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## List of institutions and abbreviations

- International level

Nom FR	Sigle FR	Name EN	Acronym EN
<a href="#">Conseil économique et social des Nations unies</a>	ECOSOC	<a href="#">Economic and Social Council</a>	ECOSOC
<a href="#">Comité international de la Croix-Rouge</a>	CICR	<a href="#">International Committee of the Red Cross</a>	ICRC
<a href="#">Cour internationale de justice</a>	CIJ	<a href="#">International Court of Justice</a>	ICJ
<a href="#">Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'enfance</a>	UNICEF	<a href="#">United Nations Children's Fund</a>	UNICEF
<a href="#">Groupe de coordination inter-agences contre la traite des personnes</a>	ICAT	<a href="#">Inter-agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in persons</a>	ICAT
<a href="#">Institut International de Droit Humanitaire</a>	IIDH	<a href="#">International Institute of Humanitarian Law</a>	IHL
<a href="#">Haut-Commissariat des Nations unies aux droits de l'homme</a>	HCDH	<a href="#">Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights</a>	OHCHR
<a href="#">Haut Commissariat des Nations unies pour les réfugiés</a>	UNHCR	<a href="#">United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees</a>	UNHCR
<a href="#">Office des Nations unies contre la drogue et le crime</a>	ONUDC	<a href="#">United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime</a>	UNODC
<a href="#">Organisation internationale pour les migrations</a>	OIM	<a href="#">International organization for migration</a>	IOM
<a href="#">Organisation internationale du travail</a>	OIT	<a href="#">International Labor Organization</a>	ILO
<a href="#">Organisation maritime internationale</a>	OMI	<a href="#">International Maritime Organization</a>	IMO
<a href="#">Organisation mondiale de la santé</a>	OMS	<a href="#">World Health Organization</a>	WHO
<a href="#">Organisation des Nations Unies</a>	ONU	<a href="#">United Nations</a>	UN
<a href="#">Union interparlementaire</a>	UIP	<a href="#">Inter-parliamentary Union</a>	IPU

- Regional level

<b>Nom FR</b>	<b>Sigle FR</b>	<b>Name EN</b>	<b>Acronym EN</b>
Accord de libre-échange nord-américain	ALENA	North American Free Trade Agreement	NAFTA
<a href="#">Association des nations de l'Asie du Sud-Est</a>	ANASE	<a href="#">Association of Southeast Asian Nations</a>	ASEAN
<a href="#">Communauté économique des États de l'Afrique de l'Ouest</a>	CEDEAO	<a href="#">Economic Community of West African States</a>	ECOWAS
<a href="#">Communauté des États Indépendants</a>	CEI	<a href="#">Commonwealth of Independent States</a>	CIS
<a href="#">Conseil de l'Europe</a>	CoE	<a href="#">Council of Europe</a>	CoE
<a href="#">Agence de police criminelle de l'Union Européenne</a>	EUROPOL	<a href="#">European Police Office</a>	EUROPOL
<a href="#">Organisation des États Américains</a>	OEA	<a href="#">Organization of Americans States</a>	OAS
<a href="#">Organisation pour la Sécurité et la Coopération en Europe</a>	OSCE	<a href="#">Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe</a>	OSCE
<a href="#">Union Africaine</a>	UA	<a href="#">African Union</a>	AU
<a href="#">Union Européenne</a>	UE	<a href="#">European Union</a>	EU
<a href="#">Union économique et monétaire ouest-africaine</a>	UEMOA	<a href="#">West African Economic and Monetary Union</a>	WAEMU

## Part 1: Legal instruments specific to Human Trafficking (HT) or other criminal practices that may be related to it

### I. Instruments dedicated to HT

#### A. International law

- United Nations (UN)

**Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others**, approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations in its resolution 317 (IV) of December 2, 1949, concluded at Lake Success on March 21, 1950, and entered into force on July 25, 1951, in accordance with the provisions of article 24.

[Text](#) | FR (p. 13) EN (p. 5) ES (p.36)

*Comment:* This convention consolidates and unifies the existing protocols, conventions and agreements on human trafficking.

- **Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children**, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, adopted on November 15, 2000 by General Assembly resolution 55/25 and entered into force on December 25, 2003 (Palermo Protocol).

[Text](#) | FR (p.25) EN (p.14) ES (p.50)

*Comment:* This protocol establishes the first common definition at the international level of the term "trafficking in persons". It complements two other protocols to the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime adopted on November 15, 2000, each targeting specific activities and manifestations of crime: the present Protocol, the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, and in 2001, the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, with resolution 55/225.

#### + Documents related to the Palermo Protocol :

ONUDC, Model Law against Trafficking in Persons, Vienna, 2009 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* "The purpose of the Model Law is to assist States in implementing the provisions of the Protocol. [...] It contains all the provisions that States are required or recommended to introduce into their national legislation under the Protocol."

Working Group on Trafficking in Persons, Non-Punishment and Non-Prosecution of Trafficked Persons: Administrative and Judicial Approaches to Offences Committed in the Trafficking Process, Vienna, 27-29 January 2010 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* The Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime decided to establish a working group to advise and assist it in fulfilling its mandate with respect to the Trafficking in Persons Protocol (decision 4/4). This document has been prepared by the Secretariat to facilitate discussions under item 5 of the provisional agenda for the second meeting of the working group.

Palermo at 20: A Retrospective and Prospective, Elżbieta M. Goździak & Kathleen M. Vogel, 14 mars 2020, Journal Of Human Trafficking 2020, VOL. 6, NO. 2, 109–118 | [EN](#)

ONUDC, Legislative guide for the protocol to prevent, suppress and punish trafficking in persons, especially women and children, 2020 | [EN](#)

UNODC, The Concept of ‘Harbouring’ in the Trafficking in Persons Protocol, Issue Paper  
[EN](#) ([Harbouring Explained: New Publication Analyses Act of Trafficking](#))

*Comment* : “This Issue Paper examines the concept of ‘harbouring’ in the United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (‘Trafficking in Persons Protocol’. [...] Analysis of the concept of ‘harbouring’ is important for a number of reasons, not least because there is little guidance in the Protocol or interpretative materials concerning its meaning and application.”

**Recommended Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights and Human Trafficking** (submitted to the Economic and Social Council as an addendum to the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights), 2002 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Commentary*: "These principles have been developed to provide concrete guidance and human rights-based policy guidelines for preventing trafficking and protecting trafficked persons. They are intended to facilitate the integration of human rights considerations into anti-trafficking laws, policies and actions."

+ *Commentary*: Recommended Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights and Human Trafficking, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, 2010.  
[FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**General Recommendation No. 38 (2020) on trafficking in women and girls in the context of international migration** of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.  
[FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment*: "This general recommendation affirms as a priority duty of States, both individually and collectively, to prevent the exposure of women and girls to the risk of being trafficked. States are also required to discourage the demand that fosters exploitation and leads to trafficking." It should be read in conjunction with Article 6 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

*United Nations Security Council Resolutions* :

- **Resolution 64/293**, adopted by the General Assembly on July 30, 2010,  
**United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons**

[FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Commentary*: The Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons urges governments to take concerted and concrete action to address human trafficking and calls for the integration of anti-trafficking efforts into the broader UN agenda to accelerate development and enhance global security. One of the key provisions of the Plan is the establishment of a UN Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Human Trafficking, especially women and children.

- **Resolution 2240 (2015)**, adopted by the Security Council at its 7531st meeting on October 9, 2015 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment*: This resolution authorizes States to inspect vessels on the high seas off the coast of Libya if they have reasonable grounds to suspect that they are being used for smuggling or trafficking in persons from Libya. It was renewed by the following resolutions:

- 2312 (2016) : [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)
- 2380 (2017) : [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)
- 2437 (2018) : [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)
- 2491 (2019) : [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)
- 2546 (2020) : [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)



- **Resolution 2331 (2016)**, adopted by the Security Council at its 7847th meeting, on December 20, 2016 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* In this resolution, the Security Council called on Member States to take decisive and immediate action to prevent and suppress trafficking in persons, including in the context of armed conflict.

- + Report of the Secretary-General on human trafficking in armed conflict, prepared pursuant to Security Council resolution 2331 (2016) | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* This is the first report on the monitoring of the implementation of Security Council resolution 2331 (2016) and the measures taken to strengthen coordination in the United Nations system, with a view to preventing and combating human trafficking in armed conflict, in all its forms.

- **Resolution 2388 (2017)**, adopted by the Security Council at its 8111th meeting, on November 21, 2017 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* In this resolution, the Security Council called on Member States to fulfill their obligations to criminalize, prevent and combat trafficking in persons and to increase efforts to "detect and disrupt" trafficking, including by developing "robust victim identification mechanisms" and providing access to protection and assistance services, particularly in areas affected by armed conflict.

- **Resolution 2597 (2021)**, adopted by the Security Council at its 8863rd meeting, on 17 September 2021 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* The resolution addresses the global threat to international peace and security posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant and extends the mandate of the Special Adviser and the Team until 17 September 2022. The Council recalls the acts of violence committed by the EIHL, including enslavement, sale or other practices of forced marriage, trafficking in persons, sexual slavery and other forms of sexual violence, and the recruitment and use of children. The Council affirms that such acts may constitute war crimes, crimes against humanity or crimes of genocide.

- **Resolution 2601 (2021)**, adopted by the Security Council at its 8889th meeting, on 29 October 2021 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* The Council takes steps to ensure equal access to and continuity of education in situations of armed conflict. It warns that women and girls may be subject to attacks - such as human trafficking - that prevent them from continuing their education in a sustainable manner.

- **Resolution 2610 (2021)**, Adopted by the Security Council at its 8934th meeting, on 17 December 2021 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* In this resolution, the Security Council renews the sanctions regime against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant and Al Qaeda. It affirms that the activities of terrorist groups benefit from transnational organised crime, including arms trafficking (...) and trafficking in human beings. The Council strongly condemns such exploitation and calls on all actors to provide evidence of trafficking and related forms that may provide financial support to the perpetrators. It reaffirms "the intention to consider sanctions against persons and entities associated with EIHL or Al-Qaida engaged in trafficking in human beings in areas affected by armed conflict or in sexual violence in times of conflict".

- **Resolution 2617 (2021)**, Adopted by the Security Council on 30 December 2021 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* The Council notes the links that may exist in some cases between terrorism and transnational organised crime and inherent illicit activities such as trafficking in human beings, money laundering, drugs and arms.

## B. Regional legal instruments

- EUROPE — Council of Europe

**Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings**, adopted on May 16, 2005 and entered into force on February 1, 2008 (Warsaw Convention).

[FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* This convention is the first international legal instrument to confer rights on victims of human trafficking. This convention is also open to non-member states of the Council of Europe. The Convention provides for the establishment of an independent monitoring mechanism (the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings - GRETA) to ensure compliance with its provisions by the Parties.

+ **Warsaw Convention Document :**

*The Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings and European Union Law*, Olivier Delas and Kristine Plouffe-Malette, 2013 | [FR](#)

GRETA, *Guidance Note on Preventing and Combating Human Trafficking for Labor Exploitation*, December 2020 | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

*Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe:*

- **Prostitution, human trafficking and modern slavery in Europe**, Resolution 1983 of April 8, 2014 | [FR](#) | [EN](#)
- **Concerted action against trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants**, resolution 2323, of January 30, 2020 | [FR](#) | [EN](#)
- EUROPE — European Union (EU)

**Directive 2004/81/EC of 29 April 2004 on the residence permit issued to third-country nationals who are victims of trafficking in human beings or who have been the subject of an action to facilitate illegal immigration, who cooperate with the competent authorities** | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* Creation of a "residence permit for victims of trafficking in human beings" or, for those Member States that wish to do so, "for third-country nationals who have been the subject of illegal immigration assistance, for whom the residence permit constitutes a sufficient incentive for them to cooperate with the competent authorities, while being subject to certain conditions to prevent abuse".

**Directive 2011/36 of 5 April 2011 on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting victims** | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* This Directive replaces Framework Decision 2002/629 of 19 July 2002 on combating trafficking in human beings.

+ **Documents related to the Directive 2011/36:**

**Reports:**

*Prevent, Combat, Protect: Human Trafficking. Joint UN Commentary on the EU Directive - A Human Rights-Based Approach*, November 2011 | [EN](#)

*The rights of victims of human trafficking in the European Union*, European Commission, 2013.  
[FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment*: "This document aims to inform victims, professionals and Member States about the rights conferred to victims by the European legislation [Directive 2011/36]".

Report from the commission to the european parliament and the council, *Third report on the progress made in the fight against trafficking in human beings (2020) as required under Article 20 of Directive 2011/36/EU on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims*, 20 octobre 2020 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Report on the implementation of Directive 2011/36/EU on the prevention of trafficking in human beings and the fight against this phenomenon as well as the protection of victims*, European Parliament, February 1, 2021 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Communication from the commission to the european parliament, the council, the european economic and social committee and the committee of the regions empty on the EU Strategy on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings*, 14 april 2021 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

#### **Articles:**

*The fight against "human trafficking": What criminal policy of the European Union?* by Ahlem Hannachi, Doctor of Law, 2016 | [FR](#)

Trafficking in human beings: the European Parliament calls for a revision of the directive [2011/36], February 17, 2021, *Rédaction Vie publique française* | [FR](#)

**Communication from the Commission to the European parliament, the council, the European economic and social committee and the committee of the regions on the eu strategy to tackle organised crime 2021-2025**, April 14 2021 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*EU work on a directive on corporate due diligence :*

- **European Parliament resolution** of 10 March 2021 with recommendations to the Commission on corporate due diligence and corporate accountability | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)
- **Proposal for a Directive** of the European Parliament and of the Council on corporate sustainability due diligence and amending Directive (EU) 2019/1937 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Africa-European Union Partnership:*

**Ouagadougou Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings, Especially Women and Children**, as adopted by the Ministerial Conference on Migration and Development of November 22-23, 2006 | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

- EUROPE — Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)

**OSCE Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings**, Decision No. 557 of 24 July 2003.  
[FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Addendum to the Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings: Consideration of the Special Needs of Child Victims of Trafficking for Protection and Assistance**, Decision No. 685 of July 7, 2005 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) is the largest regional security organization. It is a space for dialogue, where a wide range of issues affecting common security are addressed, including trafficking in human beings. To combat this phenomenon, the OSCE uses the framework provided by the Action Plan and the Office and position of the Special Representative and Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings established in 2003 to assist participating States in implementing effective anti-trafficking policies.

**Recommendations of the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (SR/CTHB) on the need to enhance anti-trafficking prevention amid mass migration flows**, 9 march 2022 | [EN](#)

- [ASIA — Association of Southeast Asian Nations \(ASEAN\)](#)

**Convention against Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children**, adopted on November 21, 2015 and entered into force on March 8, 2017 | [EN](#)

- [AMERICAS](#)

**Inter-American Convention on International Traffic in Minors** of March 18, 1994 | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* As far as other regions of the world are concerned, human trafficking is not the subject of a specific convention but appears in broader conventions (human rights, labor law, migration law, etc.) within different articles.

### **C. Examples of legal instruments at the national level (France)**

**Code pénal — Section 1 bis : De la traite des êtres humains** - Articles 225-4-1 to 225-4-9 : [FR](#)

*Comment:* THB has been criminalized in France since 2003, but a major change took place with Law 2013-711 of August 5, 2013, which transposes Directive 2011-36. In particular, Article 225-4-1, which defines trafficking in human beings, has been amended to comply with European requirements.

**Code de l'entrée et du séjour des étrangers et du droit d'asile - Section 1: Foreign nationals who are victims of trafficking in human beings or pimping or who are on a pathway out of prostitution** - Articles L425-1 to L425-5 : [FR](#)

*Comment:* Articles in force since 1 May 2021 (formerly Article L316-1 and L316-1 -1). According to these articles, a foreign victim of THB may be granted a residence permit if he or she files a complaint or testifies in a case of THB (Article L425-1) or if he or she is involved in a pathway to exit prostitution (Article L425-4). In the CESEDA, other articles concern victims of THB, in particular articles R425-1 to R 425-10 in the regulatory part.

**LOI n° 2016-444 du 13 avril 2016 visant à renforcer la lutte contre le système prostitutionnel et à accompagner les personnes prostituées** : [FR](#)

*Comment:* This law integrates the fight against prostitution with the support of victims of human trafficking for sexual exploitation.

**LOI n° 2017-399 du 27 mars 2017 relative au devoir de vigilance des sociétés mères et des entreprises donneuses d'ordre : [FR](#)**

*Comment:* This law requires all major French companies to implement vigilance plans to prevent serious human rights violations.

**Premier plan d'action national contre la traite des êtres humains de 2014 (2014/2016) : [FR](#)**

**Second plan d'action national contre la traite des êtres humains de 2019 (2019-2021) : [FR](#)**

*Comment:* The two successive action plans are non-binding documents, but they demonstrate France's commitment to combating THB.

Trafficking and exploitation of human beings in France: administrative data, Grand angle, Observatoire national de la délinquance et des réponses pénales, n°52, October 2019 | [FR](#)

## II. Instruments relating to certain forms of exploitation

### A. Slavery and Forced Labor

- [United Nations \(UN\)](#)

**Slavery Convention**, signed in Geneva on 25 September 1926, entered into force on 9 March 1927, in accordance with the provisions of article 12 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

- **Protocol amending the Slavery Convention signed at Geneva on September 25, 1926**, approved by General Assembly resolution 794 (VIII) of October 23, 1953, which entered into force on December 7, 1953, in accordance with the provisions of Article III.  
[Text:](#) [FR](#) (p.9) | [EN](#) (p.5) | [ES](#) (p.21)

**Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery**, adopted by a Conference of Plenipotentiaries convened in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 608 (XXI) of 30 April 1956. Entry into force: April 30, 1957, in accordance with the provisions of Article 13.

[Text](#) [FR](#) (p.45) | [EN](#) (p. 39) | [ES](#) (p.67)

- [International Labour Organization \(ILO\)](#)

**Convention No. 29 on forced labor of June 28, 1930**, effective May 1, 1932 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Convention No. 105 on the Abolition of Forced Labour of 25 June 1957**, which came into force on January 17, 1959 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Convention No. 182 on the Worst Forms of Child Labor of June 17, 1999**, which came into effect on November 19, 2000 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

## B. Other types of forms

- Sexual exploitation

UN - **Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others**, approved by General Assembly resolution 317 (IV) of December 2, 1949, concluded at Lake Success on March 21, 1950, and entered into force on July 25, 1951, in accordance with the provisions of Article 24.

[Text](#) | EN (p. 5) FR (p. 13) ES (p.36)

Council of Europe - **Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse** (Lanzarote Convention), signed on 25 October 2007 and entered into force on 1 July 2010 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

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| + U.S. Department of Justice : - Child pornography   <a href="#">EN</a><br>- Citizen's guide to U.S. federal law on child   <a href="#">EN</a> |
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- Organ trafficking

UN - **Istanbul Declaration against organ trafficking and transplant tourism** of 2008.

[FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

Council of Europe - **Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs**, open for signature since March 2015 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* The Convention calls on governments to criminalize the illegal removal of human organs from living or deceased donors and also provides for protection and compensation of victims, as well as prevention measures to ensure transparency and equitable access to transplant services.

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| + Parliamentary Assembly report "Inhumane treatment of persons and illicit trafficking in human organs in Kosovo" by rapporteur Mr Dick Marty, 7 January 2011   <a href="#">FR</a>   <a href="#">EN</a> |
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- Forced marriage

UN - **Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages** of November 7, 1962 | [Text](#): FR (p.11 ) | EN (p.5 ) | ES (p.31)

## III. Instrument to prohibit the smuggling of migrants

Human trafficking, which is a crime against a person (human rights violation) that can be cross-border or purely national in nature, should not be confused with migrant smuggling, which is a crime against the State that necessarily occurs at an international border crossing.
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- **Protocol to Combat the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air**, supplementing the supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, adopted on November 15, 2000 by General Assembly resolution 55/25 and entered into force on January 28, 2004. January 28, 2004 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* This Protocol is the twin of the one on trafficking in human beings. Both were adopted on 15 November 2000 by the same resolution and complement the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, adopted on the same day, by targeting a specific manifestation of crime (a third Protocol was added in 2001 on trafficking in firearms).

## Part 2: Other legal instruments relevant to human trafficking

UN — **Charter of the United Nations** signed on June 26, 1945, at the end of the United Nations Conference for International Organization and entered into force on October 24, 1945. [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* Article 1 of the Charter recalls the purposes and principles of the United Nations, which are the maintenance of international peace and security and the achievement of international cooperation in solving international problems, especially humanitarian ones. To this end, states shall promote and encourage respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms of all human beings without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion.

UN — **Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**, Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 25 September 2015 (A/RES/70/1) | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* "The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development [also known as Agenda 2030] is an action plan for humanity, planet and prosperity. It also aims to strengthen peace around the world in larger freedom. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals ([FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)), with their 169 targets, form the core of the 2030 Agenda. They cover the full range of sustainable development issues: climate, biodiversity, energy, water, but also poverty, gender equality, economic prosperity and peace, agriculture, education... More specifically, Goal 8, on decent work and ending the exploitation of child labour and sexual exploitation, and Goal 16, on strong institutions and peace, recognise that we cannot have this while trafficking persists.

### I. Human Rights

#### A. Universal instruments

- [United Nations \(UN\)](#)

**Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)** adopted on December 10, 1948 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* The UDHR is the first universal recognition that fundamental rights and freedoms are inherent to every human being. It is not itself legally binding, but it has a strong moral force and has inspired many legally binding international human rights treaties. The UDHR, based on the principles of human dignity and equality, prohibits in particular "slavery and the slave trade" in all their forms in its article 4, and also recalls the right to life, liberty and security (article 3), the right to work and in particular to a satisfactory remuneration (article 22) etc.

**International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination**, adopted and opened for signature and ratification by General Assembly resolution 2106 (XX) of December 21, 1965, entered into force January 4, 1969 (in accordance with the provisions of Article 19).

[FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* This Convention recalls the importance of the principles of dignity and equality and proclaims that every human being should be entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in the UDHR without distinction of any kind (such as race, color or national origin).

**International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)** adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession by General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI) of December 16, 1966, which entered into force on January 3, 1976, in accordance with the provisions of article 27.

[FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* The purpose of this treaty is to ensure the full realization of the economic, social and cultural rights protected in the Covenant, including the right to work, the right to health, the right to education and the right to an adequate standard of living. It is an integral part of the International Bill of Human Rights, together with the

Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the First and Second Optional Protocols thereto.

**International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)**, adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession by General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI) of December 16, 1966, entered into force March 23, 1976 (in accordance with Article 49) | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* The purpose of this Covenant is to protect the traditional rights and freedoms of individuals against state interference, such as the right to life, the prohibition of torture, slavery and forced labour (article 8) and the right to liberty (article 9).

**Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women of 18 December 1979**, adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession by General Assembly resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* The Convention occupies an important place among international human rights treaties and recalls the inalienable rights of women, half of the world population. Article 6 is dedicated to trafficking and will be complemented by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) General Recommendation No. 38 (2020) on trafficking in women and girls in the context of global migration. This instrument marked the culmination of more than 30 years of work by the Commission on the Status of Women, a body founded in 1946 by the UN to examine the situation of women and promote their rights, and has helped to highlight all areas in which women are denied equality with men.

**Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment**, adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession by General Assembly resolution 39/46 of December 10, 1984, and entered into force: June 26, 1987 (in accordance with the provisions of Article 27) | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Convention on the Rights of the Child of 20 November 1989**, adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession by General Assembly resolution 44/25 of 20 November 1989. [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* This Convention specifically recognizes and protects the rights of children and introduces the concept of the best interests of the child (article 3), making the child a subject of law, the principle of non-discrimination (article 2), the right to survival and development (article 6) and the right to education (article 28). It is completed by 3 Optional Protocols.

- **Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict (OPAC)**, entered into force on February 12, 2002 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)
- **Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography** of May 25, 2000, which entered into force on January 18, 2002 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

+ UNICEF, **Handbook On The Optional Protocol On The Sale Of Children, Child prostitution and chil pornography**, 2009 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) |

- **Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child "establishing a communications procedure"** adopted by the UN General Assembly on December 19, 2011. [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* Children whose rights have been violated or abused will be able to file complaints with the Committee on the Rights of the Child, individually or as a group, after having exhausted all legal remedies in their own country. Only children whose Governments have ratified the Optional Protocol establishing a communications procedure can file a complaint with the Committee on the Rights of the Child.



**International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families**, adopted by General Assembly resolution 45/158 of 18 December 1990 and entered into force on 1 July 2003 (in accordance with article 87, paragraph 1) | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* This Convention reaffirms the application of human rights to migrant workers and their families, including the right to life (article 9), the prohibition of torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment (article 10), the prohibition of slavery, servitude or forced labour (article 11), the right to treatment no less favourable than that of remuneration (article 25), etc.

**Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities** of 13 December 2006 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* The purpose of this Convention is to promote, protect and fulfil the dignity, equality before the law, human rights and fundamental freedoms of persons with disabilities so that they may fully enjoy the fundamental rights inherent in all human beings.

## **B. Regional legal instruments**

- EUROPE — Council of Europe

**Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (ECHR)**, signed by the member states of the Council of Europe on November 4, 1950 and entered into force on September 3, 1953 (as amended by Protocols No. 11 and No. 14) | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* Modelled on the UDHR, this Convention recognizes the right to life (article 2), the prohibition of torture (article 3), the prohibition of slavery, servitude or forced labour (article 4), the right to liberty and security (article 5), etc. It has been supplemented or amended by numerous additional protocols. It has been supplemented or amended by numerous additional protocols.

**European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment** opened for signature on November 26, 1987 and entered into force on February 1, 1989 for States Parties | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities** of 1 February 1995 was adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 10 November 1994 and opened for signature by the Member States on 1 February 1995 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* This Convention allows individuals to determine whether they belong to a minority and recognizes a collective right for these indigenous minorities.

**European Social Charter of Strasbourg** signed on October 18, 1961 in Turin and revised on May 3, 1996 in Strasbourg | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* The Charter guarantees the fundamental economic and social rights of all individuals in their daily lives, taking into account the evolution of society since 1961. It guarantees new rights such as protection against poverty and social exclusion and reinforces principles such as the improvement of gender equality, the protection of maternity and the social, legal and economic protection of children at work and outside work.

**Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Dignity of the Human Being with regard to the Application of Biology and Medicine: Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine**, signed on April 4, 1997 in Oviedo (Spain) and entered into force on December 1, 1999.  
[FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* This Convention is the first binding international legal instrument concerning the protection of the dignity, rights and freedoms of the human being against the abusive application of biological and medical

progress. In particular, it prohibits the removal of organs from a person who does not have the capacity to consent (Article 20) as well as the use of a part of the human body for profit (Articles 21 and 22).

**Strategy for the right of the child (2022-2027)** [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

- EUROPE — European Union

**Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union** signed and proclaimed on December 7, 2000, implemented by the Treaty of Nice (2001) | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* This Charter has been legally binding since the Treaty of Lisbon (2007) and it acquired full binding force with the Treaty on European Union (Article 6, paragraph 1 TEU), as revised by the Treaty of Lisbon of 13 December 2007, which entered into force on 1 December 2009. Since that date, the Charter has had the same value as the treaties.

- AMERICAS

**American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man**

adopted on May 2, 1948 in Bogota, Colombia | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**American Convention on Human Rights** adopted on November 22, 1969 at a meeting of most of the States of the American continent in San José, Costa Rica and entered into force on July 18, 1978.

[FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

- **Additional Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights** of November 17, 1988 (Protocol of San Salvador) | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Inter-American Convention to Prevent and Punish Torture**, entered into force February 28, 1987.

[FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women** (Convention of Belém do Pará), adopted on June 9, 1994

and entered into force on March 5, 1995 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Andean Charter for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights** of July 26, 2002. Andean Community: Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

- AFRICA — Organization of African Unity (OAU) - now African Union (AU)

**African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights** adopted on June 27, 1981 in Nairobi (Kenya) at the 18th Conference of the OAU. It came into force on October 21, 1986,

after its ratification by 25 States | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

- **Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women** (Maputo Protocol), adopted on July 11, 2003 and entered into force on November 25, 2005.  
[FR](#) | [EN](#)

*Comment:* Article 4 of the Protocol obliges states, among other things, to "punish the perpetrators of violence against women and implement programs for their rehabilitation" (para. 2.e) and "to prevent and condemn trafficking in women, prosecute the perpetrators of such trafficking and protect the women most at risk." (para. 2.g).

**African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child** of July 11, 1990 and entered into force on November 29, 1999 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* Article 23 of this Charter relates to girls and young women and protects them from all forms of violence including sexual exploitation, trafficking and prostitution. Article 29 specifically addresses the sale, trafficking and abduction of children.

**African Youth Charter** of July 2, 2006, entered into force on August 8, 2009 | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

*Comment:* The African Youth Charter is the first legal framework instituted in Africa by actors involved in the field of youth and supports national policies, programs and actions for youth development.

- [AFRICA - ECOWAS](#)

**Child Policy 2019-2030** | [EN](#)

*Comment:* The initial ECOWAS Child Policy was developed to support the promotion and fulfilment of children's rights in West Africa, focusing on four key priority areas: Survival, Development, Protection and Participation.

- [NORTH AFRICA and MIDDLE EAST](#)

**Arab Charter on Human Rights**, 1994 revised version adopted in May 2004 and entered into force on March 15, 2008 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* The Arab Charter on Human Rights, issued by the Council of the Arab League, while having been recognized by the UN as a regional human rights instrument, is still very weak in terms of its practical application. Unlike the Cairo Declaration of Human Rights in Islam, the 1994 Charter does not have a religious basis.

**Universal Islamic Declaration of Human Rights**, Islamic Council of Europe of September 19, 1981 in Paris during a meeting organized at Unesco | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Covenant on the Rights of the Child in Islam** of June 2005 | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

- [ASIA — Association of Southeast Asian Nations \(ASEAN\)](#)

**Human Rights Declaration**, 18 November 2012 | [EN](#)

## II. Labour Law

### A. Universal legal instruments

- International Labour Organization (ILO)

#### **ILO Constitution** of 1919 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* "Universal and lasting peace can only be founded on the basis of social justice". This statement opens the preamble to the ILO Constitution and clearly places the preservation of peace at the center of the Organization's activities. The ILO Constitution provides for the protection of the interests of workers when they are employed in a country other than their country of origin.

**Convention No. 29 on forced labor** of June 28, 1930, which entered into force on May 1, 1932.

[FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Convention No. 97 on Migrant Workers (Revised)** of 1 July 1949, which came into effect on January 22, 1952 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

+ Recommendation No. 86 on Migrant Workers (Revised) of 1949 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

+ Recommendation No. 151 on Migrant Workers, 1975 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Convention No. 143 on Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions)** of June 24, 1975, effective December 09, 1978 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* This Convention deals with migration in abusive conditions and the promotion of equality of opportunity and treatment of migrant workers.

**Convention No. 105 on the Abolition of Forced Labour** of 25 June 1957, entered into force on January 17, 1959 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

#### NEWS

Accused of using forced labour on Uyghurs and facing pressure from Western countries, **China announced on Wednesday 20 April 2022 that it had approved the ratification of the two fundamental conventions of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), prohibiting forced labour (Convention no. 29) and abolishing forced labour (Convention no. 105).**

[Pressured by the West, China to sign conventions against forced labor](#), Le Monde

**Convention No. 182 on the Worst Forms of Child Labour** of June 17, 1999, which entered into force on November 19, 2000 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

#### + **International Labour Office (ILO) document:**

Protecting the rights of migrant workers: a shared responsibility, Geneva, International Labour Office, 2010 | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

*Comment:* The ILO hopes that this document will be a useful tool for Governments, workers' and employers' organizations, and all other stakeholders, to improve the protection of their workers abroad and migrant workers in their countries.

**Convention (No. 189) on domestic workers** of 16 June 2011, entered into force on 05 September 2013 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

- + Making decent work a reality for domestic workers, Progress and prospects ten years after the adoption of the Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189) | [EN](#)  
Executive Summary: [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

- [United Nations \(UN\)](#)

**International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families**, adopted by General Assembly resolution 45/158 of December 18, 1990 and entered into force on July 1, 2003 (in accordance with article 87, paragraph 1) | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* This Convention reaffirms the application of human rights to migrant workers and their families, including the prohibition of slavery, servitude or forced labour (article 11), the right to treatment no less favourable than that of remuneration (article 25) etc.

## B. Regional legal instruments

- [EUROPE — Council of Europe](#)

**European Convention on the Legal Status of Migrant Workers**, opened for signature on November 24, 1977 and entered into force on May 1, 1983 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

- [EUROPE — European Union \(EU\)](#)

**Directive 2014/67/EU** of 15 May 2014 on the implementation of Directive 96/71/EC concerning the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services (amended in 2020).  
[FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Directive 2014/36/EU** of 26 February 2014 on the conditions of entry and residence for third-country nationals for the purpose of employment as seasonal workers | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

- [AMERICAS — Organization of American States \(OAS\)](#)

**American Convention on Human Rights** adopted on November 22, 1969 at a meeting of most of the States of the American continent in San José, Costa Rica and entered into force on July 18, 1978.  
[FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

- **Additional Protocol to the American Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights** of November 17, 1988 (Protocol of San Salvador) | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* The Convention contains provisions on freedom of association and forced labour, while the Additional Protocol deals more specifically with rights such as the right to work, to just, fair and favourable conditions of work, and to trade union and social security rights.

- [AMERICAS — North American Free Trade Agreement \(NAFTA\)](#)

**North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation (NAALC)** 1994 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* This agreement provides for rights relating to freedom of association, the right to collective bargaining, the right to strike, prohibition of forced labor, labor protection for children and youth, minimum employment

standards, elimination of discrimination in employment, equal remuneration for women and men, prevention of occupational accidents and diseases, compensation for occupational accidents and diseases, and protection for migrant workers.

- AFRICA — African Union (AU)

**African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights** of 1981 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child** of 1990 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* The Charter provides that every child shall be protected from all forms of economic exploitation and from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with the child's physical, mental, spiritual, moral or social development.

- ASIA — Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

**ASEAN Human Rights Declaration**, 18 November 2012 | [EN](#)

### III. Refugee and migrant law

#### A. Universal legal instruments

- [United Nations \(UN\)](#)

**Convention relating to the Status of Refugees**, adopted on 28 July 1951 and entered into force on 22 April 1954 (in accordance with the provisions of Article 43)

[FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

- **Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees** of January 31, 1967 and entered into force on October 04, 1967 (in accordance with the provisions of Article VIII)  
[FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons**, adopted on 28 September 1954 and entered into force on 6 June 1960 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* "In 1951, the United Nations General Assembly convened a Conference of Plenipotentiaries to draft an international treaty on refugees and stateless persons. While the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees was adopted that year, international negotiations on the protection needs of stateless persons continued. The Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons was adopted in 1954. Defining the framework for the international protection of stateless persons, it codifies the rights of stateless persons in the most comprehensive way ever attempted internationally."

**United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea Montego Bay** of December 10, 1982, entered into force November 16, 1994 (in accordance with Article 308, paragraph 1).

[Text](#): [FR](#) (p. 435) | [EN](#) (p. 239) | [ES](#) (p. 897)

**Declaration on the human rights of persons who do not possess the nationality of the country in which they live**, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/144 of 13 December 1985.

[FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families**, adopted by General Assembly resolution 45/158 of 18 December 1990 and entered into force on 1 July 2003 (in accordance with article 87, paragraph 1) | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement**, February 11, 1998 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* These guidelines aim to address the particular needs of internally displaced persons around the world. They identify rights and guarantees for the protection of persons from forced displacement and the protection and assistance that should be provided to them during the displacement process, as well as during their return or resettlement and reintegration. For example, Principle 6 states that "Every human being has the right to be protected against arbitrary displacement from his or her home or place of habitual residence."

**New York Declaration on Refugees and Migrants**, adopted by General Assembly resolution of 19 September 2016 (A/RES/71/1) | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* This Declaration reaffirms the importance of the international refugee regime and has paved the way for the adoption of two global compacts: "Annex I to this Declaration proposes a comprehensive framework for action on refugees and sets out steps towards the adoption of a global compact on refugees in 2018, and Annex II sets out steps towards the adoption of a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration in 2018."

**Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration**, prepared under the auspices of the United Nations and adopted at an intergovernmental conference on migration in Marrakech, December 10, 2018 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* The Global Compact for Migration is non-legally binding. It is the first-ever comprehensive UN agreement on a common approach to international migration in all its dimensions. It is based on values such as state sovereignty, shared responsibility, non-discrimination and human rights, and recognizes the need for a cooperative approach to maximize the global benefits of migration, while taking into account the risks and challenges faced by migrants and communities in countries of origin, transit or destination.

**Global Compact on Refugees**, approved by the General Assembly resolution of 17 December 2018 in New York (A/RES/73/151) | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* The Global Compact on Refugees is a framework for more predictable and equitable responsibility sharing, recognising that a durable solution to refugee situations cannot be found without international cooperation. It provides a blueprint for governments, international organisations and other stakeholders to ensure that host communities receive the support they need and that refugees can lead productive lives.

- [International Maritime Organization \(IMO\)](#)

**International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS)**, adopted on November 1, 1974 and entered into force on May 25, 1980 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR Convention)** adopted on 27 April 1979 and entered into force on 22 June 1985 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

- [International Organization for Migration \(IOM\)](#)

**IML information note on the principle of non-refoulement**, April 2014 | [EN](#)

**IML information note on the protection of unaccompanied migrant children**, October 2016 | [EN](#)

**IML information note on international standards on immigration detention and non-custodial measures**, October 2016 | [EN](#)

### FOCUS ON THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-REFOULEMENT

The principle of non-refoulement, first enshrined in the 1951 Geneva Refugee Convention, is now a rule of international human rights law and international refugee law at the international and regional levels. Furthermore, the prohibition of refoulement to a country where a migrant would be at risk of torture, ill-treatment or loss of life is a rule of customary international law and a peremptory and absolute norm of jus cogens.

**Advisory Opinion on the Extra-Territorial Application of Non-Refoulement Obligations** under the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Geneva, January 26, 2007 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) blog:**

- The principle of non-refoulement in the migration context: 5 key points, March 30 2018, Tilman Rodenhäusern, Thematic Legal Adviser, ICRC | [EN](#)
- The principle of non-refoulement under Islamic law and international law: complementing international legal protection in Muslim contexts, June 20 2021, Ahmed Al-Dawoody, Islamic Law and Jurisprudence Legal Adviser, ICRC & Tilman Rodenhäusern, Thematic Legal Adviser, ICRC | [EN](#)

**Brief of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Legal Immigration**



**Network, Inc. and Catholic Charities USA as *amici curiae* supporting respondents**  
(Supreme Court of the United States, No. 19.1212) | [EN](#)

*Commentary:* On January 28, 2019, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security launched the PPM, which forces asylum seekers entering the United States through its southern border to return to highly dangerous areas in Mexico while awaiting adjudication of their asylum claims. The PPM blatantly violates [the principle of non-refoulement] by sending tens of thousands of asylum seekers back to Mexico, where they face widespread persecution and violence. The intended effects of the MPP are also contrary to the fundamental beliefs of the Catholic Church and its social teaching regarding the life and dignity of human persons.

**The Principle of Non-Refoulement: Article 3 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment in Comparison with the Non-Refoulement Provisions of Other International Human Rights Treaties**, David Weissbrodt  
University of Minnesota Isabel Hörtreiter, Humbolt-Universität (Student), *Buffalo Human Rights Law Review* | [EN](#)

## **B. Regional legal instruments**

- [EUROPE — Council of Europe](#)

**Resolution 14 on asylum for persons threatened with persecution** of June 29, 1967 adopted by the Ministers' Deputies | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

**Declaration on Territorial Asylum**, adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 18 November 1977, at the 278th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

**European Convention on the Legal Status of Migrant Workers**, opened for signature on 24 November 1977 and entered into force on 1 May 1983 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

- [EUROPE — European Union \(EU\)](#)

**Council Directive 2002/90/EC of 28 November 2002 defining the facilitation of unauthorized entry, transit and residence** | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Directive 2004/81/EC of 29 April 2004 on the residence permit issued to third-country nationals who are victims of trafficking in human beings or who have been the subject of an action to facilitate illegal immigration, who cooperate with the competent authorities** | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* Creation of a "residence permit for victims of trafficking in human beings" or, for those Member States that wish to do so, "for third-country nationals who have been the subject of illegal immigration assistance, for whom the residence permit constitutes a sufficient incentive for them to cooperate with the competent authorities, while being subject to certain conditions to prevent abuse".

**Council Directive 2004/83/EC of 29 April 2004 on minimum standards for the qualification and status of third country nationals or stateless persons as refugees or as persons who otherwise need international protection and the content of the protection granted** | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Directive 2013/33/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 laying down standards for the reception of persons seeking international protection** (recast of Directive 2003/9/EC) | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Directive 2013/32/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on common procedures for granting and withdrawing international protection** (recast of Directive 2005/85/EC) | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

- [AFRICA — Organisation of African Unity \(OAU\)](#)

**OAU Convention Governing the Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa of 1969**, adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government at the Sixth Ordinary Session, Addis Ababa, 10 September 1969 | [FR](#) (p.13) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

African Inter-Parliamentary Conference: "Refugees in Africa: Protection Challenges and Solutions", Cotonou, Benin, June 1-3, 2004 | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

*Comment:* The Regional Conference for African Parliaments on the theme "Refugees in Africa: Protection Challenges and Solutions" was held in Cotonou, Benin, from 1 to 3 June 2004. Organized by the African Parliamentary Union in partnership with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and with the sponsorship of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the purpose of the conference was to facilitate an exchange of views among parliamentarians on a subject of particular concern to Africa, and to identify long-term parliamentary and inter-parliamentary action.

**Kampala Convention:** African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa, adopted on 23 October 2009 and entered into force on 6 December 2012. [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* The Kampala Convention is the world's first and only regional legally binding instrument for the protection and assistance of IDPs, who often face increased risks, violations and sexual violence as a result of displacement, as they struggle to exercise their rights and access basic protection benefits. They are often in need of life-saving humanitarian assistance.

- [AMERICAS](#)

**Cartagena Declaration on Refugees**, adopted at a colloquium entitled "*Coloquio Sobre la Protección Internacional de los Refugiados en América Central, México y Panamá: Problemas Jurídicos y Humanitarios*" held in Cartagena (Colombia) from November 19 to 22, 1984. [Text:](#) [FR](#) (p.23) | [EN](#) (p.34) | [ES](#) (p.3)

**San José Declaration on Refugees and Displaced Persons** of December 7, 1994 (Cartagena +10). [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Mexico City Declaration and Plan of Action to Strengthen International Protection of Refugees in Latin America** of November 16, 2004 (Cartagena +20) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Brazil's Declaration and Plan of Action "A Framework for Regional Cooperation and Solidarity to Strengthen the International Protection of Refugees, Displaced Persons and Stateless Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean"**, of December 3, 2014 (Cartagena +30). [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

+ **Document on the Cartagena Process:**

*The Cartagena Process: 30 years of innovation and solidarity*, Carlos Maldonado Castillo, June 2015 | [FR](#)

**Principles and Criteria for the Protection and Assistance to Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons from Central America in Latin America** of 1989 | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Recommendation of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights on Asylum and International Crimes** of October 20, 2000 | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

## IV. Judicial cooperation

### A. Universal legal instruments

- United Nations (UN)

**Convention against Transnational Organized Crime** adopted by General Assembly resolution 55/25 on November 15, 2000 and entered into force on September 29, 2003 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* This Convention is the main instrument in the fight against transnational organized crime. It is complemented by two protocols adopted by the same resolution, each targeting specific activities and manifestations of crime: the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, and the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air. In 2001, the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition was added with resolution 55/225.

- **Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children**, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, adopted on November 15, 2000 by General Assembly resolution 55/25 and entered into force on December 25, 2003 (Palermo Protocol).  
[Text](#) | [EN](#) (p.14) [FR](#) (p.25) [ES](#) (p.50)
- **Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air**, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, adopted on November 15, 2000 by General Assembly resolution 55/25, and entered into force on January 28, 2004 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Convention against Corruption** adopted by the United Nations General Assembly resolution 58/4 of October 31, 2003 and entered into force on December 14, 2005 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Model Treaty on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters** adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/117 on December 14, 1990 and amended by the Assembly in its resolution 53/112 on December 9, 1998 | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

**Model Treaty on Extradition** adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/116 on December 14, 1990 and amended by the Assembly in its resolution 52/88 on December 12, 1997.  
[FR](#) | [EN](#)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Manual on mutual legal assistance and extradition, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Vienna, October 2012   <a href="#">FR</a>   <a href="#">EN</a>   <a href="#">ES</a></li></ul> |
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### B. Regional legal instruments

- EUROPE — Council of Europe

**European Convention on Extradition** of December 13, 1957, which entered into force on April 18, 1960 (since supplemented by additional protocols) | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

*Comment:* "This Convention provides for the extradition, between Parties, of persons prosecuted for an offence or sought for the enforcement of a sentence. It has since been supplemented by additional protocols."

**European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters** of April 20, 1959, which entered into force on June 12, 1962 (since supplemented in connection with EU law) | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

*Comment:* Treaty open for signature by Member States and for accession by non-Member States. Under this Convention, the Parties agree to afford each other the widest measure of mutual legal assistance in the taking of evidence, the hearing of witnesses, experts and accused persons, etc. The Convention also sets out the requirements for requests for mutual assistance or letters rogatory (transmitting agencies, languages used, refusal of mutual legal assistance).

**European Convention on Information on Foreign Law** of June 7, 1968, entered into force on December 17, 1969 | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

*Comment:* "By this Convention, the Parties undertake to provide the authorities of other Parties, when problems of foreign law arise in connection with judicial proceedings, with information concerning their law and procedure in civil and commercial matters and their judicial organization.

**European Convention on the International Validity of Criminal Judgments** of May 28, 1970, entered into force on July 26, 1974 | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

*Comment:* Under this Convention, any Party has jurisdiction to enforce a sanction imposed in another Party, if the latter so requests, if the offence for which the sanction was imposed is also an offence under the law of the requested State, and if the decision taken in the requesting State is final and enforceable. This Convention is important insofar as it promotes the rehabilitation of convicted persons.

**European Convention on the Transfer of Proceedings in Criminal Matters** of 15 May 1972, which entered into force on 30 March 1978 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime** of November 8, 1990, entered into force on September 1, 1993 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* The purpose of the Convention is to facilitate international cooperation and mutual assistance in the investigation, tracing, seizure and confiscation of the proceeds of all types of crime. The Convention is intended to assist Parties to achieve a similar level of effectiveness, even in the absence of comprehensive legislation.

**Criminal Law Convention on Corruption** of 27 January 1999 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* The Criminal Law Convention on Corruption is an ambitious instrument to criminalize a wide range of corrupt conduct in a coordinated manner and to improve international cooperation to expedite or enable the prosecution of both bribes and corruption.

- [EUROPE — European Union \(EU\)](#)

**Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Member States of the European Union**, established by the Council on 29 May 2000 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Council Framework Decision of 13 June 2002 on the European arrest warrant and the surrender procedures between Member States** | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Directive 2011/36** of 5 April 2011 **on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting victims** | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* This directive replaces Framework Decision 2002/629 of 19 July 2002 on combating trafficking in human beings.

**Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on combating the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child pornography and replacing Council Framework Decision 2004/68/JHA** | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Directive 2012/29** of 25 October 2012 **establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of crime victims** and replacing Council Framework Decision 2001/220/JHA.  
[FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Directive 2014/42/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014 on the freezing and confiscation of instrumentalities and the proceeds of crime in the European Union.**  
[FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Directive 2014/41/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014 on the European Investigation Order in criminal matters** | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

- AFRICA — Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

**Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters**, Dakar, 29 July 1992 | [FR](#) (p.109)

**Extradition Convention**, 1994 | [FR](#) (p.124)

**Protocol on Combating Corruption**, 2001 | [FR](#) (p.136) | [EN](#)

- AFRICA — West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU)

**Directive n°07/2002/CM/UEMOA on the fight against money laundering**, 2002 | [FR](#)

- AFRICA — African Union (AU)

**African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights**, 1981 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption**, 2003 | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

- ASIA — Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

**Treaty on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters**, adopted November 29, 2004 | [EN](#)

- MIDDLE EAST

**Riyadh Arab Agreement for Judicial Cooperation**, League of Arab States, April 6, 1983. [EN](#) - Unofficial translation

**League of Arab States Convention against Corruption**, signed on December 21, 2010 | [EN](#)

- AMERICA — Organization of African States (OAS)

**Inter-American Convention on Extradition**, adopted on February 25, 1981 and entered into force on August 8, 1995 | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters**, adopted on May 23, 1992 and entered into force on April 14, 1996 (in accordance with Article 37 of the Convention) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Inter-American Convention against Corruption**, adopted on March 29, 1996 | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

- [Commonwealth of Independent States](#)

**Convention on Legal Assistance and Legal Relations in Civil, Family and Criminal Matters**, adopted in Minsk on January 22, 1993 (the Minsk Convention) | [EN](#)

## V. International Criminal Law

**London Agreement** (known as the **Nuremberg Statute**) of August 8, 1945 (Agreement between the Provisional Government of the French Republic and the Governments of the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics concerning the prosecution and punishment of the major war criminals of the European Axis Powers and the Statute of the International Military Tribunal annexed to the Agreement) | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

*Comment:* This tribunal was charged with judging the main war criminals of Nazi Germany for three kinds of crimes defined in article 6 of the annexed statute: crimes against peace, war crimes and crimes against humanity: "that is to say, murder, extermination, enslavement, deportation, and any other inhumane act committed against any civilian population, before or during the war [...]". The trial was held from November 20, 1945 to October 1, 1946.

**Charter of the International Military Tribunal for the Far East (IMTFE)**  
(known as the **Tokyo Tribunal**) approved by General MacArthur on January 19, 1946 | [EN](#)

**Updated Statute of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)**, adopted by United Nations Security Council Resolution 827 (1993) and amended several times (updated version of September 2009) | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* The International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) was established to prosecute and try persons responsible for serious violations of international humanitarian law in the territories of the former Yugoslavia from January 1, 1991. It includes crimes against humanity, which include enslavement during armed conflict (Article 5).

**Statute of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR)**, adopted by United Nations Security Council Resolution 955 (1994) of November 8, 1994 (Statute of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighboring States between January 1 and December 31, 1994) | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* This tribunal was established to punish serious violations of international humanitarian law committed on Rwandan territory in 1994. It includes crimes against humanity, which include enslavement during armed conflict (Article 3).

**The Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC)** was adopted following a United Nations diplomatic conference, known as the Rome Conference, on 17 July 1998. It entered into force on July 1, 2002 after ratification by 60 States | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* The Rome Statute is the treaty that creates the ICC - the first permanent international criminal court - to try those responsible for the most serious crimes. The Statute defines the international crimes over which the Court has jurisdictional authority. Crimes against humanity are also included, but for the first time it is specified that enslavement is "the exercise of any or all of the powers attaching to the right of ownership over a person, including through trafficking in persons, especially women and children;" in Article 7 paragraph 2 c). In addition, sexual slavery and forced prostitution are explicitly listed as crimes against humanity.

+ **Ongwen Case**, The Prosecutor v. Dominic Ongwen, ICC-02/04-01/15 | [EN](#)  
**The ICC's First 'Forced Pregnancy' Case in Historical Perspective**, Journal of International Criminal Justice, Volume 15, Issue 5, December 2017, Pages 905–930 | [EN](#)



## VI. International Humanitarian Law (IHL)

### A. IHL Treaty Law

**Geneva Conventions** of August 12, 1949 which entered into force on October 21, 1950.

- **Convention I** of Geneva for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field).
- **Convention II** of Geneva for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea.
- **Convention III** of Geneva relative to the treatment of prisoners of war.
- **Convention IV** of Geneva relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War.

[FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949** adopted at Geneva on 8 June 1977:

- **Protocol I** relating to the protection of victims of international armed conflicts.
- **Protocol II** relating to the protection of victims of non-international armed conflicts.

[FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

### B. Customary IHL

**Customary international humanitarian law,**

Jean-Marie HENCKAERTS and Louise DOSWALD-BECK (ICRC), 2006 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* Custom evolves and adapts to state practice. The ICRC has identified customary rules in two volumes: one on customary rules and one on the practice of customary rules. Their work has sometimes been criticized as being too militant and not sufficiently representative of the reality of customary practice.

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| + International Review of the Red Cross, <b>Sexual violence in armed conflicts: A violation of international humanitarian law and human rights law</b> , Gloria Gaggioli, 2014   <a href="#">FR</a>   <a href="#">EN</a> |
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## VII. Environmental law

Climate and environmental changes have a significant impact on HT. They affect the living environment, access to resources, and the exploitation of these necessary resources, making individuals and populations more vulnerable to trafficking.

- [United Nations \(UN\)](#)

### **Convention of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO)**

signed on 11 October 1947 and entered into force on 23 March 1950 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* The WMO is a specialized agency of the UN. "Considering the need to work towards sustainable development, to reduce the loss of life and damage caused by natural disasters and other extreme weather, climate and water-related events, and to protect the global environment and climate for the benefit of present and future generations"

### **United Nations Conference on the Environment, June 5-16, 1972, in Stockholm, resulted in the Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Environment - Stockholm Declaration of 1972** | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* Not legally binding. During this United Nations conference, the first world conference to make the environment a major issue, the Stockholm Declaration, an action plan and resolutions were adopted on the subject, marking the beginning of a dialogue between industrialized and developing countries concerning the link between economic growth, pollution of the global environment (air, water, oceans) and the well-being of people around the world.

**United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea Montego Bay** of December 10, 1982, entered into force November 16, 1994 (in accordance with Article 308, paragraph 1).

[Text:](#) [FR](#) (p. 435) | [EN](#) (p. 239) | [ES](#) (p. 897)

*United Nations Conference on Environment and Development:*

### **Rio Declaration on Environment and Development** of June 1992 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* Not legally binding. Builds on the Declaration of the 1972 Stockholm UN Conference on the Environment and appears to be a compromise between industrialized and developing countries regarding the deterioration of the environment, including its capacity to sustain life, and the increasingly obvious interdependence between long-term economic progress and the need for environmental protection.

### **Convention on Biological Diversity** of June 5, 1992 and entered into force on December 29, 1993. [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) is a legally binding international treaty with three main objectives: the conservation of biological diversity, the sustainable use of biological diversity, and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources. Its overall goal is to encourage actions that will lead to a sustainable future.

### **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)** adopted during the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 and entered into force on March 21, 1994 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* A quasi-universal convention with the objective of stabilizing greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would not lead to dangerous climate change. This framework convention was supplemented by the **Kyoto Protocol** of 1997 and the **Paris Agreement** of 2015.

## Part 3: Reports on trafficking and related crimes

### I. Institutional reports

- [Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights \(OHCHR\)](#)

**United Nations Human Rights Report 2020** | [EN](#)

**United Nations Human Rights Appeal 2021** | [EN](#)

To see previous Annual Reports and Appeals: [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

- [Office of the United Nations on Drugs and Crime \(UNODC\)](#)

**Study on the Effects of New Information Technologies on the Abuse and Exploitation of Children, 2015** | [EN](#)

**Issue Paper, The International Legal Definition of Trafficking in Persons: Consolidation of research findings and reflection on issues raised, 2018** | [EN](#)

**Model legislative provisions against trafficking in persons, 2020** | [EN](#)

**Global Report on Trafficking in Persons, 2020** | [EN](#)

**The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on trafficking in persons and responses to the challenges. A global study of emerging evidence, 2021** | [EN](#)

+ Preliminary results and messages based on a rapid assessment, **Impact Of The Covid-19 Pandemic On Human Trafficking** | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Conflict in Ukraine: key evidence on risks of trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants, March 2022** | [EN](#)

**Female victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation as defendants** | [EN](#)

- [Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees \(UNHCR\)](#)

**Global Report 2020, UNHCR** | [EN](#)

**Global Trends, Forced displacement in 2020** | [EN](#)

- [Special Rapporteurs](#)

UN Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography - Mrs. Maud de Boer-Buquicchio (from 2014 to 2020), **Fact sheet** | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, "**COVID-19 Position Paper - The Impact and Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Trafficked and Exploited Persons**", Judge Maria Grazia Giammarinaro (updated June 8, 2020) | [EN](#)

*46th session of the Human Rights Council (February 22 to March 19, 2021):*

Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, "**Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment**" -

Prof. Nils Melzer.  
[FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*47th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (June 21 to July 9, 2021):*

Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, "**Application of the principle of non-punishment**" - Prof. Siobhán Mullally | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, "**Report on addressing the human rights implications of the return of migrants by land and sea**" - Mr. Felipe González Morales | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, "**Rape as a serious, systematic and widespread violation of human rights, as a crime and as a manifestation of gender-based violence against women and girls, and its prevention**" - Mrs. Dubravka Šimonović. [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*48th session of the Human Rights Council (September 13 to October 8, 2021):*

Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, its causes and consequences, "**Report on the link between displacement and contemporary forms of slavery**" - Prof. Tomoya Obokata.  
[FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*49th session of the Human Rights Council (28 February to 1 April 2022)*

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, **A practical approach to combating the sale and sexual exploitation of children** - Fatima Singhateh | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

- [Secretary-General of the United Nations](#)

**Children and Armed Conflicts, Summary 2020** | [EN](#)

**Children and Armed Conflicts, 6 may 2021** [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons, June 28, 2021**  
[FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

- [UNICEF](#)

**Global Status Report On Preventing Violence Against Children, 2020** | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

**The sale & sexual exploitation of children: digital technology** | [EN](#)

**IOM and UNICEF, Harrowing journeys, Children and youth on the move across the Mediterranean Sea, at risk of trafficking and exploitation** | [EN](#)

**Unicef's Strategy On Preventing And Responding To Sexual Exploitation And Abuse And Sexual Harassment** | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

- [IOM](#)

**IOM, World Migration Report 2022, 1st december 2021** | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

Presentation page : [EN](#)

*Comment:* "The IOM State of the World Migration Report series has been in existence since 2000. The World Migration Report 2022, the eleventh in the series, is designed to increase understanding of migration around the world. This new edition presents key data and information on migration and includes thematic chapters on current migration issues."

- [Council of Europe](#)

**GRETA, 10th General Report on GRETA's Activities** covering the period from 1 January to 31 December 2020 | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

- [European Union](#)

**Report on sexual exploitation and prostitution and its impact on gender equality**, Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, European Parliament, 2014 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

- [OSCE](#)

**Key points from the 20th Alliance Against Trafficking in Persons Conference, Ending Impunity, Achieving Justice by Prosecuting Traffickers**, OSCE, July 20-22, 2020 Vienna, Austria and by teleconference | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

**Applying gender-sensitive approaches in combating trafficking in human beings**, Occasional paper No. 10, Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, OSCE | [EN](#)

*Comment:* "This document brings together the voices of survivors, anti-trafficking experts, service providers and law enforcement to provide a more elaborate account of the gender dimension of human trafficking and to support the implementation of gender-sensitive approaches in accordance with OSCE commitments".

**Trafficking In Human Beings And Terrorism, Where and how they intersect - Analysis and recommendations for more effective policy responses**, 2021 | [EN](#)

- [International Labour Organization \(ILO\)](#)

**Profits and Poverty: The Economics of Forced Labour**, Special Action Programme to Combat Forced Labour (SAP-FL) Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Branch (FPRW), 2014 | [EN](#)

- + Summary : [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Wounded childhood: The use of children in armed conflict in Central Africa**, International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC), ILO, 2003 | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

*Alliance 8.7 :*

[Alliance 8.7](#) is a global partnership committed to take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labour, in accordance with [Target 8.7 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#).

**Ending child labour, forced labour and human trafficking in global supply chains**, 2019, International Labour Organization, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, International Organization for Migration, and United Nations Children's Fund | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

- + Executive summary | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment* : This document present research findings and recommendations on child labour, forced labour and human trafficking in global supply chains. It also represents the first ever attempt to measure these human rights abuses and violations on a large scale.

- [EUROPOL](#)

**Serious and organised crime threat assessment in the EU, A corrupting influence: the infiltration and undermining of the European economy and society by organised crime**, 2021 [EN](#)

- [INTERPOL](#)

**Trafficking in human beings for the purpose of organ removal in North and West Africa**, July 2021 | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

- [Inter-agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in persons \(ICAT\)](#)

**Human trafficking and technology: trends, challenges and opportunities**, July 2019 | [EN](#)  
**Preventing Trafficking In Persons: The Role Of Public Procurement**, October 2021 | [EN](#)

- [U.S. Department of State TIP Report](#)

**Trafficking in Persons Report**, June 2020 | [EN](#)

**Trafficking in Persons Report**, July 2021 | [EN](#)

- [Internet Watch Foundation \(IWF\)](#)

**Annual Report**, 2020 | [EN](#)

## II. Non-governmental reports

Terre des Hommes, **Kids as Commodities? Child trafficking and what to do about it** by Mike Dottridge Foreword by Graça Machel, 2013 | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

Terre des Hommes, **The added value of Protective Accompaniment**, 2014 | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

SOS Children's Villages, **Strengthening communities to support families, How strong social networks support children in sub-Saharan Africa and their families**, 2014 | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

Fondation Hironnelle, **Annual Report 2020** | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

Unseen, **Modern Slavery & Exploitation Helpline Annual Assessment**, 2020 | [EN](#)

### **Australian Catholic Anti-Slavery Network :**

- **Compendium of Modern Slavery Statements**, 2020 | [EN](#)
- **Proposal: Modern Slavery Risk Management Program**, From 2021 to 30 June 2023 | [EN](#)

### **Walk Free :**

- **Reports** released by the Walk Free team | [EN](#)
- **Beyond compliance in the finance sector: A review of statements produced by asset managers under the UK Modern Slavery Act** | [EN](#)

La Strada international, **The impact of COVID-19 on the protection of the rights of victims of trafficking and exploitation**, 2020 | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

Sovereign Order of Malta, **Activity Report 2021** | [EN](#)

*Comment:* The specific section on human trafficking and the use of technology can be found on pages 42-43 of the abovementioned report.

**Harvard & the legacy of slavery**, 22 march 2022 | [EN](#)

*Commentary:* Harvard will spend \$100 million on a fund to support research, education and memory work on racism and slavery from the 17th to the 19th century in the United States. The decision follows a report by a university committee that makes recommendations on how to financially "repair" the exploitation over tens of generations of millions of people forcibly deported from Africa and Europe to America.

Internal displacement monitoring center, **Global Report on Internal Displacement 2022** | [EN](#)

### III. Estimates and global data

- [United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime \(UNODC\)](#)

**United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons**, Basic Facts | [EN](#)

- [United Nations Human Rights \(OHCHR\)](#)

**Human Rights and Human Trafficking**, Fact Sheet No. 36, 2014 | [EN](#)

- [Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees](#)

**Global Trends, Forced displacement in 2020** | [EN](#)

- [International Labour Organization](#)

**Child Labour: Global estimates, 2020, Trends and the Road Forward** | [EN](#)

- + Summary : [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Global Estimates of Modern Slavery**, ILO and Walk Free Foundation, 2017 | [EN](#)

*Global data :*

- The [Counter Trafficking Data Collaborative](#) - Global Data Hub on Human Trafficking

*Comment:* The Counter Trafficking Data Collaborative (CTDC) is the first global data centre on human trafficking, with data provided by organisations from around the world.

- The [Global Migration Data Analysis Centre \(GMDAC\)](#)

*Comment:* The GMDAC was launched globally by IOM with the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), the governments of Germany and the UK and includes human trafficking.

- The [Global Slavery Index](#) (2018) - [Walk Free](#):
  - [Maps](#)
  - More resources - [PDF of the 2018 Global Slavery Index](#)

*Comment:* The Global Slavery Index is a global slavery index (2018 data) that provides a country-by-country ranking of the number of people in modern slavery, as well as an analysis of what governments are doing in response, and what factors make people vulnerable.

+ **Modern slavery: Myths and Facts**, 50forfreedom | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)



## Part 4: Practical tools and documents

### I. General tools

Glossary on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, Second Edition, United Nations, 2017 | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

- [Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights \(OHCHR\)](#)

**Training Package on Reporting to the United Nations Human Rights Treaty Bodies** | [EN](#)

- Part I - Manual | [EN](#)
- Part II - Notes for facilitators | [EN](#)

**The United Nations Human Rights Treaty System** | [EN](#)

**Toolbox on migration narrative change** | [EN](#)

- [Inter-Parliamentary Union \(IPU\)](#)

*Comment:* The main functions of the Parliamentary Union are to defend and promote the rights of ordinary citizens and their representatives in parliament, to create an enabling environment for effective cooperation between parliaments/governments/international human rights institutions/civil society/other international partners active in this field. Also, the Union collaborates with the UN and in particular the UNHCR / HR Council / HR treaty monitoring bodies and encourages Parliaments to participate in the Universal Periodic Review of the HRC.

#### **Handbooks for Parliamentarians:**

- "Migration, Human Rights and Governance," No. 24, 2015 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)
- "International Humanitarian Law," No. 25, 2016 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)
- "Human Rights" No. 26, 2016 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)
- "A guide to international refugee protection and building state asylum systems" No. 27, 2017 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)
- "Good practices in nationality laws for the prevention and reduction of statelessness" No. 29, 2018 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)
- "Fighting Child Trafficking", No. 9, 2005 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)
- "Combating Human Trafficking, No. 16, 2009 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)
- "Eliminating Forced Labor," No. 30, 2019 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

#### **Guides for parliaments and parliamentarians :**

- "Social media guide", 2021 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)
- "Food Systems & Nutrition", 2021 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

### II. Tools to combat trafficking

- [United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime \(UNODC\)](#)

**Toolkit to Combat Trafficking in Persons, Global Programme against Trafficking in Human Beings**, 2006 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment:* "This Toolkit has been developed because there is still much work to be done to understand the most effective ways to prevent and combat trafficking in persons in particular circumstances. It provides a set of conceptual, legislative and organizational tools used in different parts of the world."

**Model Law against Trafficking in Persons**, Vienna, 2009 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

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**Handbook on effective prosecution responses to violence against women and girls**, 2014 | [EN](#)

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Assessment Toolkit, **Trafficking in Persons for the Purpose of Organ Removal**, Vienna, 2015 [EN](#)

**Toolkit For Journalists**, ONUDC and The Arab Initiative to Build National Capacities to Combat Human Trafficking in the Arab Countries Human Trafficking , 2016 | [EN](#)

**Handbook on Children Recruited and Exploited by Terrorist and Violent Extremist Groups: The Role of the Justice System**, 2017 | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

**Handbook for the Judiciary on Effective Criminal Justice Responses to Gender-based Violence against Women and Girls**, 2019 | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Compendium of promising practices on Public-Private Partnerships to prevent and counter trafficking in persons**, 2021 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

**Human Trafficking Knowledge Portal** | [EN](#)

*Comment* : The Human Trafficking Knowledge Portal is an initiative to facilitate the dissemination of information regarding the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and specifically the Palermo Protocol. It hosts a database of case law on officially documented cases of human trafficking crimes in order to increase the visibility of successful prosecutions and promote awareness. It allows users to learn about human trafficking issues, access court decisions and practices from different countries, and expand their knowledge of trafficking-related crimes.

- [OSCE](#)

**Model guidelines on government measures to prevent trafficking for labour exploitation in supply chains**, 2018 | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

*Comment* : “The aim of these model guidelines is to provide a practical tool to assist OSCE participating States and Partners for Co-operation in implementing concrete measures to prevent trafficking in human beings in supply chains. The publication highlights how States can implement legislation and policies that promote transparency to ensure that public supply chains are free from trafficked labour; and promote the fair and ethical recruitment of workers.”

**Compendium of relevant reference materials and resources on ethical sourcing and prevention of trafficking in human beings for labour exploitation in supply chains**, 2020 | [EN](#)

- + Database : [EN](#)

*Comment*: “The objective of the Compendium of Resources is to take stock of the existing legislation, policies, guidelines, recommendations, reports, studies and other types of initiatives developed to better understand and respond to the global problem of trafficking in human beings through its prevention in supply chains. The main purpose of this database is to keep the important information contained within the Compendium current, and in doing so improve its use by governments, research institutions and other experts. The database contains the materials listed within the print publication, providing access to them in an online and searchable format.”

Practical Guide, **Responding to Emerging Trends in Trafficking in Human Beings and the Consequences of the Trafficking Pandemic**, OSCE and UN Women | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

**National Referral Mechanisms, Joining Efforts to Protect the Rights of Trafficked Persons : A Practical Handbook** - Second Edition, OSCE, ODHIR, 2022 | [EN](#)

- [International Organization for Migration](#)

**National Referral Mechanisms for Victims of Human Trafficking: Deficiencies and Future Development**, 2017 | [EN](#)

**Investigating Human Trafficking Cases Using a Victim-centred Approach: A Trainer’s Manual on Combating Trafficking in Persons for Capacity-building of Law Enforcement Officers in Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago**, IOM, 2018 | [EN](#)

- [Walk Free](#)

Business & Investor Toolkit | [EN](#)

- [Other actors](#)

UNITAR, **Human Trafficking and the Role of Local Governments** - Good Practices, Challenges and Ways Forward | [EN](#)

University of Washington Women's Center, **Human Trafficking And Supply Chains, Recommendations to Reduce Human Trafficking in Local and Global Supply Chains**, 2017 | [EN](#)

European Commission and implemented by ICMPD in cooperation with Expertise France and FIIAPP, **Media and Trafficking in Human Beings Guidelines**, 2017 | [EN](#)

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Financial Action Task Force (FATF), Fatf Report: **Financial Flows from Human Trafficking**, July 2018 | [EN](#)

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A Practical Guide For Workers Field Workers, 2019 | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

Ada Volodko, Ella Cockbain, Bennett Kleinberg, **“Spotting the signs” of trafficking recruitment online: exploring the characteristics of advertisements targeted at migrant job-seekers**, 31 December 2019 | [EN](#)

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security. “**Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking, The Importation of Goods Produced With Forced Labor, and Child Sexual Exploitation**”, Washington D.C., January 2020 | [EN](#)

International Commission of Jurists, **Migration and International Human Rights Law**, A Practitioners Guide, troisième édition, , 2021 | [EN](#)

Anti-Slavery International and International Institute for Environment and Development **Climate-induced migration and modern slavery, A toolkit for policy-makers**, September 2021 [EN](#)

### **III. Tools for the identification and support of victims of trafficking**

La Cimade, **Human trafficking - better identifying and supporting victims**, 2016 | [FR](#)

France terre d'asile, **Identification and protection of victims of trafficking in a transit migration context**, Les cahiers du social n°39, April 2017 | [FR](#)

Croatian Red Cross, France terre d'asile, **The identification of victims of human trafficking in transit and destination countries in Europe, A practical guideline for frontline workers**, february 2019 | [EN](#)

#### *Lists of potential indicators :*

The following are lists of potential warning signs and indicators that may be useful in recognising a victim of human trafficking. It is important to note that these are not exhaustive lists. Each individual indicator may not imply a situation of human trafficking and not all victims of human trafficking will show these signs. However, the recognition of several indicators may indicate the need for further investigation.

- UNODC, **Indicators on trafficking in human beings** | [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)
- European Commission-ILO Project, **Operational indicators of trafficking in human beings** | [EN](#)
- National Human Trafficking Ressource Center, **Identifying Victims of Human Trafficking: What to Look for in a Healthcare Setting** | [EN](#)
- NHTRC - Polaris Project, **Identifying Victims of Human Trafficking What to Look for During a Medical Exam/Consultation** | [EN](#)

U.S Department of Justice - Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime, **The Legal Rights and Needs of Victims of Human Trafficking in the United States**, December 2015 | [EN](#)

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- Issue Paper, 2016 | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

Collective "Ensemble contre la Traite des êtres humains", **Accompanying victims of trafficking towards autonomy** | [FR](#)

Global Business Coalition Against Human Trafficking (GBCAT), **Empowerment and Employment of Survivors of Human Trafficking - A Business Guide** | [EN](#)

UNODC, Module 9: Criminal Justice Responses to Trafficking in Persons, **Rights of victims to justice and protection** | [FR](#) | [EN](#)

## IV. Technology tools

*Hotlines:*

- Hotlines for reporting trafficking in human beings in different countries | [FR](#)
- Examples of other independent lines:
  - STOP-IT's 24/7 Hotline | [EN](#)
  - UK Modern Slavery Helpline by Unseen | [EN](#)

IWF, Make your services safer | [EN](#)

Tech Against Trafficking:

- Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, Tech Against Trafficking, **Leveraging innovation to fight trafficking in human beings: A comprehensive analysis of technology tools**, 2020 | [EN](#)
- **Interactive Map of 300 tech tools against human trafficking** | [EN](#)
- **List of Technology Tools and Initiatives** | [EN](#)

*Comment:* The list includes many technological tools: blockchain, artificial intelligence, facial recognition and phone apps. These apps make it easier for people to recognise and report potential victims of human trafficking. However, half of the tools referenced in the list were developed and operated in Northern countries to the detriment of Southern countries where trafficking cases are numerous: research is underway to remedy this problem.

GBCAT, GI-TOC et UNGC :

- **Interactive Map for Business of Anti-Human Trafficking Organisations** | [EN](#)

*Comment:* This interactive map provides information on global and local initiatives and organisations with which companies can partner in their anti-trafficking efforts and indicates entities that can assist survivors and victims of trafficking.

## Part 5: Further documents

### I. Articles

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J Musto, D Boyd, **The Trafficking-Technology Nexus**, Social Politics 2014, Volume 0 Number 0 | [EN](#)

International Review of the red cross, **The Policy on Children of the ICC Office of the Prosecutor: Toward greater accountability for crimes against and affecting children**, 2019 | [EN](#)

Laura Cordisco Tsai, Vanntheary Lim & Channtha Nhanh, **“I Feel Like We Are People Who Have Never Known Each Other Before”: The Experiences of Survivors of Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation Transitioning From Shelters to Life in the Community**, Volume 21, No. 1, Art 16, January 2020 | [EN](#)

J Musto, M Thakor, and B Gerasimov, **Editorial: Between Hope and Hype: Critical evaluations of technology’s role in anti-trafficking**, Anti-Trafficking Review, issue 14, 2020, pp. 1-14 | [EN](#)

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National Institute of Mental Health, **Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder** | [EN](#)

Le Monde - Lecture intégrale réservée aux abonnés :

**Les méthodes de l'industrie pornographique sont identiques à celles des réseaux de traite des êtres humains**, Tribune, 21/12/2020 | [FR](#)

**Traite des êtres humains : en France, une lente évolution juridique**, Simon Piel, 05/01/2021 | [FR](#)

**La puissance politique du sucre, entre délices et dominations**, Claire Legros, 24/12/2021 | [FR](#)

**En Grèce, migrants et passeurs empruntent des routes plus périlleuses**, Marina Rafenberg, 31/12/2021 | [FR](#)

## II. Online Libraries

- [United-Nations \(UN\)](#)

United Nations Library: [FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

- [International Organization for Migration \(IOM\)](#)

Migration Law Database: [EN](#)

*Comment:* The Migration Law Database is a compilation of relevant norms and instruments governing migration at the international, regional and national levels.

- [International Committee of the Red Cross \(ICRC\)](#)
  - Treaties, States Parties and Comments : [FR](#) | [EN](#)
  - Database: National implementation of international humanitarian law : [EN](#)
  - Customary IHL Database: [EN](#)

All ICRC databases on international humanitarian law can now be consulted via a single interface:  
[FR](#) | [EN](#) | [ES](#)

- [International Institute of Humanitarian Law of San Remo](#)

Online Library: [EN](#)

- [OHCHR - Human Rights Collections & Indexes](#)

Additional Sources for Human Rights Research: [EN](#)

- [Refworld](#)

Instruments relating to trafficking in persons: [EN](#)

*Comment:* This special file includes UNHCR's policy documents, guidelines and tools related to trafficking in persons and international protection, case law, selected international and regional legal instruments, and non-conventional instruments, tools and resource materials.

- [Inter-Agency Coordination Group Against Trafficking in Persons \(ICAT\)](#)
  - Catalog of ICAT publications: [EN](#)
  - Full list of ICAT publications: [EN](#)

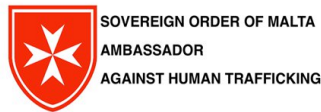
*Comment:* The Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons (ICAT) is a policy forum mandated by the UN General Assembly to improve coordination among UN agencies and other relevant international organizations to facilitate a holistic and comprehensive approach to preventing and combating trafficking in persons. ICAT was formally established in March 2007, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 61/180.

+Other sites (best practices, online courses for caregivers, webinars in English and French):

- [www.adlaudatosi.org](http://www.adlaudatosi.org)
- [www.cuhd.org](http://www.cuhd.org)
- [www.christusliberat.org](http://www.christusliberat.org)
- <https://nohumantrafficking.orderofmalta.int>

**A free online course on human trafficking**, HELP Online Training Course, COE | [EN](#)

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## Appendix I: Additional Resources

### FREE ONLINE RESOURCES

#### 1. Webinar recordings on human trafficking

The recording of each of the webinars is available with subtitles in 7 different languages (English, French, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish, Simplified Chinese) accessible by clicking on "CC" in the Vimeo menu. Additional documents and written transcripts in each of these languages are also available.

#### **The role of religious orders in fighting human trafficking, advocacy in fighting HT:**

20th October 2020: "[Religious helping trafficking victims along the road of recovery](#)"

27th October 2020: "[Religious working in international advocacy against human trafficking](#)"

#### **Impact of HT on health, healing and helping victims along the road to recovery:**

1st December 2020: "[Impact of human trafficking on health: Trauma](#)"

8th December 2020: "[Health Impact of Human Trafficking: Healing](#)"

#### **International prosecution of human trafficking:**

16th February 2021: "[International Prosecution of Human Trafficking - Where do we stand?](#)"

23th February 2021: "[International Criminal Prosecution of Human Trafficking - What can be done?](#)"

2nd March 2021: "[International Prosecution of Human Trafficking - Best Practices?](#)"

#### **Root causes of HT:**

13th April 2021: "[Demand as the root cause of human trafficking - Sex trafficking and prostitution](#)"

20th April 2021: "[Demand as a root cause of human trafficking - Forced labor, consumer empowerment](#)"

05 May 2021: "[Root causes of human trafficking - The role of technology](#)"

#### **French Webinars on HT - Webinaires francophones sur la traite des êtres humains :**

11th May 2021: "[Legal aspects of human trafficking](#)"

18th May 2021: "[Humanitarian and social assistance for victims of human trafficking](#)"

#### **Others :**

22th June 2021: "[Modern slavery and decent work](#)"

12th October 2021 "[Legal Approaches To Reducing The Demand Behind Human Trafficking](#)"

16th Novembre 2021 : "[Migration and human trafficking](#)"

8th December 2021 "[Religion against human trafficking](#)"

8th February 2022: "[Sexual Slavery - Testimony and Defence of Victims - Enslaved Women in the Middle East and Niger](#)"

8th March 2022: "[Women against Human Trafficking](#)"

#### 2. Good practices

→ [www.christusliberat.org](http://www.christusliberat.org)



#### 3. Digital Library on Human Trafficking

- Main legal and policy instruments
- Good practices
- References.

→ <https://bit.ly/DIGITAL-LIBRARY-HT>

#### 4. Free online course on human trafficking

- [Collège Universitaire Henry-Dunant](#)
- For helpers and other stakeholders
- In English and French

→ <https://www.cuhd.org/formations-en-ligne/>



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**EXPERTS INVOLVED IN CASES OF SLAVERY, TRAFFICKING  
AND OTHER FORMS OF EXPLOITATION**

NAME	TITLE	RECENT REPORT(S)
<a href="#">Ms. Siobhán Mullally</a>	Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children	<p><b>Report to the Human Rights Council UN HRC):</b> - Implementation of the principle of non-punishment, 2021 (<a href="#">A/HRC/47/34</a>)</p> <p><b>Report to the General Assembly:</b> - Intersections between trafficking in persons by proscribed groups and terrorism, 2021 (<a href="#">A/76/263</a>) + <a href="#">Previous reports of the Special Rapporteurs on trafficking in human beings</a></p>
<a href="#">Mr. Tomoya Obokata</a>	Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences	<p><b>Report to the Human Rights Council:</b> - Link between displacement and contemporary forms of slavery, 2021 (<a href="#">A/HRC/48/52</a>)</p> <p><b>Reports to the General Assembly:</b> - The role of organised criminal groups in contemporary forms of slavery, 2021 (<a href="#">A/76/170</a>) - Contemporary forms of slavery, including their causes and consequences, 2020 (<a href="#">A/75/166</a>)  + <a href="#">Previous reports of the Special Rapporteurs on contemporary forms of slavery</a></p>
<p><a href="#">Ms. Dubravka Šimonović</a></p> <p>New Special Rapporteur to take up office in August 2021: <a href="#">Mme Reem Alsalem</a></p>	Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences	<p><b>Report to the Human Rights Council:</b> - Rape as a serious, systematic and widespread violation of human rights, as a crime and as a manifestation of gender-based violence against women and girls, and its prevention, 2021 (<a href="#">A/HRC/47/26</a>)</p> <p><b>Report to the General Assembly:</b> - Review of the Femicide Observatory Initiative (<a href="#">A/76/132</a>) + <a href="#">Previous reports of the Special Rapporteurs on violence against women, its causes and consequences</a></p>
<a href="#">Mr. Nils Melzer</a>	Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	<p><b>Report to the Human Rights Council:</b> - Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, 2021 (<a href="#">A/HRC/46/26/Corr.1</a>)</p> <p><b>Report to the General Assembly:</b> - Progress report of the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment or degrading treatment or punishment, 2021 (<a href="#">A/76/168</a>) + <a href="#">Other reports</a></p>
<a href="#">Mr. Felipe González Morales</a>	Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants	<p><b>Report to the Human Rights Council:</b> - Report on addressing the human rights consequences of</p>

		<p>consequences of the removal of migrants by land and sea, 2021 of migrants on land and at sea, 2021 (<a href="#">A/HRC/47/30</a>)</p> <p><b>Report to the General Assembly:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One and a half years on: the effects of COVID-19 on the human rights of migrants, 2021 (<a href="#">A/76/257</a>)</li> </ul> <p>+ <a href="#">Previous reports by Special Rapporteurs on the human rights of migrants</a></p>
<a href="#">Ms. Mama Fatima Singhateh</a>	Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution and child pornography and other material showing sexual abuse of children	<p><b>Reports to the Human Rights Council:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A practical approach to combating the sale and sexual exploitation of children, 2022 (<a href="#">A/HRC/49/51</a>)</li> <li>- Visit to Montenegro, 2022 (<a href="#">A/HRC/49/51/Add.1</a>)</li> <li>- The gender dimension of sexual exploitation of children and the importance of a child-centered and gender-sensitive approach to combating and ending such exploitation, 2021 (<a href="#">A/76/144</a>)</li> <li>- Effects of coronavirus 2019 on different forms of sale and sexual exploitation of children, 2021 (<a href="#">A/HRC/46/31</a>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Reports to the General Assembly:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution and child pornography and other and other material showing sexual abuse of children sexual abuse of children (Work and working methods of the Special Rapporteur), 2020 (<a href="#">A/75/210</a>)</li> </ul> <p>+ <a href="#">Previous reports by Special Rapporteurs on the sale and sexual exploitation of children</a></p>
<a href="#">Ms. Cecilia Jimenez-Damary</a>	Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons	<p><b>Report to the General Assembly:</b></p> <p>Prevention of arbitrary displacement in situations of armed conflict and generalized violence, 2021(<a href="#">A/76/169</a>)</p> <p>+ <a href="#">Thematic reports of the Special Rapporteurs on the human rights of internally displaced persons</a></p>
<a href="#">Mr. Ahmed Shaheed</a>	Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief	<p><b>Report to the Human Rights Council:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gender-based violence and discrimination perpetrated in the name of religion or belief, 2020 (<a href="#">A/HRC/43/48</a>)</li> </ul> <p>+ <a href="#">Previous reports of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief</a></p>
<a href="#">Ms. Pramila Patten</a>	Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Annual reports of the Secretary-General on conflict-related sexual violence</a></li> </ul>
<a href="#">Dr. Najat Maalla M'jid</a>	Special Representative of	<p><b>Report to the General Assembly:</b></p>

	the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children	- Annual report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children, 2021 ( <a href="#">A/76/224</a> )  + <a href="#">Other reports</a>
<a href="#">Ms. Virginia Gamba</a>	Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict.	<b>Report to the Human Rights Council:</b> - Annual report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, 2018 ( <a href="#">A/HRC/37/47</a> )  + <a href="#">Other reports</a>
Ms. Dorothy Estrada-Tanck Ms. Elizabeth Broderick Ms. Melissa Upreti Ms. Meskerem Techane Ms. Ivana Radačić	Working Group on Discrimination against Women and Girls	<b>Report to the Human Rights Council:</b> - Women's and girls' sexual and reproductive health rights in crisis, 2021 ( <a href="#">A/HRC/47/38</a> ) - Women deprived of liberty, 2019 ( <a href="#">A/HRC/41/33</a> )  + <a href="#">Annual thematic reports of the Working Group on Discrimination against Women and Girls</a>
Group of 15 members who are independent and impartial experts	<a href="#">Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA)</a>	- <a href="#">General Reports on GRETA's activities</a>  - <a href="#">Country monitoring</a>
<a href="#">Ms Diane Schmitt</a>	European Union Anti-Trafficking Coordinator	The EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator contributes, among other things, to the reports prepared by the European Commission every two years on the progress made in the fight against trafficking in human beings.
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