

This model questionnaire has been developed in accordance with Resolution 77/107 (paragraph 16) adopted by the UN General Assembly on 7 December 2022, in order to help facilitate the submission of information by Member States for future reports by the Secretary -General on the status of the Additional Protocols to the 1949 Geneva Conventions and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts.

Questionnaire Template

Please briefly describe any new developments or activities undertaken in the following areas:

I. Ratifications or Accessions to the 1949 Geneva Conventions, their Additional Protocols and other relevant treaties of International Humanitarian Law (IHL)

In 2020, the following Conventions and Optional Protocols were ratified:

- **The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child Regarding Communication Procedures approved by National Assembly Resolution No. 158/IX/2020, published in Official Bulletin No. 36, of 26.03.2020. Letter of Ratification dated 11/17/2020. Notification and Deposit by Note ref. 27/GMNEC/SAJT/2020, November 30th at MPCV in NY.**
- **The International Convention for the Protection of All Persons against Enforced Disappearance, approved by AN Resolution No. 57/X/2022, published in BO No. 50, of 05/25/2022. Letter of Ratification dated 08/15/2022. Notification and Deposit by N/Ref^a. n° 30/DGAJT/2022 of September 6th, via MPCV in New York, awaiting publication and entry into force.**
- **The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, of 10/25/1980, approved by AN Resolution No. 45/X/2022, published in BO No. 30, of March 22, 2022. Letter of Accession from 06/06/2022. It came into force on 01/01/2023. (Notice n° 2/2023, published in BO n° 28, I Series, of March 20, 2023).**

Convention Relating to Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement and Cooperation in Matters of Parental Responsibility and Child Protection Measures, adopted on October 19, 1996, approved through National Assembly Resolution No. 56/X/2022, of May 25, 2022.

- Convention on the International Collection of Maintenance for Children and other Family Members, of November 23, 2007, approved by Resolution No. 60/X/2022, of June 6.

II. Adoption of national legislation to implement the aforementioned instruments

- The General Legal Regime for the Protection of Children and Adolescents in Dangerous Situations, by Law No. 19/X/2023, of January 31st.
- Creation, in 2024, of a National Observatory against Human Trafficking.
- Approval of the II National Plan and Strategy against Trafficking in Persons, through Resolution No. 98/2018, of September 24, the Government designated the CNDHC as the National Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture (MNP). Since its creation, the MNP has made regular visits to places of deprivation of liberty, namely prisons, police stations, centers for children in conflict with the law, structures for sheltering people with mental illness, police facilities Judiciary, Temporary Installation Centers at International Airports, among others, producing reports and issuing recommendations on measures to be adopted, aiming to prevent the practice of acts of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment.
- The II National Action Plan for Human Rights and Citizenship (IIPNADHC), effective from 2017 to 2022, has been gradually implemented.
- The Cape Verde Communication Plan for Children and Adolescents (Resolution No. 100/2021, of November 19) and the National Communication Strategy for preventing and combating sexual violence (Resolution No. 101/2021, of November 19).

Adoption of other IHL implementation and dissemination measures

Authority Agents have benefited from several initial training actions and internships, in different disciplinary areas, promoted by CNDHC, aiming to increase and consolidate their knowledge and sensitivity regarding human rights in the exercise of their functions, with emphasis on the subjects of Constitutional Law, Human Rights, Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure, Ethics and Professional Deontology.

On the other hand, they have regularly benefited, through international cooperation, from training provided, both in the national territory and abroad, related to the theme of DH. Furthermore, training was carried out for Prison Security Agents, in the areas of Humanization and Human Rights, as well as in the areas of social reintegration, in alignment with Mandela's Rules.

IV. National jurisprudence relating to the above-mentioned instruments

The lack of a database that compiles all case law limits our statement on this matter. The survey of jurisprudence is only possible through consultation of past legal proceedings.

V. Activities carried out by national commissions or committees to support the implementation or dissemination of IHL

The CNDHC has developed several actions in this regard, having even presented a proposal for an anti-discrimination law to the National Assembly, awaiting scheduling.

SAW. Other relevant initiatives to promote respect for the 1949 Geneva Conventions, their Additional Protocols and other relevant instruments.

Various teaching materials were developed to teach human rights to children aged 5 to 10, namely the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for Children printed in Braille, in audiovisual format with translation into sign language, a television and radio spot explaining the concept of "Human Rights" is also translated into sign language; Human Rights Education Manual for educators; the Activity Booklets (I and II) of Education for Human Rights and a Lotto Image Game on Human Rights.