

## COUNTRY PROFILE FOR SWAZILAND

### Status of Ratifications

Human Rights Instrument : (Date into force)	Ratification Status	Declaration
<b>International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination :1969</b>	Signature: NA, Ratification/Accession: 1969	
<b>International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights :1976</b>	Signature: NA, Ratification/Accession: 2004	
Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights :1976	Signature: NA, Ratification/Accession: NA	
Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty :1991	Signature: NA, Ratification/Accession: NA	
<b>International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights :1976</b>	Signature: NA, Ratification/Accession: 2004	
Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights :2013	Signature: NA, Ratification/Accession: NA	
<b>Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women :1981</b>	Signature: NA, Ratification/Accession: 2004	
Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women :2000	Signature: NA, Ratification/Accession: NA	
<b>Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment :1987</b>	Signature: NA, Ratification/Accession: 2004	
Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment :2006	Signature: NA, Ratification/Accession: NA	
<b>Convention on the Rights of the Child :1990</b>	Signature: 1990, Ratification/Accession: 1995	✓
Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict :2002	Signature: NA, Ratification/Accession: 2012	✓
Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography :2002	Signature: NA, Ratification/Accession: 2012	
Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure :2014	Signature: NA, Ratification/Accession: NA	
<b>International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families :2003</b>	Signature: NA, Ratification/Accession: NA	
<b>International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance :2010</b>	Signature: 2007, Ratification/Accession: NA	
<b>Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities :2008</b>	Signature: 2007, Ratification/Accession: 2012	
Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities :2008	Signature: 2007, Ratification/Accession: 2012	

## Declarations

Ratifications (Acronym)	Declarations
<p>Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)</p>	<p>Declaration: "The Convention on the Rights of the Child being a point of departure to guarantee child rights; taking into consideration the progressive character of the implementation of certain social, economic and cultural rights; as recognized in article 4 of the Convention, the Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland would undertake the implementation of the right to free primary education to the maximum extent of available resources and expects to obtain the co-operation of the international Community for its full satisfaction as soon as possible."</p>
<p>Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict (OP-CRC-AC)</p>	<p>Declaration: "As regards Article 3 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict, the Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland states that the minimum age at which it permits recruitment of volunteers in the armed forces is eighteen (18) years (see section 17 (3) of the Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force Order No. 10 of 1977 on recruitment in the Kingdom of Swaziland). The Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland further states below the safeguards it has adopted to ensure that such recruitment is by no means done by force or under duress: A) The recruitment procedure in the armed forces of the Kingdom of Swaziland is committed by an advertisement in the press and national media for young people (boys and girls); B) The record consists of recruitment as appropriate, inter-alia, a birth certificate, certificate of education, and/or a certificate of apprenticeship; C) The inclusion of young people takes place in public, on a sports field or a similar place; D) All recruits undergo rigorous medical examination."</p>