

Table 1 List of United Nations and regional treaties relevant to mental health legislation

Name of treaty	Website (URL)
United Nations treaties	
Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities	http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/CRPDIndex.aspx
Optional protocol to the convention on the rights of persons with disabilities	http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/OptionalProtocolRightsPersonsWithDisabilities.aspx
International covenant on economic, social and cultural rights	http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CESCR.aspx
International covenant on civil and political rights	http://www.ohchr.org/en/professionalinterest/pages/ccpr.aspx
Convention against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CAT.aspx
Optional protocol to the convention against torture	http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/OPCAT.aspx
Regional treaties	
African charter on human and peoples' rights	http://www.achpr.org/instruments/achpr/
American convention on human rights in the area of economic, social and cultural rights	http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/treaties/b-32.html
Additional protocol to the American convention on human rights in the area of economic, social, and cultural rights	http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/treaties/a-52.html
Inter-American convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against persons with disabilities	http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/sigs/a-65.html
Convention for the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms	http://conventions.coe.int/treaty/en/Treaties/Html/005.htm
European convention for the prevention of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	http://www.cpt.coe.int/en/documents/ecpt.htm