

Open for Signature

The list below is a selection of treaties which are currently open for signature.

Simple signature (signature subject to ratification) is permitted for most multilateral treaties for a specified period of time, though some multilateral treaties remain open for signature indefinitely. By signature, the State has not expressed its consent to be bound by the treaty, which does not occur until the State ratifies, accepts or approves the treaty. Signature does mean that a State is obliged, in good faith, to refrain from acts that would defeat the object and purpose of the treaty (articles 18 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties of 1969).

Selected Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General which are Open for Signature

1. International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 7 March 1966
2. International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. New York, 16 December 1966
3. Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. New York, 10 December 2008
4. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966
5. Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966
6. International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid. New York, 30 November 1973
7. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 18 December 1979
8. Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999
9. Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984
10. Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002
11. Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 20 November 1989
12. Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000
13. Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography. New York, 25 May 2000
14. Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure. New York, 19 December 2011
15. Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty. New York, 15 December 1989

16. International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. New York, 18 December 1990
17. Agreement establishing the Fund for the Development of the Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean. Madrid, 24 July 1992
18. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006
19. Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006
20. International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. New York, 20 December 2006
21. United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea. New York, 11 December 2008
22. Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports, Bangkok, 1 May 2013
23. International Cocoa Agreement, 2010. Geneva, 25 June 2010
24. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996
25. Central African Convention for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons, their Ammunition and all Parts and Components that can be used for their Manufacture, Repair and Assembly. Kinshasa, 30 April 2010
26. Arms Trade Treaty. New York, 2 April 2013
27. Minamata Convention on Mercury, Kumamoto, 10 October 2013