International Labor Organization (ILO) in 1988 and entered into force in 1991. The US has not signed the Convention.

### UN Declarations

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights

[http://www.ohchr.org/EN/UDHR/Documents/UDHR\\_Translations/eng.pdf](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/UDHR/Documents/UDHR_Translations/eng.pdf) Adopted by the UN GA in 1948.

Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/eliminationvaw.htm> Adopted by UN GA in 1993.

Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/minorities.htm> Adopted by the UN GA in 1992.

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

<http://daccessdds.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N06/512/07/PDF/N0651207.pdf?OpenElement>

Adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2007.

### **OAS Treaties**

American Convention on Human Rights

<http://www.oas.org/juridico/English/treaties/b-32.html> Adopted by the OAS in 1968 and entered into force in 1978. Signed by the US in 1977.

Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence Against Women (“Convention of Belem do Para”)

<http://www.oas.org/CIM/english/Convention%20Violence%20Against%20Women.htm>

Adopted by the OAS in 1994 and entered into force in 1995. The US has neither signed nor ratified this Convention.

### **OAS Declarations**

American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man

<http://www.cidh.oas.org/Basicos/English/Basic2.American%20Declaration.htm> Approved by the OAS in 1948.

Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

[http://www.indianlaw.org/sites/indianlaw.org/files/Outcomes%20of%20the%20Eleventh%20Meeting%20of%20Negotiations%20in%20the%20Quest%20for%20Points%20of%20Consensus,%20Held%20by%20the%20Working%20Group%20\(2008\).pdf](http://www.indianlaw.org/sites/indianlaw.org/files/Outcomes%20of%20the%20Eleventh%20Meeting%20of%20Negotiations%20in%20the%20Quest%20for%20Points%20of%20Consensus,%20Held%20by%20the%20Working%20Group%20(2008).pdf) See Ninth Meeting of

Negotiations in the Quest for Points of Consensus, Record of the Current Status of the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, January 26, 2007. Still being negotiated by the OAS.

### **Other Resources**

For a full listing of UN human rights instruments, see the website of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights at <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/>

For a fuller listing of basic human rights documents of the Inter-American system, see the website of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights at <http://www.cidh.oas.org/Basicos/English/Basic.TOC.htm>