

Tables for UN Compilation on China

I. Scope of international obligations¹

A. International human rights treaties²

	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Action after review</i>	<i>Not ratified/not accepted</i>
<i>Ratification, accession or succession</i>	ICERD: China (1981), Macao China (MSAR (1999), Hong Kong, China (HKSAR) (1997) ICESCR: China (2001), MSAR (1999), HKSAR (1997) ICCPR: China (signature 1998), MSAR (1999), HKSAR (1997) CEDAW: China (1980), MSAR (1999), HKSAR (1997) CAT: China (1998), MSAR (1999), HKSAR (1997) CRC: China (1992), MSAR (1999), HKSAR (1997) OP-CRC-AC: China (incl. MSAR and HKSAR) (2008) OP-CRC-SC: China (incl. MSAR and HKSAR) (2002) CRPD: China (incl. MSAR and HKSAR) (2008)	--	ICCPR (China signature, 1998) ICCPR-OP 2 OP-CAT ICRMW ICPED
<i>Complaints procedures, inquiries and urgent action³</i>	ICCPR, art. 41: MSAR (1999), HKSAR (1997)	--	ICERD, art. 14 OP-ICESCR ICCPR, art 41 (China only) ICCPR-OP 1 OP-CEDAW CAT, arts. 20, 21 and 22 OP-CRC-IC ICRMW OP-CRPD

Reservations and / or declarations	Status during previous cycle	Action after review	Current Status
	ICERD: Reservations, art. 22 (China/MSAR/HKSAR, 1981/1999/1997) and art. 6 (HKSAR, 1997)	--	ICERD: Reservations, art. 22 (China/MSAR/HKSAR) and art. 6 (HKSAR)
	ICESCR: Reservations, art. 8, para. 1 (a) (China/MSAR/HKSAR, 2001/1999/1997), and arts. 6 and 8, para. 1 (b) (HKSAR, 1997)	--	ICESCR: Reservations, art. 8, para. 1 (a) (China/MSAR/HKSAR), and arts. 6 and 8, para. 1 (b) (HKSAR)
	ICCPR: Reservations, arts. 1 and 25 (b) (MSAR, 1999), and arts. 25 (b) and 13 (HKSAR, 1997)	--	ICCPR: Reservations, art. 1 and 25 (b) (MSAR), and arts. 25 (b) and 13 (HKSAR)
	CEDAW: Declarations, arts. 1 and 9 (China/MSAR/HKSAR, 1980/1999/1997); Reservation, art. 11 para. 2 (HKSAR, 1997); Declarations, art. 1, art. 4 para. 1, art. 11 para. 2, art. 15 para. 3 and 4 (HKSAR, 1997)	--	CEDAW: Declarations, arts. 1 and 9 (China/MSAR/HKSAR); Reservation, art. 11 para. 2 (HKSAR); Declarations, art. 1, art. 4 para. 1, art. 11 para. 2, art. 15 para. 3 and 4 (HKSAR)
	CAT: Reservations, arts. 20 and 30 para. 1 (China/MSAR/HKSAR, 1988/1999/1997)	--	CAT: Reservations, arts. 20 and 30 para. 1 (China/MSAR/HKSAR)
	CRC: Reservation, art. 6 (China/MSAR/HKSAR, 1992/1999/1997); Declarations and Reservations, arts. 32, para. 2 (b), and 37 (c) (HKSAR, 1997)	--	CRC: Reservation, art. 6 (China/MSAR/HKSAR); Declarations and Reservations, arts. 32, para. 2 (b), and 37 (c) (HKSAR)
	OP-CRC-AC: Declaration art. 3 para. 2 (China/MSAR/HKSAR, 2008)	--	OP-CRC-AC: Declaration art. 3 para. 2 (China/MSAR/HKSAR)
	OP-CRC-SC: General declaration	--	OP-CRC-SC: General declaration

(China/HKSAR/MSAR,
2002)

(China/MSAR/HKSAR)

CRPD: General declaration --
(China/HKSAR/MSAR,
2008)

CRPD: General declaration
(China/MSAR/HKSAR)

B. Other main relevant international instruments

	<i>Status during previous cycle</i>	<i>Action after review</i>	<i>Not ratified</i>
<i>Ratification, accession or succession</i>	Palermo Protocol (China incl. MSAR) ⁴	--	Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court
	--	--	ILO Conventions Nos. 169 and 189 ⁵
	Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and Additional Protocols I and II ⁶	--	Additional Protocol III to the 1949 Geneva Conventions
	Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide	--	Convention against Discrimination in Education (China incl. HKSAR)
	--	--	Palermo Protocol (HKSAR)
	Conventions on refugees (China, incl. MSAR) and stateless persons (HKSAR) ⁷	--	Conventions on refugees (HKSAR), and stateless persons (China incl. MSAR)
	ILO fundamental Conventions: all (MSAR), Nos. 100, 111, 138 and 182 (China); Nos. 29, 87, 98, 105, 138 and 182 (HKSAR) ⁸	--	ILO fundamental conventions except Nos. 87, 98, 29 and 105 (China), 13 except Nos. 100 and 111 (HKSAR) ¹
	Convention against Discrimination in Education (MSAR)	--	--

II. Cooperation with human rights mechanisms and bodies

A. Cooperation with treaty bodies⁹

Reporting status

<i>Treaty body</i>	<i>Concluding observations included in previous review</i>	<i>Latest report submitted since previous review</i>	<i>Latest concluding observations</i>	<i>Reporting status</i>
CERD(China/MSAR/HKSAR)	August 2009	2017	--	Fourteenth to seventeenth reports pending consideration

				in August 2018
CESCR (China/MSAR/HKSA R)	--	2010	May 2014	Third report due in 2019
HR Committee (HKSAR)	March 2013	--	--	Fourth report due in March 2018
HR Committee (MSAR)	March 2013	--	--	Second report due in March 2018
CEDAW (China/MSAR/HKSA R)	--	2012	October 2014	Ninth report due in November 2018
CAT (China/MSAR/HKSA R)	--	2013	December 2015	Sixth report due in 2019
CRC (China/MSAR/HKSA R)	--	2010	October 2013	Fifth to sixth reports due in 2019
CRPD (China/MSAR/HKSA R)	September 2012	--	--	Second and third reports due in September 2018

Responses to specific follow-up requests from concluding observations

<i>Treaty body</i>	<i>Due in</i>	<i>Subject matter</i>	<i>Submitted</i>
HR Committee (HKSAR)	2014	Universal and equal suffrage; domestic workers' rights; and Chinese-language education for ethnic minorities. ¹⁰	2014, ¹¹ 2015 ¹² and 2016 ¹³ . Further information requested in the framework of the fourth report. ¹⁴
HR Committee (MSAR)	2014	Participation in public affairs; transfer of offenders to mainland China; rights of migrant workers. ¹⁵	2014, ¹⁶ 2016 ¹⁷ and 2017 ¹⁸ . Follow up procedure discontinued. ¹⁹
CEDAW	2016	Independence of the judiciary and access to justice; and participation in political and public life. ²⁰	2016. ²¹ On-going dialogue ²²
CAT (China)	2016	Restrictions to the rights to access a lawyer and to give notification of custody; the reported crackdown on lawyers and activists; the independence of investigations into torture allegations; and State secret	2017 ²⁴

		provisions and lack of data. ²³	
CAT (HKSAR)	2016	Non-refoulement claims; investigations of police complaints; and Detention and fundamental legal safeguards. ²⁵	2016 ²⁶
CAT (MSAR)	2016	Investigations of cases of torture and ill-treatment. ²⁷	2017 ²⁸

B. Cooperation with special procedures²⁹

	Status during previous cycle	Current status
<i>Standing invitations</i>	No	No
<i>Visits undertaken</i>	Food	Discrimination against women in law and practice Foreign debts Poverty
<i>Visits agreed to in principle</i>	--	Health
<i>Visits requested</i>	Freedom of peaceful assembly and association Human Rights Defenders Minorities Water and sanitation Foreign debts Independence of Judges and Lawyers Disappearances Discrimination against women in law and practice	Water and sanitation Human Rights Defenders Housing Privacy Torture Business enterprises Toxic waste Minority issues <i>Freedom of expression</i> Freedom of peaceful assembly and association Independence of Judges and Lawyers Disappearances Terrorism African descent
<i>Responses to letters of allegation and urgent appeal</i>	During the period under review 70 communications were sent. The Government replied to 49 communications	
<i>Follow-up reports and missions</i>	--	--

Notes

- ¹ Unless indicated otherwise, the status of ratification of instruments listed in the table may be found on the official website of the United Nations Treaty Collection database, Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, <http://treaties.un.org/>. Please also refer to the United Nations compilation on China from the previous cycle (A/HRC/WG.6/CHN/2).
- ² The following abbreviations have been used in the universal periodic review document:
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| ICERD | International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination; |
| ICESCR | International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; |
| OP-ICESCR | Optional Protocol to ICESCR; |
| ICCPR | International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; |
| ICCPR-OP 1 | Optional Protocol to ICCPR; |
| ICCPR-OP 2 | Second Optional Protocol to ICCPR, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty; |
| CEDAW | Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; |
| OP-CEDAW | Optional Protocol to CEDAW; |
| CAT | Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; |
| OP-CAT | Optional Protocol to CAT; |
| CRC | Convention on the Rights of the Child; |
| OP-CRC-AC | Optional Protocol to CRC on the involvement of children in armed conflict; |
| OP-CRC-SC | Optional Protocol to CRC on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography; |
| OP-CRC-IC | Optional Protocol to CRC on a communications procedure; |
| ICRMW | International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families; |
| CRPD | Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; |
| OP-CRPD | Optional Protocol to CRPD; |
| ICPPED | International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. |
- ³ Individual complaints: ICCPR-OP 1, art. 1; OP-CEDAW, art. 1; OP-CRPD, art. 1; OP-ICESCR, art. 1; OP-CRC-IC, art. 5; ICERD, art. 14; CAT, art. 22; ICRMW, art. 77; and ICPPED, art. 31. Inquiry procedure: OP-CEDAW, art. 8; CAT, art. 20; ICPPED, art. 33; OP-CRPD, art. 6; OP-ICESCR, art. 11; and OP-CRC-IC, art. 13. Inter-State complaints: ICCPR, art. 41; ICERD, art. 11; ICRMW, art. 76; ICPPED, art. 32; CAT, art. 21; OP-ICESCR, art. 10; and OP-CRC-IC, art. 12. Urgent action: ICPPED, art. 30.
- ⁴ Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.
- ⁵ ILO Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169) and Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189).
- ⁶ Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field (First Convention); Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea (Second Convention); Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War (Third Convention); Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War (Fourth Convention); Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I); Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of Non-International Armed Conflicts (Protocol II). For the official status of ratifications, see Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, at <https://www.dfae.admin.ch/eda/fr/dfaef/politique-exterieure/droit-international-public/traites-internationaux/depositaire/protection-des-victimes-de-la-guerre.html>

- ⁷ 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol, 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, and 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.
- ⁸ International Labour Organization Convention No. 29 concerning Forced or Compulsory Labour; Convention No. 105 concerning the Abolition of Forced Labour; Convention No. 87 concerning Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise; Convention No. 98 concerning the Application of the Principles of the Right to Organise and to Bargain Collectively; Convention No. 100 concerning Equal Remuneration for Men and Women Workers for Work of Equal Value; Convention No. 111 concerning Discrimination in Respect of Employment and Occupation; Convention No. 138 concerning Minimum Age for Admission to Employment; Convention No. 182 concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour.
- ⁹ The following abbreviations have been used in the present document:
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| CERD | Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; |
| CESCR | Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; |
| HR Committee | Human Rights Committee; |
| CEDAW | Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women; |
| CAT | Committee against Torture; |
| CRC | Committee on the Rights of the Child; |
| CMW | Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families; |
| CRPD | Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; |
| CED | Committee on Enforced Disappearances; |
| SPT | Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture. |
- ¹⁰ CCPR/C/CHN-HKG/CO/3, para. 26.
- ¹¹ CCPR/C/CHN-HKG/CO/3/Add.1.
- ¹² CCPR/C/CHN-HKG/CO/3/Add.2.
- ¹³ CCPR/C/CHN-HKG/CO/3/Add.3.
- ¹⁴ Letter from HR Committee to the Permanent Representative of Hong Kong, China, in Geneva, dated 16 August 2016, p. 2, available from http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CCPR/Shared%20Documents/HKG/INT_CCPR_FUL_HKG_24975_E.pdf (accessed on 7 March 2018).
- ¹⁵ CCPR/C/CHN-MAC/CO/1, para. 19.
- ¹⁶ CCPR/C/CHN-MAC/CO/3/Add.1.
- ¹⁷ Available from http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2fCCPR%2fFCO%2fMAC%2f24596&Lang=en (accessed on 7 March 2018).
- ¹⁸ CCPR/C/CHN-MAC/CO/3/Add.2.
- ¹⁹ Letter from HR Committee to the Permanent Representative of Macao, China, in Geneva, dated 20 November 2017, p. 2, available from http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CCPR/Shared%20Documents/MAC/INT_CCPR_FUD_MAC_29523_E.pdf (accessed on 7 March 2018).
- ²⁰ CEDAW/C/CHN/CO/7-8, para. 78.
- ²¹ CEDAW/C/CHN/CO/7-8/Add.1.
- ²² Letter from CEDAW to the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, dated 21 September 2017, p. 2, available from http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CEDAW/Shared%20Documents/CHN/INT_CEDAW_FUL_CHN_28950_E.pdf (accessed on 7 March 2018).
- ²³ CAT/C/CHN/CO/5, para. 61.
- ²⁴ CAT/C/CHN/CO/5/Add.1
- ²⁵ CAT/C/CHN-HKG/CO/5.
- ²⁶ CAT/C/CHN-HNK/CO/5/Add.1.
- ²⁷ CAT/C/CHN-MAC/CO/5, para. 26.
- ²⁸ CAT/C/CHN-MAC/CO/5/Add.1.
- ²⁹ For the titles of special procedure mandate holders see: <https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/about/abbreviations>

