

Reservations to UN Human Rights Treaties

Ratify and Ruin?

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Reservations to UN Human Rights Treaties concentrates on the concepts and mechanisms in international law that are relevant to reservations. The role of States, and the possibilities afforded supervisory Committees to monitor the impact of reservations, form the other important topic.

Little information exists on the impact of reservations to UN human rights instruments. This study highlights the possibilities States and supervisory organs have to reduce the detrimental impact of reservations within the existing framework, and gives some proposals for a better and tighter provision on reservations.

The UN Human Rights Treaties that are discussed are: the Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Convention against Torture.

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