

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

Endorsed unanimously by the United Nations Human Rights Council in 2011, the document articulates 31 essential principles, outlining a state's responsibility both to protect human rights and to offer access to remedies in the event that those rights are not respected. It also addresses the business sector's obligation to do due diligence, so as to avoid infringing on the rights of others and to address any negative impacts.

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ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work

The International Labor Organization's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, released in 1998, commits member states to respect and promote principles and rights in four categories. These are: (1) freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining, (2) the elimination of forced or compulsory labor, (3) the abolition of child labor, and (4) the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

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UN Convention Against Corruption

The UN Convention Against Corruption, adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2003, lists various acts of corruption and calls upon countries to establish a series of specific criminal offences to cover a wide range of relevant acts, if these are not already crimes under domestic law. The convention covers five main areas: (1) preventive measures, (2) criminalization and law enforcement, (3) international cooperation, (4) asset recovery, and (5) technical assistance and information exchange.

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FAFT Recommendations on money laundering for dealers in precious metals and stones

The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is an inter-governmental watchdog body, which sets international standards to prevent money laundering and terrorist financing. In 2008, it published a guidance on the risk-based approach to combatting money laundering and terrorist financing for dealers of precious metals and precious stones

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