
















The Security Council as Gatekeeper to Justice: States Individual and Collective Obligations to Vote to Ensure Criminal Accountability in Face of Certain Heinous Crimes

Security Council Member States -2009	 China	 France	 Russia Federation	 United Kingdom	 United States	 Austria	 Bukina Faso	 Costa Rica	 Croatia	 Japan	 Turkey	 Mexico	 Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	 Uganda	 Vietnam
Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court	-	R	S	R	S	R	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	R	-
Geneva Convention of 1949	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Optional Protocol to Geneva Convention (OP I & II)	R	R	R	R	S	R	R	R	R	R	-	R(I)	R	R	R (I)
Genocide Convention ¹	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	D	-	R	R	R	R	R
Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of Apartheid	R	-	R	-	-	-	R	A	D	-	-	R	R	R	R
Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict ²	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	D	R	R	R	R	R	-
International Convention on Civil and Political Rights ³	S	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	D	R	R	R	R	R	-
UNSC Resolution on Child Soldier 1612	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
SCR 1325 and SCR 1820 ⁴	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
R2P-SCR 1674 ⁵	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

LEGEND: R-Ratify or Accession, S-Sign, D- Succession, O- Obligation to Follow

¹ **Genocide Convention** requires states to punish, either domestically or 'by such international criminal tribunal as may have jurisdiction', acts which were intended to destroy, in whole part, a national ethnic or racial group, committed by anyone 'whether they are constitutionally responsible rulers, public officials or private individuals'.

² **The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child** also requires criminal penalties.

³ **The International Convention on Civil and Political Rights** requires criminal accountability for certain states sponsored crimes such as Extra-judicial Killing, Summary or Arbitrary Execution, Disappearance and Torture also, the states are obligated to compensate victims of human rights violations, whether committed by the current government or a former regime under treaty obligation of ICCPR.

⁴ **SCR 1325 and SCR 1820** – Security Council Resolutions 1325 and 1820 (Women, Peace and Security).

⁵ **SCR 1674 -R2P-** Security Council Resolutions 1674 (the protection of civilians in armed conflict).