

Human rights treaty bodies general comments and recommendations

Human rights treaty bodies have adopted 144 general comments and recommendations to provide guidance regarding the interpretation of the respective treaty. As of September 2014, the CEDAW Committee had adopted 30 general recommendations on a range of themes and issues under the Convention, such as women and health, women in political and public life, temporary special measures for the advancement of women and violence against women. The last four of those general recommendations were adopted between 2010 and 2014 and concern older women, core obligations of States parties under article 2 (concerned with anti-discrimination policy), economic consequences of marriage, family relations and their dissolution, and women in conflict prevention, conflict and post-conflict situations.

Five general comments and recommendations have been adopted by other treaty bodies (Human Rights Committee, Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (*CESCR*), Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (*CERD*)) on women's rights and gender equality issues, and around 51 general recommendations and comments of other treaty bodies include reference to women's human rights and gender equality issues.