

Annex: International Human Rights Law

The practical realization of core civil society freedoms to express, associate and assemble, which are contained in a vast body of international law and inter-governmental commitments, is critical to civic existence and effective citizen participation. Nevertheless, in various contexts around the world, civil society faces new and increasing infringements on fundamental rights and the exercise of basic civil liberties and political freedoms. The Compendium of International Legal Instruments and Other Inter-Governmental Commitments on core civil society freedoms of expression, association and assembly collates and consolidates various commitments made by national governments - both regionally and at the UN - to assure necessary space to civil society to carry out its activities. It is intended to be a reference point for civil society organizations and human rights defenders in their efforts to realize such rights commitments and guard against infringements. From the diplomatic community's view point, the Compendium offers a comprehensive bird's eye view of international law and policy on civil society. The commitments included therein can be used to assess whether a government or an intergovernmental body is doing enough to honor the promises made to guarantee civil society space and provide a sound starting point for pro-active diplomacy to advance human rights and fundamental freedoms.

The Compendium has been compiled by CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation, an international movement of civil society and can be accessed at: http://www.civicus.org/content/Compendium_Jan2010.pdf and is excerpted below.

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A. United Nations (UN) and the International Labor Organization (ILO)

- Universal Declaration on Human Rights (UDHR)
 - <http://www.un.org/en/documents/udhr/index.shtml>
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)
 - <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/ccpr.htm>
- International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)
 - <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/cescr.htm>
- International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD)
 - <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/icerd.htm>
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)
 - <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/text/econvention.htm>
- Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)
 - <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/crc.htm>
- International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (ICRMW)
 - <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/cmw.htm>
- International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance
 - <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/disappearance-convention.htm>
- Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organize Convention, 1948 (No. 87)
 - <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/association.htm>
- Right to Organize and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98)
 - <http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?C098>
- Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169)
 - <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/indigenous.htm>
- United Nations Convention against Corruption

- http://www.unodc.org/documents/treaties/UNCAC/Publications/Convention/08-50026_E.pdf
- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
 - <http://www0.un.org/disabilities/convention/conventionfull.shtml>
- Convention relating to the Status of Refugees
 - <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/protocolrefugees.htm>
- Convention on the Status of Stateless Persons
 - <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/stateless.htm>
- Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention)
 - <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/documents/cep43e.pdf>
- United Nations Principles of Older Persons
 - <http://www.un-documents.net/pop.htm>
- United Nations Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials
 - <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/firearms.htm>
- United Nations Basic Principles on the Role of Lawyers
 - <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/lawyers.htm>
- Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms
 - <http://www.unhchr.ch/Huridocda/Huridoca.nsf/0/95ed4a11871f2ed6c1256b840038c884?Opendocument>
- ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work
 - <http://www.unhcr.org/refworld/publisher,ILO,,425bbdf72,0.html>
- Declaration on the Rights of Persons belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities
 - <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/minorities.htm>

B. Inter-Governmental Organizations of Africa

African Union (AU)

- African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights
 - http://www.achpr.org/english/_info/charter_en.html
- Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa
 - http://www.achpr.org/english/_info/women_en.html
- African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child
 - http://www.africa-union.org/official_documents/Treaties_%20Conventions_%20Protocols/A.%20C.%20ON%20THE%20RIGHT%20AND%20WELF%20OF%20CHILD.pdf
- African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance
 - <http://www.un.org/democracyfund/Docs/AfricanCharterDemocracy.pdf>
- African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption
 - http://www.africa-union.org/Official_documents/Treaties_%20Conventions_%20Protocols/Convention%20on%20Combating%20Corruption.pdf
- African Youth Charter
 - <http://www.africa-union.org/root/UA/Conferences/Mai/HRST/Charter%20english.pdf>
- Constitutive Act of the African Union
 - http://www.africa-union.org/root/au/Aboutau/Constitutive_Act_en.htm

- Lomé Declaration on the Framework for and OAU Response to Unconstitutional Changes of Government
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/lomedec.htm
- Conference on Security, Stability, Development and Cooperation in Africa (CSSDCA) Solemn Declaration
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/cssdca.htm
- The New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/nepad.htm

Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)

- Bata Declaration on the Promotion of Lasting Democracy, Peace and Development in Central Africa
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/eccas.htm

Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

- Treaty of ECOWAS
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/ecowas.htm
- Declaration of Political Principles of the ECOWAS
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/ecowasdec.htm
- Protocol on Democracy and Good Governance (Supplementary to the Protocol Relating to the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention Management, Resolution, Peacekeeping and Security)
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/ecowasprot.htm

Southern African Development Community (SADC)

- Declaration and Treaty of the SADC
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/sadc.htm
- SADC Principles and Guidelines Governing Democratic Elections
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/sadcprinc.htm

C. Inter-Governmental Organizations of the Americas

Organization of American States (OAS)

- American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man
 - <http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/ga-res98/eres1591.htm>
- American Convention on Human Rights
 - <http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/treaties/b-32.html>
- Inter-American Democratic Charter
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/americas.htm
- Promotion and Strengthening of Democracy: Follow-up to the Inter-American Democratic Charter
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/promotion.htm
- Declaration of Santiago on Democracy and Public Trust: A New Commitment to Good Governance for the Americas
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/santiago.htm
- Declaration of Nuevo León
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/nuevoleon.htm
- Draft Declaration of Quito on Social Development and Democracy, and the Impact of Corruption
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/quito.htm
- Declaration of Santo Domingo: Good Governance and Development in the Knowledge-Based Society
 - <http://www.realinstitutoelcano.org/materiales/docs/997/DECSANTODOME04.pdf>
- Access to Public Information: Strengthening Democracy

- http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/ga03/agres_1932.htm
- Increasing and Strengthening Civil Society Participation in the Activities of the Organization of American States and in the Summits of the Americas Process
 - <http://www.oas.org/consejo/resolutions/res864.asp>
- Citizen Participation and Strengthening of Democracy in the Americas
 - <http://www.civil-society.oas.org/General%20Assembly%20Resolutions/Panama/AG%20RES%202344%20ENG.doc>
- Human Rights Defenders: Support for the Individuals, Groups and Organizations of Civil Society Working to Promote and Protect Human Rights in the Americas
 - <http://www.civil-society.oas.org/General%20Assembly%20Resolutions/Panama/AG%20RES%202280%20ENG.doc>
- Declaration of Medellín: Youth and Democratic Values
 - http://www.unicef.org/lac/Declaration_medellin_2008.pdf

Andean Community

- Declaration about Democracy and Integration
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/andean.htm
- Macchu Picchu Declaration on Democracy, the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the War against Poverty
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/machupicchu.htm
- Andean Charter for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/andeancharter.htm

Sistema de la Integración Centroamericana (SICA)

- Alliance for the Sustainable Development of Central America
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/alliance.htm
- Framework Treaty on Democratic Security in Central America
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/framework.htm

D. Inter-Governmental Organizations of Asia

League of Arab States

- Arab Charter on Human Rights (revised)
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/arabcharter.htm
- Sana'a Declaration on Democracy, Human Rights and the Role of the International Criminal Court
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/arab_region.htm
- Tunis Declaration
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/league.htm

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

- ASEAN Charter
 - <http://www.aseansec.org/21069.pdf>

South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)

- New Delhi Declaration of the Fourteenth SAARC Summit
 - <http://www.sdc.gov.in/AboutSAARC/summit-declaration/summit14.pdf>
- Dhaka Declaration of the Thirteenth SAARC Summit
 - <http://www.saarc-sec.org/userfiles/Summit%20Declarations/13%20-%20Dhaka%20-%2013th%20Summit%2012-13%20Nov%202005.pdf>

E. Inter-Governmental Organizations of Europe

Council of Europe (COE)

- European] Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms as amended by Protocol No. 11
 - <http://www.echr.coe.int/nr/rdonlyres/d5cc24a7-dc13-4318-b457-5c9014916d7a/0/englishanglais.pdf>
- European Social Charter (revised)
 - <http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/monitoring/socialcharter/Presentation/ESCRBooklet/English.pdf>
- Code of Good Practice in Electoral Matters
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/council.htm
- Guidelines for Constitutional Referendums at National Level
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/guidelines1.htm

Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)

- Document of the Copenhagen Meeting of the Conference on the Human Dimension of the Conference for Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE)
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/csce.htm
- Charter of Paris for a New Europe
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/charterparis.htm

European Union (EU)

- Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/europe.htm
- Resolution of the Council and of the Member States meeting in the Council on Human Rights, Democracy and Development
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/councilres.htm
- Council Regulation (EC) No 976/1999
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/councilregulation.htm
- The Cotonou Agreement
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/cotonouagreement.htm

F. Other International Entities

The Commonwealth

- The Harare Commonwealth Declaration
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/commonwealth.htm
- Millbrook Commonwealth Action Program on the Harare Declaration
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/millbrook.htm
- Aso Rock Commonwealth Declaration on Development and Democracy
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/aso.htm
- 2007 Heads of Government Meeting: Final Communiqué
 - <http://www.thecommonwealth.org/files/173044/FileName/chogm2007kampalacommunique.pdf>
- 2009 Heads of Government Meeting: Final Communiqué
 - <http://www.thecommonwealth.org/files/216904/FileName/TrinidadandTobagoCHOGMCommunique.pdf>

Community of Democracies

- Warsaw Declaration
 - http://community-democracies.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=16:warsaw-declaration&catid=17:ministerial-declarations&Itemid=62

Inter - Parliamentary Union

- Universal Declaration on Democracy

- http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/ipu.htm
- Parliaments' Role in Strengthening Democratic Institutions and Human Development in a Fragmented World
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/parliament.htm
- Report of the Parliamentarian's Forum on the occasion of the Fifth Conference of New or Restored Democracies
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/report.htm
- Resolution on the Freedom of Expression and the Right to Information
 - <http://www.ipu.org/conf-e/120/120-3.htm>
- International Conference of New or Restored Democracies
 - http://www.icnrd6.com/pdf/declaration_en.pdf
- Ulaanbaatar Declaration Democracy, Good Governance and Civil Society
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/planofaction.htm

Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF)

- Bamako Declaration
 - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/compilation_democracy/oif.htm

Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC)

- Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam
 - <http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/instree/cairodeclaration.html>

The *Handbook* authors would also like to note the following Community of Democracies Ministerial Declarations:

- Seoul Plan of Action
 - http://community-democracies.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=17:seoul-plan-of-action&catid=17:ministerial-declarations&Itemid=62
- Santiago Commitment
 - http://community-democracies.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=18:santiago-commitment&catid=17:ministerial-declarations&Itemid=62
- Bamako Consensus
 - http://community-democracies.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=19:bamako-consensus&catid=17:ministerial-declarations&Itemid=62
- Lisbon Declaration
 - http://community-democracies.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=20:lisbon-declaration&catid=17:ministerial-declarations&Itemid=62