

Human Rights Oversight: Quick Reference Chart¹

Human Rights Oversight Body			Core Substantive Treaty ²			Functions ³						
Area	Name	Members	Treaty Full Name	Treaty Short Name	States ⁴	Decide Individual or Group Complaints ⁵	Review State Reports	General Comments	Advisory Opinions	Interim Measures	Country Visits	Decide Inter State Complaints ⁵
United Nations	UN Human Rights Committee	Experts	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	ICCPR	173	116	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y
	UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	Experts	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	ICESCR	171	26	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y
	UN Committee against Torture	Experts	Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	CAT	171	68	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y
	UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	Experts	International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination	ICERD	182	59	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y
	UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women	Experts	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	CEDAW	189	114	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y
	UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture	Experts	Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture	OP-CAT	90	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N
	UN Committee on the Rights of the Child	Experts	Convention on the Rights of the Child	CRC	196	48	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y
	UN Committee on Migrant Workers	Experts	International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families CORE	ICMW	56	56	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y ⁶
	UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Experts	International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	ICRPD	182	100	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
	UN Committee on Enforced Disappearances	Experts	International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance	ICPPED	63	23	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y
The Americas	Inter-American Commission on Human Rights ⁶	Experts	American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man / American Convention on Human Rights		35	35	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
	Inter-American Court of Human Rights	Judges	American Convention on Human Rights	ACHR	20	20	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
	Working Group on the Protocol of San Salvador	Experts	Additional Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights in the Area of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	Protocol of San Salvador	17	N ⁷	Y	N	N	N	N	N
	Inter-American Committee for the Prevention and Elimination of Racism ⁶	Experts	Inter-American Convention Against All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance		2	N ⁷	Y	N	N	N	N	N
	Committee of Experts ⁸	Experts	Inter-American Convention on Protecting the Human Rights of Older Persons		7	N ⁷	Y	N	N	N	N	N
	Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities	Experts	Inter-American Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities		19	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Africa	African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights	Experts	African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights	ACHPR	54	54	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
	African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights	Judges	African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights	ACHPR	32	8	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
	African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child	Experts	African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child	ACRWC	50	50	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
	Commission of the African Union	Experts	African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance	ACDEG	34	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Europe	European Court of Human Rights	Judges	European Convention on Human Rights	ECHR	47	47	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
	European Committee of Social Rights	Experts	European Social Charter / European Social Charter (Revised)		43	16	Y	N	N	N	N	N
	GREVIO	Experts	Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence	Istanbul Convention	34	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
	Lanzarote Committee	States	Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse		48	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
	GRETA	Experts	Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings		47	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
	Advisory Committee	Experts	Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities		39	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
	Committee for the Prevention of Torture	Experts	European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhumane or Degrading Treatment or Punishment		47	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N
MENA ⁹	Arab Human Rights Committee	Experts	Arab Charter on Human Rights		16	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N
Asia	ASEAN Intergovernmental Human Rights Commission	States	ASEAN Human Rights Declaration		10	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

Footnotes

1. This chart was prepared by the **International Justice Resource Center**. Its content was last revised in January 2021. The visual appearance of the chart was revised in February 2025 by the **Center for Global Law and Justice**. Blue text signifies a hyperlink. Click though for more information and/or source information.
2. Note that many bodies interpret multiple treaties, including any protocols to the core treaty.
3. The functions listed here are not exhaustive. This chart reflects the most common functions that have been explicitly granted to each body as part of its ordinary activities.
4. As of January 2021; for courts this number reflects the number of States that have accepted the court's contentious jurisdiction through a separate declaration or protocol.
5. Separate State acceptance, through a declaration or ratification of a separate protocol, is often required for complaint proceedings.
6. The Inter-American Commission's additional functions include holding thematic hearings and publishing thematic reports.
7. While the treaty-specific oversight body cannot receive individual complaints regarding this treaty, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights can do so.
8. This function or body is not yet in operation.
9. Middle East and North Africa