

International and regional sources of human rights

Strong support for the protection of the rights of women and girls to abandon female genital mutilation is found in international and regional human rights treaties and consensus documents.

These include, among others:

International treaties

- Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
- Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
- Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)
- Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees

Regional treaties

- African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Banjul Charter) and its Protocol on the Rights of Women in Africa
- African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child
- European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

Consensus documents

- Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women
- General Assembly Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women
- Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD)
- UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity
- United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), Commission on the Status of Women.

Resolution on Ending Female Genital Mutilation. E/CN.6/2007/L.3/Rev.1.

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