

**RATIFICATION BY ASIAN COUNTRIES**  
**UN & ILO CONVENTIONS RELEVANT TO MIGRANTS**

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**ILO Fundamental Conventions = 8**

As of 9 July 2013			funda; up-to-date	funda; up-to-date	funda; up-to-date	funda; up-to-date	funda; up-to-date	funda; up-to-date	funda; up-to-date	funda; up-to-date
Country (Asia)	Sub-region	Y	C29 (1930) - forced labour	C105 (1957) - forced labour	C87 (1948) - organise/CB	C98 (1949) - organise/CB	C100 (1951) - discrim	C111 (1958) - discrim	C138 (1973) - child labour	C182 (1999) - child labour
Mongolia	EA		r: 15 Jul 2005; in force	r: 17 Nov 1960; in force	r: 29 Dec 1953; in force	r: 29 Dec 1953; in force	r: 29 Dec 1953; in force	r: 17 Nov 1960; in force	r: 4 Jun 1998; in force	r: 28 Nov 2000; in force
China - Hong Kong SAR	EA	y	r: 2 Jan 1932; in force	r: 7 Jun 1960; in force	r: 28 Feb 1973; in force	r: 28 Feb 1973; in force	r: 10 Dec 1974; in force	r: 15 Jun 1973; in force		r: 19 Dec 2006; in force
Japan	EA		r: 16 Jun 2009; in force		r: 16 Jun 2009; in force	r: 16 Jun 2009; in force				r: 16 Jun 2009; in force
China - Macao SAR	EA		r: 15 Mar 2005; in force	r: 15 Mar 2005; in force	r: 3 Jun 1969; in force	r: 3 Jun 1969; in force	r: 3 Jun 1969; in force	r: 3 Jun 1969; in force	r: 16 Dec 2002; in force	r: 26 Feb 2001; in force
Rep. of Korea (South)	EA		r: 5 Apr 1950; in force	r: 7 Jan 2003; in force	r: 15 Sep 1995; in force	r: 13 Dec 1972; in force	r: 1 Apr 1993; in force	r: 27 Nov 1998; in force	r: 11 Feb 2000; in force	r: 1 Mar 2001; in force
China	EA	y	r: 22 Jun 1972; in force	r: 22 Jun 1972; in force	r: 22 Jun 1972; in force	r: 22 Jun 1972; in force	r: 28 Jan 1998; in force	r: 22 Jun 1972; in force		r: 12 Mar 2001; in force
DPR of Korea (North)	EA		r: 24 Feb 1969; in force	r: 23 Aug 1999; in force	r: 23 Aug 1999; in force	r: 23 Aug 1999; in force	r: 23 Aug 1999; in force	r: 23 Aug 1999; in force	r: 23 Aug 1999; in force	r: 14 Mar 2006; in force
Australia	PAC		r: 4 Jan 2013	r: 4 Jan 2013	r: 4 Jan 2013	r: 4 Jan 2013	r: 4 Jan 2013	r: 4 Jan 2013	r: 4 Jan 2013	r: 4 Jan 2013
New Zealand	PAC		r: 29 Mar 1938; in force	r: 14 Jun 1968; in force		r: 9 Jun 2003; in force	r: 3 Jun 1983; in force	r: 3 Jun 1983; in force		r: 14 Jun 2001; in force
Sri Lanka	SA		r: 12 Jun 1950; in force	r: 7 Jun 1999; in force	r: 9 Jun 1998; in force	r: 15 Jul 1957; in force	r: 11 Aug 1958; in force	r: 7 Jun 1999; in force	r: 7 Jun 1999; in force	r: 28 Mar 2000; in force
Bangladesh	SA		r: 7 Jun 1955; in force	r: 10 Apr 1958; in force	r: 28 Jan 1957; in force	r: 28 Jan 1957; in force	r: 9 Jun 1965; in force	r: 12 Jan 1959; in force	r: 21 Jun 1979; in force	r: 15 Mar 2005; in force
Maldives	SA		r: 3 Jan 2002; in force	r: 30 Aug 2007; in force		r: 11 Nov 1996; in force	r: 10 Jun 1976; in force	r: 19 Sep 1974; in force	r: 30 May 1997; in force	r: 3 Jan 2002; in force
Nepal	SA		r: 26 Jul 1960; in force	r: 23 Oct 1958; in force	r: 26 Jul 1960; in force	r: 7 Jun 1957; in force	r: 7 Jun 1957; in force	r: 10 May 1960; in force	r: 18 Sep 2001; in force	r: 22 May 2003; in force
Pakistan	SA		*applies; in force; notification: 1 Jul 1997.	*applies; in force; notification: 1 Jul 1997	*applies; in force; notification: 1 Jul 1997	*applies; in force; notification: 1 Jul 1997			*applies; in force; notification: 28 Apr 1999	*applies; in force; notification: 8 Aug 2002
Afghanistan	SA		r: 21 Nov 1932; in force		r: 14 Jun 1965; in force	r: 20 Oct 1953; in force	r: 24 Aug 1967; in force		r: 5 Jun 2000; in force	r: 18 Jun 2001; in force
India	SA		r: 23 Dec 1957; in force	r: 15 Feb 1960; in force	r: 14 Feb 1951; in force	r: 26 May 1952; in force	r: 11 Oct 2001; in force	r: 24 Jan 1961; in force	r: 6 Jul 2006; in force	r: 11 Oct 2001; in force
Philippines	SEA	y	*applies; in force; notification: 20 Dec 1999	*applies; in force; notification: 20 Dec 1999	*applies; in force; notification: 20 Dec 1999	*applies; in force; notification: 20 Dec 1999	*applies; in force; notification: 20 Dec 1999	*applies; in force; notification: 20 Dec 1999	*applies; in force; notification: 6 Oct 2000	*applies; in force; notification: 8 Aug 2002

Timor Leste	SEA	r: 23 Sep 1968; in force	r: 21 Sep 1961; in force	r: 21 Sep 1961; in force	r: 9 Aug 2007; in force		r: 1 Dec 1966; in force	r: 15 Nov 1999; in force	r: 15 Aug 2000; in force
Cambodia	SEA	r: 1 Jun 1977; in force	r: 1 Jun 1977; in force		r: 1 Jun 1977; in force	r: 1 Jun 1977; in force	r: 1 Jun 1977; in force	r: 10 Jun 2003; in force	r: 11 Sep 2001; in force
Indonesia	SEA					r: 8 Dec 1997; in force	r: 4 Dec 1998; in force	r: 28 Jan 1999; in force	r: 29 Mar 2001; in force
Viet Nam	SEA	r: 5 May 2007; in force				r: 7 Oct 1997; in force	r: 7 Oct 1997; in force	r: 24 Jun 2003; in force	r: 19 Dec 2000; in force
Thailand	SEA	r: 27 Nov 1962; in force	r: 15 Jun 1959; in force		r: 27 Nov 1962; in force	r: 28 Aug 1963; in force	r: 15 Jun 1959; in force	r: 13 Feb 1985; in force	r: 9 Jul 2001; in force
Lao People's DR	SEA	r: 6 Jun 1966; in force	r: 31 Mar 1958; in force		r: 12 Dec 1968; in force	r: 22 Sep 1966; in force	r: 4 Jul 1963; in force	r: 23 Mar 1998; in force	r: 20 Apr 2000; in force
Singapore	SEA	r: 29 Feb 1969; in force	r: 2 Dec 1969; in force			r: 8 Feb 1999; in force		r: 11 May 2004; in force	r: 16 Feb 2001; in force
Malaysia	SEA		r: 16 May 1963; in force			r: 22 Aug 1969; in force	r: 1 Oct 1969; in force	r: 7 Apr 2010; in force	r: 7 Apr 2010; in force
Myanmar	SEA	r: 11 Jun 1981; in force	r: 14 Jul 1998; in force				r: 26 Sep 2000; in force	r: 7 Mar 2012; in force	r: 23 Mar 2001; in force
Brunei Darussalam	SEA					r: 2 Nov 1990; in force	r: 12 Jan 2006; in force	r: 28 Apr 1999; in force	r: 8 Aug 2002; in force
Israel	WA	r: 30 Nov 1954; in force	r: 18 May 2000; in force			r: 25 Sep 1958; in force	r: 3 Jun 1960; in force		
Syria	WA	r: 23 Jan 1964; in force				r: 13 Jun 2008; in force	r: 13 Jun 2008; in force	r: 13 Jun 2005; in force	r: 13 Jun 2005; in force
Kuwait	WA								
Lebanon	WA	r: 10 Jun 1957; in force	r: 13 Apr 1959; in force			r: 10 Jun 1972; in force	r: 30 Jun 1964; in force		r: 8 May 2002; in force
Iraq	WA	r: 25 Oct 1965; in force			r: 25 Oct 1965; in force	r: 30 May 2002; in force		r: 7 Nov 2005; in force	r: 14 Jun 2001; in force
Jordan	WA	r: 30 Oct 1998; in force	r: 21 Jul 2005; in force					r: 21 Jul 2005; in force	r: 11 Jun 2001; in force
Bahrain	WA	r: 12 Mar 1998; in force	r: 2 Feb 2007; in force				r: 18 Aug 1976; in force	r: 3 Jan 2006; in force	r: 30 May 2000; in force
Iran	WA	r: 15 Jun 1978; in force	r: 15 Jun 1978; in force			r: 15 Jun 1978; in force	r: 15 Jun 1978; in force		r: 8 Oct 2001; in force
Oman	WA	r: 11 Nov 1957; in force			r: 5 Jun 1961; in force	r: 9 Sep 1997; in force		r: 9 Sep 1997; in force	r: 10 Nov 2000; in force
Qatar	WA	r: 4 Mar 1955; in force		r: 4 Mar 1955; in force					
Saudi Arabia	WA	r: 27 May 1982; in force	r: 24 Feb 1997; in force			r: 24 Feb 1997; in force	r: 28 Jun 2001; in force	r: 2 Oct 1998; in force	r: 28 Jun 2001; in force
UAE	WA							r: 17 Jun 2011; in force	r: 9 Jun 2008; in force

Total: ratify/succeed (Asia, above)		32	26	15	21	29	28	28	34
Total: accede (Asia, above)									
Total: sign (Asia, above)									
TOTAL States-Parties (all countries)		177	174	152	163	171	172	166	177
TOTAL signatories (all countries)		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asia as % total States-parties		18%	15%	10%	13%	17%	16%	17%	19%
Asia as % total signatories		***** ILO conventions only go through ratifications, no signatures. *****							
<b>Compare (G8 outside Asia):</b>									
Canada	G8	r: 13 Jun 2011; in force	r: 14 Jul 1959; in force	r: 23 Mar 1972; in force		r: 16 Nov 1972; in force	r: 26 Nov 1964; in force		r: 6 Jun 2000; in force
EU	G8								
Germany	G8	r: 13 Jun 1956; in force	r: 22 Jun 1959; in force	r: 20 Mar 1957; in force	r: 8 Jun 1956; in force	r: 8 Jun 1956; in force	r: 15 Jun 1961; in force	r: 8 Apr 1976; in force	r: 18 Apr 2002; in force
Russia	G8	r: 23 Jun 1956; in force	r: 2 Jul 1998; in force	r: 10 Aug 1956; in force	r: 10 Aug 1956; in force	r: 30 Apr 1956; in force	r: 4 May 1961; in force	r: 3 May 1979; in force	r: 25 Mar 2003; in force
UK	G8	r: 3 Jun 1931; in force	r: 30 Dec 1957; in force	r: 27 Jun 1949; in force	r: 30 Jun 1950; in force	r: 15 Jun 1971; in force	r: 8 Jun 1999; in force	r: 7 Jun 2000; in force	r: 22 Mar 2000; in force
US	G8		r: 25 Sep 1991; in force						r: 2 Dec 1999; in force

**\*Marked instruments (green highlight) constitute the "Migrants' Bill of Rights", as declared by MFA.**

r=ratify a=accede s=sign (not yet ratify) rd=succeed x=denounce (blanked out, below) c=formal confirmation / A=approve / AA=accept (for eco/trade blocs eg EU)

rd = succeed; "r" so that will be counted in totals as "ratified"

### **SOURCES:**

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