

# Legal framework

## A history of international and regional instruments

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1904

International Agreement for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic,  
League of Nations  
***Treaty Series***, Vol. 1, p. 83

1910

International Convention for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic,  
League of Nations  
***Treaty Series***, Vol. VIII, p. 278

1921

International Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women and Children,  
League of Nations  
***Treaty Series***, Vol. IX, p. 415

1926

[Slavery Convention](#)  
United Nations  
***Treaty Series***, Vol. 212, No 2861

1930

[Convention concerning Forced or Compulsory Labour](#)  
International Labour Organisation Convention No 29

1933

International Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women of Full Age,  
League of Nations  
***Treaty Series***, Vol. CL, p. 431

1947

Protocol to amend the 1921 Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women  
and Children and the 1933 Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women of  
Full Age  
United Nations  
***Treaty Series***, Vol. 53, No 770

1948

[Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)  
General Assembly Resolution 217 A (III)

1949

Protocol amending the 1904 International Agreement for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic, and the 1910 International Convention for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic

United Nations

**Treaty Series**, Vol. 30, No 446

1950

[Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others](#)

United Nations

**Treaty Series**, Vol. 96, No 1342

1953

[Protocol amending the Slavery Convention](#)

United Nations

**Treaty Series**, Vol. 182, No 2422

1956

[Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery](#)

United Nations

**Treaty Series**, Vol. 266, No 3822

1957

[Convention Concerning the Abolition of Forced Labour](#)

ILO Convention No 105 obliges State Parties to prohibit the use of any form of forced or compulsory labour

1966

[International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights](#)

United Nations

**Treaty Series**, Vol. 999, No 14668 p. 171

1973

[Convention Concerning the Minimum Age for Admission to Employment](#)

ILO Convention No 138

1979

[Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women](#)

United Nations

**Treaty Series**, Vol. 1249, No 20378

1989

[Convention on the Rights of the Child](#)

United Nations

**Treaty Series**, Vol. 1577, No 27531

1997

The Hague Ministerial Declaration on European Guidelines for Effective Measures to Prevent and Combat Trafficking in Women for the Purpose of Sexual Exploitation

1998	<a href="#">Convention Concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour</a> ILO Convention No 182
2000	<a href="#">2000 United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime</a> and the Protocols Thereto, General Assembly Resolution 25, Annex I, UN GAOR, 55th Sess., Supp. No 49, at 44, UN Doc. A/45/49 (Vol. I), including the <a href="#">2000 Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children</a> , supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime
2000	<a href="#">Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography</a> , General Assembly Resolution 54/263, Annex II
2002	<a href="#">EU Council Framework Decision 2002/629/JHA on combating trafficking in human beings</a>
2004	<a href="#">Council 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</a>
2004	<a href="#">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</a>
2005	<a href="#">Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings</a> CETS No: 197
2011	<a href="#">Directive 2011/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2011 on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2002/629/JHA</a>

**Table:** several sources: <http://treaties.un.org/>; <http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/>; <http://conventions.coe.int/>; <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/>