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HIGH HUMAN DEVELOPMENT								
1	Iceland	1949	1967	1979	1979	1985	1996	1992
2	Norway	1949	1970	1972	1972	1981	1986	1991
3	Australia	1949	1975	1980	1975	1983	1989	1990
4	Canada	1952	1970	1976	1976	1981	1987	1991
5	Ireland	1976	2000	1989	1989	1985	2002	1992
6	Sweden	1952	1971	1971	1971	1980	1986	1990
7	Switzerland	2000	1994	1992	1992	1997	1986	1997
8	Japan	..	1995	1979	1979	1985	1999	1994
9	Netherlands	1966	1971	1978	1978	1991	1988	..
10	France	1950	1971	1980	1980	1983	1986	1990
11	Finland	1959	1970	1975	1975	1986	1989	1991
12	United States	1988	1994	1992	1977	1980	1994	1995
13	Spain	1968	1968	1977	1977	1984	1987	1990
14	Denmark	1951	1971	1972	1972	1983	1987	1991
15	Austria	1958	1972	1978	1978	1982	1987	1992
16	United Kingdom	1970	1969	1976	1976	1986	1988	1991
17	Belgium	1951	1975	1983	1983	1985	1999	1991
18	Luxembourg	1981	1978	1983	1983	1989	1987	1994
19	New Zealand	1978	1972	1978	1978	1985	1989	1993
20	Italy	1952	1976	1978	1978	1985	1989	1991
22	Germany	1954	1969	1973	1973	1985	1990	1992
23	Israel	1950	1979	1991	1991	1991	1991	1991
24	Greece	1954	1970	1997	1985	1983	1988	1993
25	Singapore	1995	..	..	..	1995	..	1995
26	Korea (Republic of)	1950	1978	1990	1990	1984	1995	1991
27	Slovenia	1992	1992	1992	1992	1992	1993	1992
28	Cyprus	1982	1967	1969	1969	1985	1991	1991
29	Portugal	1999	1982	1978	1978	1980	1989	1990
30	Brunei Darussalam	..	..	..	..	2006	..	1995
31	Barbados	1980	1972	1973	1973	1980	..	1990
32	Czech Republic	1993	1993	1993	1993	1993	1993	1993
33	Kuwait	1995	1968	1996	1996	1994	1996	1991
34	Malta	..	1971	1990	1990	1991	1990	1990
35	Qatar	..	1976	..	..	..	2000	1995
36	Hungary	1952	1967	1974	1974	1980	1987	1991
37	Poland	1950	1968	1977	1977	1980	1989	1991
38	Argentina	1956	1968	1986	1986	1985	1986	1990
39	United Arab Emirates	2005	1974	..	..	2004	..	1997
40	Chile	1953	1971	1972	1972	1989	1988	1990
41	Bahrain	1990	1990	2006	..	2002	1998	1992
42	Slovakia	1993	1993	1993	1993	1993	1993	1993
43	Lithuania	1996	1998	1991	1991	1994	1996	1992
44	Estonia	1991	1991	1991	1991	1991	1991	1991
45	Latvia	1992	1992	1992	1992	1992	1992	1992
46	Uruguay	1967	1968	1970	1970	1981	1986	1990
47	Croatia	1992	1992	1992	1992	1992	1992	1992
48	Costa Rica	1950	1967	1968	1968	1986	1993	1990
49	Bahamas	1975	1975	..	..	1993	..	1991
50	Seychelles	1992	1978	1992	1992	1992	1992	1990
51	Cuba	1953	1972	..	..	1980	1995	1991
52	Mexico	1952	1975	1981	1981	1981	1986	1990
53	Bulgaria	1950	1966	1970	1970	1982	1986	1991
54	Saint Kitts and Nevis	..	2006	1985	..	1990

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55	Tonga	1972	1972	1995
56	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	1989	1968	1970	1970	1989	1993
57	Antigua and Barbuda	1988	1988	..	..	1989	1993
58	Oman	..	2003	..	..	2006	1996
59	Trinidad and Tobago	2002	1973	1978	1978	1990	1991
60	Romania	1950	1970	1974	1974	1982	1990
61	Saudi Arabia	1950	1997	..	..	2000	1996
62	Panama	1950	1967	1977	1977	1981	1990
63	Malaysia	1994	..	..	..	1995	1995
64	Belarus	1954	1969	1973	1973	1981	1990
65	Mauritius	..	1972	1973	1973	1984	1990
66	Bosnia and Herzegovina	1992	1993	1993	1993	1993	1993
67	Russian Federation	1954	1969	1973	1973	1981	1990
68	Albania	1955	1994	1991	1991	1994	1992
69	Macedonia (TFYR)	1994	1994	1994	1994	1994	1993
70	Brazil	1952	1968	1992	1992	1984	1990
MEDIUM HUMAN DEVELOPMENT							
71	Dominica	..	..	1993	1993	1980	1991
72	Saint Lucia	..	1990	..	..	1982	1993
73	Kazakhstan	1998	1998	2006	2006	1998	1994
74	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	1960	1967	1978	1978	1983	1990
75	Colombia	1959	1981	1969	1969	1982	1991
76	Ukraine	1954	1969	1973	1973	1981	1991
77	Samoa	..	..	..	..	1992	1994
78	Thailand	..	2003	1996	1999	1985	1992
79	Dominican Republic	1948	1983	1978	1978	1982	1985
80	Belize	1998	2001	1996	2000	1990	1990
81	China	1983	1981	1998	2001	1980	1992
82	Grenada	..	1981	1991	1991	1990	1990
83	Armenia	1993	1993	1993	1993	1993	1993
84	Turkey	1950	2002	2003	2003	1985	1995
85	Suriname	..	1984	1976	1976	1993	1993
86	Jordan	1950	1974	1975	1975	1992	1991
87	Peru	1960	1971	1978	1978	1982	1990
88	Lebanon	1953	1971	1972	1972	1997	1991
89	Ecuador	1949	1966	1969	1969	1981	1990
90	Philippines	1950	1967	1986	1974	1981	1990
91	Tunisia	1956	1967	1969	1969	1985	1992
92	Fiji	1973	1973	..	..	1995	1993
93	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	1981	1981	1981	1981	1981	1993
94	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1956	1968	1975	1975	..	1994
95	Paraguay	2001	2003	1992	1992	1987	1990
96	Georgia	1993	1999	1994	1994	1994	1994
97	Guyana	..	1977	1977	1977	1980	1991
98	Azerbaijan	1996	1996	1992	1992	1995	1992
99	Sri Lanka	1950	1982	1980	1980	1981	1991
100	Maldives	1984	1984	2006	2006	1993	1991
101	Jamaica	1968	1971	1975	1975	1984	1991
102	Cape Verde	..	1979	1993	1993	1980	1992
103	El Salvador	1950	1979	1979	1979	1981	1990
104	Algeria	1963	1972	1989	1989	1996	1993
105	Viet Nam	1981	1982	1982	1982	1982	1990
106	Occupied Palestinian Territories
107	Indonesia	..	1999	2006	2006	1984	1990

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		1948	1965	1966	1966	1979	1984	1989
108	Syrian Arab Republic	1955	1969	1969	1969	2003	2004	1993
109	Turkmenistan	..	1994	1997	1997	1997	1999	1993
110	Nicaragua	1952	1978	1980	1980	1981	2005	1990
111	Moldova	1993	1993	1993	1993	1994	1995	1993
112	Egypt	1952	1967	1982	1982	1981	1986	1990
113	Uzbekistan	1999	1995	1995	1995	1995	1995	1994
114	Mongolia	1967	1969	1974	1974	1981	2002	1990
115	Honduras	1952	2002	1997	1981	1983	1996	1990
116	Kyrgyzstan	1997	1997	1994	1994	1997	1997	1994
117	Bolivia	2005	1970	1982	1982	1990	1999	1990
118	Guatemala	1950	1983	1992	1988	1982	1990	1990
119	Gabon	1983	1980	1983	1983	1983	2000	1994
120	Vanuatu	..	..	..	..	1995	..	1993
121	South Africa	1998	1998	1998	1994	1995	1998	1995
122	Tajikistan	..	1995	1999	1999	1993	1995	1993
123	Sao Tome and Principe	..	2000	1995	..	2003	2000	1991
124	Botswana	..	1974	2000	..	1996	2000	1995
125	Namibia	1994	1982	1994	1994	1992	1994	1990
126	Morocco	1958	1970	1979	1979	1993	1993	1993
127	Equatorial Guinea	..	2002	1987	1987	1984	2002	1992
128	India	1959	1968	1979	1979	1993	1997	1992
129	Solomon Islands	..	1982	..	1982	2002	..	1995
130	Lao People's Democratic Republic	1950	1974	2000 ^a	2007	1981	..	1991
131	Cambodia	1950	1983	1992	1992	1992	1992	1992
132	Myanmar	1956	..	..	..	1997	..	1991
133	Bhutan	..	1973	..	..	1981	..	1990
134	Comoros	2004	2004	..	..	1994	2000	1993
135	Ghana	1958	1966	2000	2000	1986	2000	1990
136	Pakistan	1957	1966	..	2004	1996	..	1990
137	Mauritania	..	1988	2004	2004	2001	2004	1991
138	Lesotho	1974	1971	1992	1992	1995	2001	1992
139	Congo	..	1988	1983	1983	1982	2003	1993
140	Bangladesh	1998	1979	2000	1998	1984	1998	1990
141	Swaziland	..	1969	2004	2004	2004	2004	1995
142	Nepal	1969	1971	1991	1991	1991	1991	1990
143	Madagascar	..	1969	1971	1971	1989	2005	1991
144	Cameroon	..	1971	1984	1984	1994	1986	1993
145	Papua New Guinea	1982	1982	..	..	1995	..	1993
146	Haiti	1950	1972	1991	..	1981	..	1995
147	Sudan	2003	1977	1986	1986	..	1986	1990
148	Kenya	..	2001	1972	1972	1984	1997	1990
149	Djibouti	..	2006	2002	2002	1998	2002	1990
150	Timor-Leste	..	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003
151	Zimbabwe	1991	1991	1991	1991	1991	..	1990
152	Togo	1984	1972	1984	1984	1983	1987	1990
153	Yemen	1987	1972	1987	1987	1984	1991	1991
154	Uganda	1995	1980	1995	1987	1985	1986	1990
155	Gambia	1978	1978	1979	1978	1993	1985	1990
LOW HUMAN DEVELOPMENT								
156	Senegal	1983	1972	1978	1978	1985	1986	1990
157	Eritrea	..	2001	2002	2001	1995	..	1994
158	Nigeria	..	1967	1993	1993	1985	2001	1991
159	Tanzania (United Republic of)	1984	1972	1976	1976	1985	..	1991
160	Guinea	2000	1977	1978	1978	1982	1989	1990

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	1948	1965	1966	1966	1979	1984	1989	
161	Rwanda	1975	1975	1975	1975	1981	..	1991
162	Angola	1992	1992	1986	..	1990
163	Benin	..	2001	1992	1992	1992	1992	1990
164	Malawi	..	1996	1993	1993	1987	1996	1991
165	Zambia	..	1972	1984	1984	1985	1998	1991
166	Côte d'Ivoire	1995	1973	1992	1992	1995	1995	1991
167	Burundi	1997	1977	1990	1990	1992	1993	1990
168	Congo (Democratic Republic of the)	1962	1976	1976	1976	1986	1996	1990
169	Ethiopia	1949	1976	1993	1993	1981	1994	1991
170	Chad	..	1977	1995	1995	1995	1995	1990
171	Central African Republic	..	1971	1981	1981	1991	..	1992
172	Mozambique	1983	1983	1993	..	1997	1999	1994
173	Mali	1974	1974	1974	1974	1985	1999	1990
174	Niger	..	1967	1986	1986	1999	1998	1990
175	Guinea-Bissau	..	2000 ^a	2000 ^a	1992	1985	2000 ^a	1990
176	Burkina Faso	1965	1974	1999	1999	1987	1999	1990
177	Sierra Leone	..	1967	1996	1996	1988	2001	1990
OTHERS^a								
	Afghanistan	1956	1983	1983	1983	2003	1987	1994
	Andorra	2006	2006	2006	..	1997	2006	1996
	Iraq	1959	1970	1971	1971	1986	..	1994
	Kiribati	2004	..	1995
	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	1989	..	1981	1981	2001	..	1990
	Liberia	1950	1976	2004	2004	1984	2004	1993
	Liechtenstein	1994	2000	1998	1998	1995	1990	1995
	Marshall Islands	2006	..	1993
	Monaco	1950	1995	1997	1997	2005	1991	1993
	Montenegro ^b	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006
	Nauru	..	2001	2001	2001 ^a	1994
	Palau	1995
	San Marino	..	2002	1985	1985	2003	2006	1991
	Serbia ^b	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001
	Somalia	..	1975	1990	1990	..	1990	2002
	Tuvalu	1999	..	1995
	Total state parties^c	140	172	160	156	183	143	189
	Treaties signed, not yet ratified	1	6	5	5	1	8	2

NOTES

Data refer to year of ratification, accession or succession unless otherwise specified. All these stages have the same legal effects. **Bold** signifies signature not yet followed by ratification. Data are as of 1 July 2007.

a. Countries or areas, in addition to the 177 countries or areas included in the main indicator tables, that have signed at least one of the seven human rights instruments.

b. Following separation of Serbia and Montenegro into two independent states in June 2006, all treaty actions (ratification or signature) continue in force for the Republic of Serbia. As of 1 July 2007, the UN Secretary-General had not received notification from the Republic of Montenegro with regard to the treaties reported in this table, unless otherwise specified.

c. Refers to ratification, accession or succession.

SOURCE

Columns 1–7: UN 2007a.