

Human Rights Laws

- 1972** U.S. Senate Equal Rights Amendment, banning discrimination against women because of their sex.
- 1973** International Convention on Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid (United Nations/UN)
- 1974** United Nations establishes the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery
- 1975** Declaration on the Protection of All Persons From Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (UN)
- 1975 -77** Helsinki Accords: the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- 1979** Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (UN)
- 1981** African Charter on Human and People's Rights
- 1981** Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief (UN)
- 1982** Principles of Medical Ethics (UN)
- 1985** Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights established . International Convention against Apartheid in Sports adopted (UN)
- 1985** United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Administration of Juvenile Justice ("The Beijing Rules")
- 1986** Declaration on the Right to Development (UN)
- 1988** US ratifies the "Genocide Convention."
- 1989** European Torture Convention
- 1989** Convention on the Rights of the Child (UN)
- 1990** Americans With Disabilities Act
- 1991** Dissolution of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
- 1992** Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (UN)
- 1993** UN Security Council establishes the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
- 1993** Second World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna
- 1993** United Nations establishes the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- 1994** UN Security Council establishes the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
- 1995-2000** Decade of Human Rights Education declared by the UN
- 1998** The International Treaty Conference convenes in Rome to work towards the establishment of an International Criminal Court