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

- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 2200 A (XXI) of 16 December 1966

- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 2200 A (XXI) of 16 December 1966

- 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
  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

  A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III
  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

- Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees, of 31 January 1967
  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

- 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

- Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War, of 12 August 1949

- Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949

- 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

- 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

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

- 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
• 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
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
www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-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
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

• 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

• Recommendation concerning Migrant Workers, 1975 (Recommendation No. 151), of the International Labour Organization
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

**Labour instruments**

• Convention concerning Forced or Compulsory Labour, 1930 (Convention No. 29), of the International Labour Organization
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
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
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
www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?C138

• Convention concerning the Protection of Wages, 1949 (Convention No. 95), of the International Labour Organization
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
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
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

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
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
www.unicef.org/crc/


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
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
  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

Instruments against slavery

• Slavery Convention, signed at Geneva on 25 September 1926

• 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

• 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


• 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

• 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

• 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

• 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

• 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

**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

• 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

• Declaration on the Right to Development, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/128 of 4 December 1986