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 (article 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

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


23. 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
