



# Global human rights guarantees

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## GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS GUARANTEES

- The [United Nations Committees](#): Each one of the United Nations Treaties on human rights, including the two general covenants and the specific conventions for certain groups of people, envisage the setting up of expert committees to oversee compliance with the Treaties. Those Committees or their duties are sometimes regulated in additional protocols. The Committees have two main functions:
- a. The first is to review the periodic reports that the countries must submit on the implementation of the rights of each Treaty. The Committees examine the information submitted by the States, compare it with information from other sources and, after due discussion, they issue a report indicating the aspects that have been implemented and which have not.
  - b. Furthermore, those Committees can receive individual complaints alleging the violation of any of the rights of the Treaty in question. As in the case of the European Court, domestic remedies of the country must be exhausted, the violation of a right recognised by the Treaty in question be alleged and the applicant be the victim of the violation. The Committee studies the arguments of the complainant and of the State against which the complaint is directed. If the complaint is allowed to proceed, the Committee issues a decision in which it establishes whether or not a right has been violated. If it finds there has been a violation, it also recommends the measures that have to be taken to remedy it and to avoid future violations. This second jurisdiction is optional for all States. Spain has accepted it for the United Nations Treaties that it has ratified.

*[To access the jurisprudence of the United Nations Committees, you can use their [database](#), or you can enter in each of their websites using the link in the heading.]*