

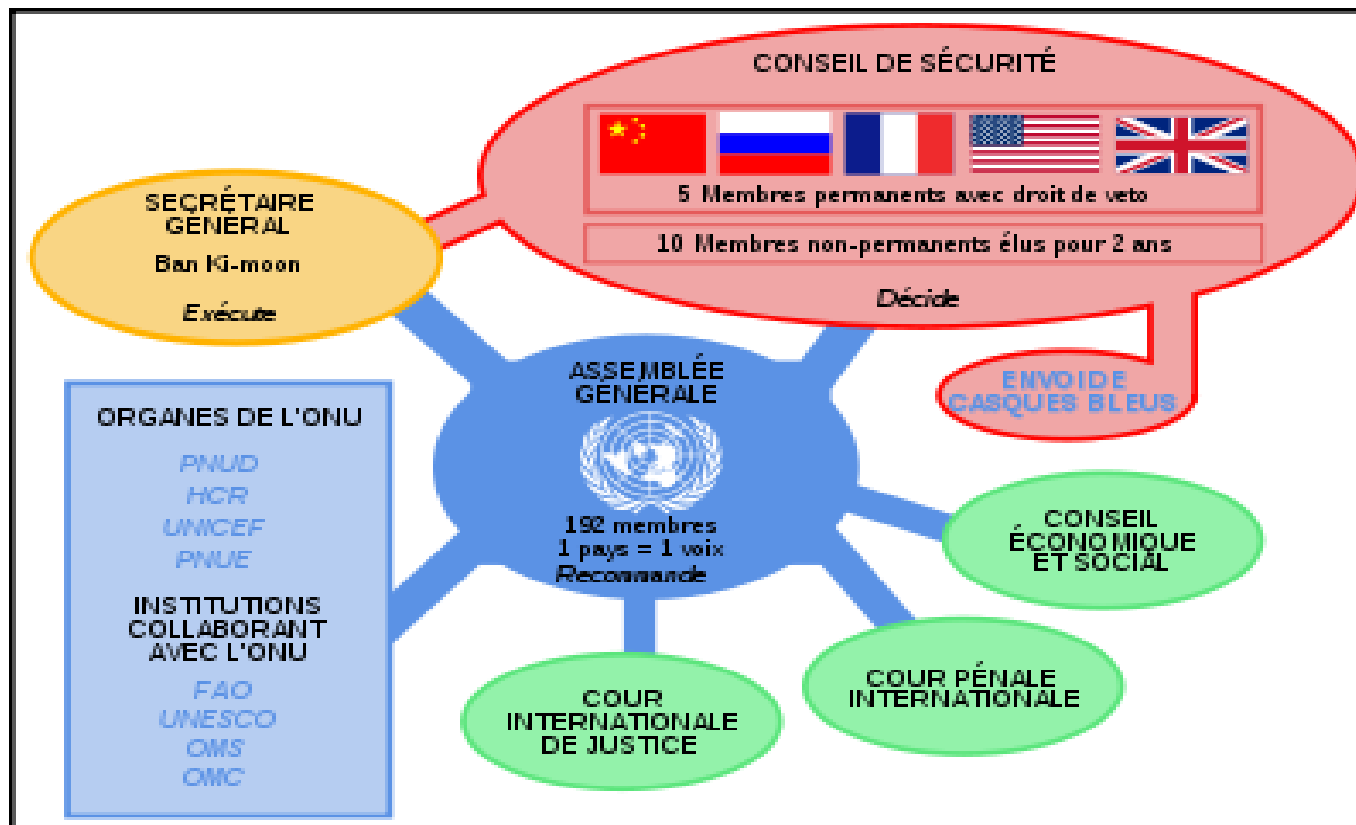
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# Universal Periodic Review

Introduction to the UN Human Rights system

# Organogram: United Nations

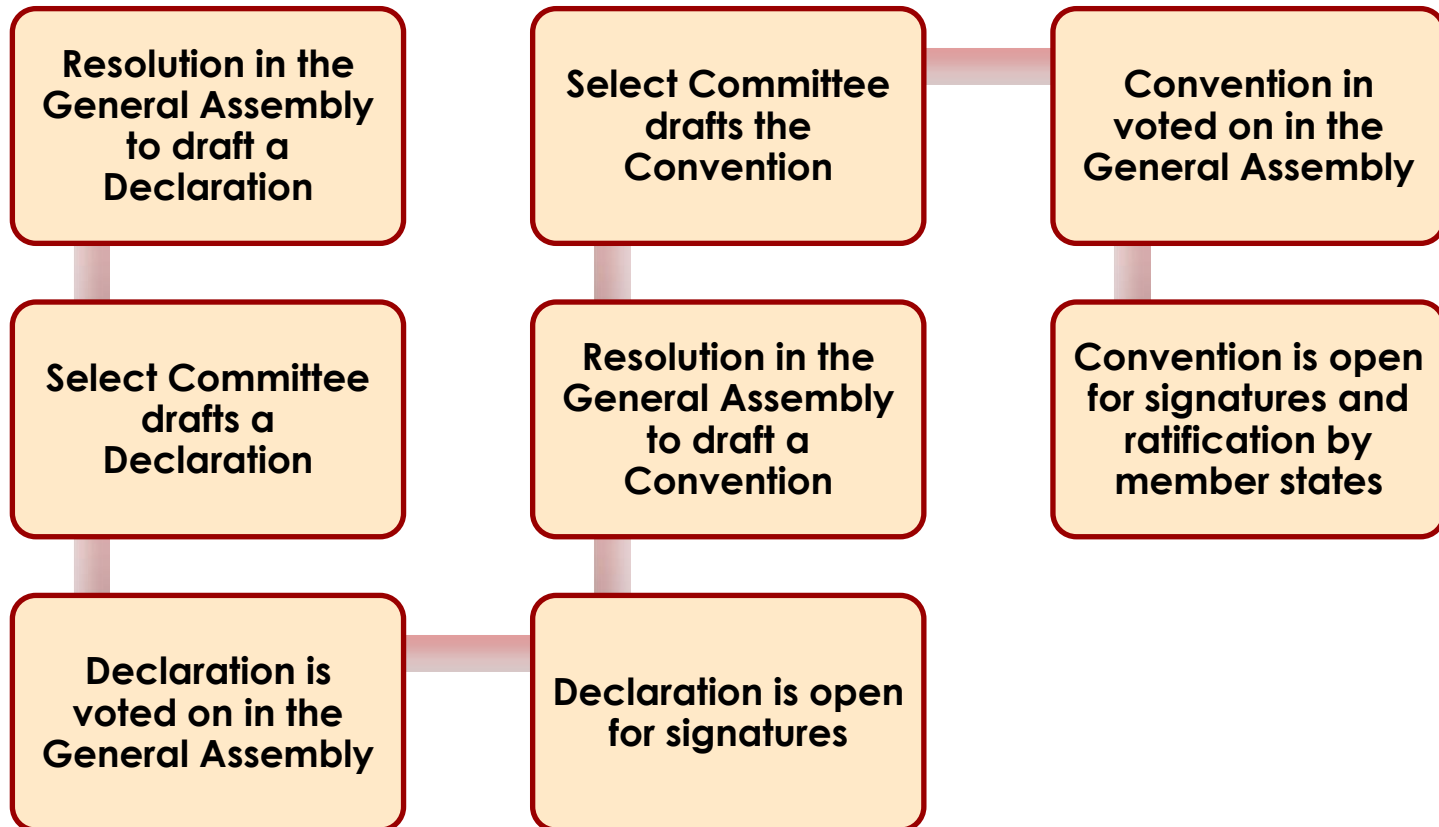


# Where does human rights fit into the UN?



- The protection and promotion of Human Rights is included in the **UN Charter**
- The General Assembly has drafted and agreed to a number of **Human Rights Conventions and Declarations**, which form the core of international Human Rights law
- The UN has several bodies mandated to **monitor the implementation** of Human Rights law
- The UN has several agencies mandated to **assist in the realization** of human rights

# Human Rights Conventions and Declarations



# Reminder: UN Human Rights Conventions



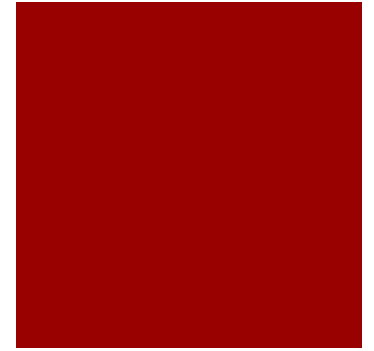
- The International **Bill of Rights** is composed of the following documents:
  - Universal Declaration of Human Rights
  - International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)
  - International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)
- Additional **Core Human Rights Instruments** include:
  - International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD)
  - Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)
  - Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
  - Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT)
  - International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (ICRMW)
  - International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (CPED)
  - Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

# Treaty-bodies



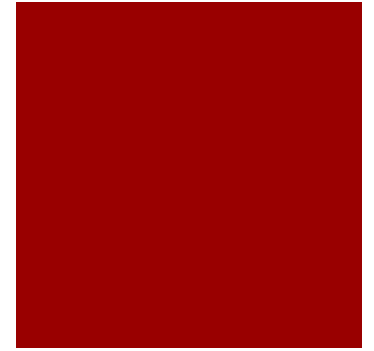
Conventions	Treaty-bodies
International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)	Human Rights Committee
International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)	Committee on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights
International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD)	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)	Committee on the Rights of the Child
Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women
Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT)	Committee against Torture
International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (ICRMW)	Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)	Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

# Human Rights Council



- The Human Rights Council is one of the main UN human rights bodies
- The HRC reports to the General Assembly.
- The HRC has 47 rotating members (all UN members states are eligible to sit on the HRC)
- It is mandated to review and address human rights violations
- The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
- It is based in Geneva, Switzerland

# Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights



- This UN agency works to promote and protect human rights globally by standard setting, monitoring and implementation.
- OHCHR has an office in many countries



# UN Agencies

- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF):  
The rights of women and children
- UN Women:  
Women's rights
- UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR):  
Rights of refugees and internally displaced
- United Nations Development Program (UNDP):  
Human rights
- UN World Health Organization (WHO):  
Right to health
- UN World Food Program (WFP):  
Right to food

