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Human Rights: Questions and Answers
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What is the most recent human rights treaty adopted by the General Assembly?

The International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, adopted in 1990 but yet to go into force.

Which United Nations declaration states that the objectives of economic activity should be the improvement of the social, economic, political and cultural well-being of individuals and not growth and profit?

The Declaration on the Right to Development, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1986.

Which country originally suggested the idea of an international treaty on the rights of the child?

Poland.

Which declaration was adopted by the United Nations in 1965 in order to protect the rights of young people?

The Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples.

When was the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women adopted by the General Assembly?

In 1979.

Which United Nations treaty deals with genocide?

The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948.

What seven milestones mark United Nations efforts to combat racial discrimination?

The United Nations General Assembly adopted a Declaration (1963) and a Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (1965). The United Nations held two World Conferences to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (1978 and 1983) and proclaimed a First, Second and Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (1973-1983, 1983-1993 and 1993-2003).

Which international declaration is aimed at religious intolerance?

The Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief, adopted by the General Assembly in 1981.

The United Nations has established two ad hoc International Criminal Courts to judge war crimes

committed in which countries?

In the former Yugoslavia and in Rwanda.



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Colonialism and the policy of racism impose soul searching questions of human rights, weighing equally on the conscience of all men and nations of good-will. History amply shows that the freedom enjoyed by the many becomes fragile when the denial, even to the few, of basic human rights is tolerated.

Our efforts as free men must be to establish new relationships, devoid of any resentment and hostility, restored to our belief and faith in ourselves as individuals, dealing on a basis of equality with other equally free people.

We believe in cooperation and collaboration to promote the cause of international security, the equality of man and the welfare of mankind.

We believe in the peaceful settlement of all disputes without resorting to force.

All well ordered and modern states can only base themselves upon Courts of Justice and Conduct of Laws which are just, correct and geared towards the protection of the rights of individuals. Justice is a product of education.

Man's ingratitude to man is often manifested in willingness to relegate human beings to the scrapheaps of life when they enter the twilight of their careers and younger brains and stronger arms are found to replace them

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