



## Tool 1.7 Other relevant international instruments

### Overview

*This tool lists the other main international legal instruments of relevance to anti-trafficking work and the Internet sites at which the instruments can be consulted electronically.*

A number of international legal instruments in addition to the Organized Crime Convention and the Protocols thereto form part of the international legal framework relevant to the fight against trafficking in persons. They include humanitarian, human rights and other instruments of general application, instruments against trafficking or slavery in general and instruments concerning slavery or trafficking related to sexual exploitation. Instruments concerning social progress and development are relevant to the prevention of trafficking in their potential to reduce the vulnerability of persons. This tool is not intended as an exhaustive list but as a starting point for further inquiries into relevant instruments.

### Human rights instruments

- Universal Declaration of Human Rights, proclaimed by the General Assembly in its resolution 217 A (III) of 10 December 1948  
[www.unhchr.ch/udhr/index.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/udhr/index.htm)
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 2200 A (XXI) of 16 December 1966  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 999, No. 14668  
[www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/a\\_ccpr.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/a_ccpr.htm)
- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 2200 A (XXI) of 16 December 1966  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 993, No. 14531  
[www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/a\\_ceschr.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/a_ceschr.htm)
- Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 39/46 of 10 December 1984  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1465, No. 24841  
[www2.ohchr.org/english/law/pdf/cat.pdf](http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/pdf/cat.pdf)
- Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, of 4 November 1950  
Council of Europe, *European Treaty Series*, No. 5  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 213, No. 2889  
<http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/en/Treaties/Html/005.htm>
- Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993  
A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III  
[www2.ohchr.org/english/law/pdf/vienna.pdf](http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/pdf/vienna.pdf)

## Humanitarian instruments

- Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, of 28 July 1951  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 189, No. 2545  
[www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/o\\_c\\_ref.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/o_c_ref.htm)
- Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees, of 31 January 1967  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 606, No. 8791  
[www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/o\\_p\\_ref.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/o_p_ref.htm)
- Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field, of 12 August 1949  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, No. 970  
[www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/q\\_genev1.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/q_genev1.htm)
- Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea, of 12 August 1949  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, No. 971  
[www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/q\\_genev2.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/q_genev2.htm)
- Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War, of 12 August 1949  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, No. 972  
[www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/91.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/91.htm)
- Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, No. 973  
[www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/92.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/92.htm)
- Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I), of 8 June 1977  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1125, No. 17512  
[www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/93.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/93.htm)
- Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of Non-International Armed Conflicts (Protocol II), of 8 June 1977  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1125, No. 17513  
[www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/94.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/94.htm)

## Instruments concerning migration

- International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/158 of 18 December 1990  
[www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/m\\_mwctoc.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/m_mwctoc.htm)
- Convention concerning Migration for Employment (Revised), 1949 (Convention No. 97), of the International Labour Organization  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 120, No. 1616  
[www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?C097](http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?C097)

- Convention concerning Migrations in Abusive Conditions and the Promotion of Equality of Opportunity and Treatment of Migrant Workers, 1975 (Convention No. 143), of the International Labour Organization  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1120, No. 17426  
[www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?C143](http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?C143)
- Convention concerning the Repatriation of Seafarers (Revised), 1987 (Convention No. 166), of the International Labour Organization  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1644, No. 28258  
[www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/pdconv.pl?host=status01&textbase=iloeng&document=167&chapter=1&query](http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/pdconv.pl?host=status01&textbase=iloeng&document=167&chapter=1&query)
- Convention concerning Private Employment Agencies, 1997 (Convention No. 181), of the International Labour Organization  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2115, No. 36794  
[www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?C181](http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?C181)
- Recommendation concerning Cooperation between States relating to the Recruitment, Placing and Conditions of Labour of Migrants for Employment, 1939 (Recommendation No. 62), of the International Labour Organization  
[www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?R062](http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?R062)
- Recommendation concerning the Protection of Migrant Workers in Underdeveloped Countries and Territories, 1955 (Recommendation No. 100), of the International Labour Organization  
[www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?R100](http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?R100)
- Recommendation concerning Migrant Workers, 1975 (Recommendation No. 151), of the International Labour Organization  
[www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?R151](http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?R151)
- Recommendation concerning the Repatriation of Seafarers, 1987 (Recommendation No. 174), of the International Labour Organization  
[www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?R174](http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?R174)

## Labour instruments

- Convention concerning Forced or Compulsory Labour, 1930 (Convention No. 29), of the International Labour Organization  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 39, No. 612  
[www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?C029](http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?C029)
- Convention concerning the Abolition of Forced Labour, 1957 (Convention No. 105), of the International Labour Organization  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 320, No. 4648  
[www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?C105](http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?C105)
- Convention concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour, 1999 (Convention No. 182), of the International Labour Organization  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2133, No. 37245  
[www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?C182](http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?C182)

- Convention concerning Minimum Age for Admission to Employment, 1973 (Convention No. 138), of the International Labour Organization  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1015, No. 14862  
[www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?C138](http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?C138)
- Convention concerning the Protection of Wages, 1949 (Convention No. 95), of the International Labour Organization  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 138, No. 1871  
[www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?C095](http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?C095)
- Convention concerning Basic Aims and Standards of Social Policy, 1962 (Convention No. 117), of the International Labour Organization  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 494, No. 7237  
[www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?C117](http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?C117)
- Convention concerning Minimum Wage Fixing, with Special Reference to Developing Countries, 1970 (Convention No. 131), of the International Labour Organization  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 825, No. 11821  
[www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?C131](http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?C131)
- Recommendation concerning Minimum Wage Fixing, with Special Reference to Developing Countries, 1970 (Recommendation No. 135), of the International Labour Organization  
[www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?R135](http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?R135)

### Gender-specific instrument

- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1249, No. 20378  
[www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/e1cedaw.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/e1cedaw.htm)

### Child-specific instruments

- Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 44/25 of 20 November 1989  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1577, No. 27531  
[www.unicef.org/crc/](http://www.unicef.org/crc/)
- Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict, adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession by the General Assembly in its resolution 54/263 of 25 May 2000  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2173, No. 27531  
[www.unhchr.ch/html/menu2/6/crc/treaties/opac.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu2/6/crc/treaties/opac.htm)
- Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession by the General Assembly in its resolution 54/263 of 25 May 2000  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2171, No. 27531  
[www.unhchr.ch/html/menu2/6/crc/treaties/opsc.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu2/6/crc/treaties/opsc.htm)
- Convention concerning Minimum Age for Admission to Employment, 1973 (Convention No. 138), of the International Labour Organization  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1015, No. 14862  
[www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?C138](http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?C138)

- Convention concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour, 1999 (Convention No. 182), of the International Labour Organization  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2133, No. 37245  
[www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?C182](http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?C182)
- Recommendation concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour, 1999 (Recommendation No. 190), of the International Labour Organization  
[www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?R190](http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?R190)

## Instruments against slavery

- Slavery Convention, signed at Geneva on 25 September 1926  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 212, No. 2861  
[www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/f2sc.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/f2sc.htm)
- Protocol amending the Slavery Convention signed at Geneva on 25 September 1926, done at the Headquarters of the United Nations, New York, on 7 December 1953  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 182, No. 2422  
[www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/f2psc.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/f2psc.htm)
- Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery, done at Geneva on 7 September 1956  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 266, No. 3822  
[www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/30.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/30.htm)
- International Agreement for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic, signed at Paris on 18 May 1904 League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. I, No. 11
- Protocol amending the International Agreement for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic, signed at Paris on 18 May 1904, and the International Convention for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic, signed at Paris on 4 May 1910  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 30, No. 446
- International Agreement for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic, signed at Paris on 18 May 1904, as amended by the Protocol signed at Lake Success, New York, on 4 May 1949  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 92, No. 1257
- International Convention for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic, signed at Paris on 4 May 1910, and as amended by the Protocol signed at Lake Success, New York, on 4 May 1949  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 98, No. 1358
- International Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women and Children, concluded at Geneva on 30 September 1921  
League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. IX, No. 269
- International Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women of Full Age, concluded at Geneva on 11 October 1933  
League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. CL, No. 3476

- Protocol to amend the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women and Children, concluded at Geneva on 30 September 1921, and the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women of Full Age, concluded at Geneva on 11 October 1933, signed at Lake Success, New York, on 12 November 1947  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 53, No. 770
- International Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women and Children, concluded at Geneva on 30 September 1921, as amended by the Protocol signed at Lake Success, New York, on 12 November 1947  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 53, No. 771
- International Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women of Full Age, concluded at Geneva on 11 October 1933, as amended by the Protocol signed at Lake Success, New York, on 12 November 1947  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 53, No. 772
- Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others, approved by the General Assembly by its resolution 317 (IV) of 2 December 1949  
United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 96, No. 1342  
[www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/33.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/33.htm)

## Instruments concerning development

- United Nations Millennium Declaration, adopted by Heads of State and Government at the Millennium Summit of the United Nations on 8 September 2000  
General Assembly resolution 55/2 (see particularly paras. 9, 25 and 26)  
[www.un.org/millennium/declaration/ares552e.pdf](http://www.un.org/millennium/declaration/ares552e.pdf)
- Declaration on Social Progress and Development, proclaimed by the General Assembly in its resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969  
[www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/m\\_progre.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/m_progre.htm)
- Declaration on the Right to Development, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/128 of 4 December 1986  
[www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/74.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/74.htm)