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The UN Convention on Migrant Workers' Rights is the most comprehensive international treaty in the field of migration and human rights. Adopted in 1990 and entered into force in 2003, it sets a standard in terms of access to human rights for migrants. However, it suffers from a marked indifference: only forty states have ratified it and no major immigration country has done so. This highlights how migrants remain forgotten in terms of access to rights. Even though their labour is essential in the world economy, the non-economic aspect of migration – and especially migrants' rights – remain a neglected dimension of globalisation.

This volume provides in-depth information on the Convention and on the reasons behind states' reluctance towards its ratification. It brings together researchers, international civil servants and NGO members and relies upon an interdisciplinary perspective that includes not only law, but also sociology and political science.

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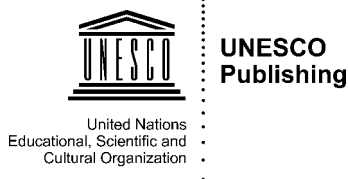
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ABBREVIATIONS

AAFQ	Association des Aides Familiales du Québec (Canada)
ACA	Aliens Control Act (South Africa)
ACPD	Action Canada for Population and Development
AETR	Accord Européen sur les Transports Routiers
ANC	African National Congress
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
APRO	Asian and Pacific Regional Organisation (of the ICFTU)
APWLD	Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ATMF	Association des Travailleurs Maghrebins de France
BCEA	Basic Conditions of Employment Act (South Africa)
BSI	Border Safety Initiative (Mexico)
CAB	Citizens Advice Bureau (UK)
CAT	Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment / Committee Against Torture
CBRD	Committee for Basic Rights and Democracy (Germany)
CCME	Churches Committee for Migrants in Europe
CCPR	Human Rights Committee [of ICCPR]
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women / Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women
CERD	Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination / Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
CES	Conseil Économique et Social (France)
CESCR	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
CGIL	Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro (Italy)
CHR/HRC	Commission on Human Rights [now Human Rights Council]
CIC	Citizenship and Immigration Canada
CICC	Coalition for the International Criminal Court
CIMADE	Service Oecuménique d'Entraide (France)
CISL	Confederazione Italiana Sindacati dei Lavoratori (Italy)
CMW	Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

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CNCDH	Commission Nationale Consultative des Droits de l'Homme (France)
CNDH	Comisión Nacional de Derechos Humanos (Mexico)
COMMIT	Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative Against Trafficking
COMPAS	Centre on Migration Policy and Society (UK)
CONAPO	Consejo Nacional de Población (Mexico)
CORMSA	Consortium for Refugees and Migrants in South Africa
COSATU	Congress of South African Trade Unions
CPTA	Centro di Permanenza Temporanea e Assistanze (Italy)
CRC	Convention on the Rights of the Child / Committee on the Rights of the Child
CSO	civil society organization
CSVR	Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (Johannesburg)
CTOC	Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UN)
DDL	<i>diseño di legge delega</i> (authorization to draw up a law) (Italy)
DFID	Department for International Development (UK)
DHS	Department of Homeland Security (USA)
ECHR	European Convention on Human Rights
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
ECMW	European Convention on the Legal Status of Migrant Workers
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council of the United Nations
ECOSUR	El Colegio de la Frontera Sur (Mexico)
EEA	European Economic Area / Employment Equity Act (South Africa)
EESC	European Economic and Social Committee
ELOI	European Legislation Oriented Institutes
EPMWR	European Platform for Migrant Workers' Rights
ETS	European Treaty Series
EU	European Union
FAC	Foreign Affairs Canada
FGTE-CFDT	Fédération Générale des Transports et de l'Équipement- Confédération Française Démocratique du Travail (International Transport Workers Federation)
FIDH	Fédération internationale des ligues des droits de l'Homme / International Federation for Human Rights
G-77	Group of 77
GAO	Government Accountability Office (USA)
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services
GCC	Gulf Cooperation Council
GCIM	Global Commission on International Migration
GFMD	Global Forum on Migration and Development
GISTI	Grouppe d'information et de soutien des immigrés (France)

GMG	Global Migration Group (UN)
HLD	High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development
HRC	Human Rights Council
HRSDC	Human Resources and Skills Development Canada
HRW	Human Rights Watch
IACHR	Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
IADB	Inter-American Development Bank
IAMM	<i>International Agenda for Migration Management</i>
ICBL	International Campaign to Ban Landmines
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICERD	International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
ICFTU	International Confederation of Free Trade Unions
ICMC	International Catholic Migration Commission
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development of the United Nations
ICRMW	International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
IFRC	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
IGO	intergovernmental organization
IGWG	Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on the Human Rights of Migrants
IIDH	Instituto Interamericano de Derechos Humanos
ILC	International Labour Conference
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMRWC/MRI	International Migrants Rights Watch Committee [now Migrants Rights International]
INCMR	Italian National Committee for Migrants' Rights
INM	Instituto Nacional de Migración (Mexico)
IOM	International Organization for Migration
IPMWC	International NGO Platform on the Migrant Workers' Convention
JCWI	Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (UK)
LCP	Live-in Caregivers Program (Canada)
LDH	Ligue des droits de l'Homme (France)
LGP	Ley General de Población / General Population Act (Mexico)
LRA	Labour Relations Act (South Africa)
LSP	Low-Skilled Workers Program (Canada)
MESCA	Mediterranean and Scandinavian countries involved in drafting the ICRMW
MFA	Migrant Forum in Asia
MPG	Migration Policy Group

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MRAP	Mouvement contre le Racisme et pour l'Amitié entre les Peuples (France)
MRI	Migrants Rights International
MSF	Médecins sans Frontières
MWF	Migrant Workers Forum
NAALC	North American Agreement on Labour Cooperation
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NGO	non-governmental organization
NIC	newly industrialized country
NIE	newly industrialized economy
NNIRR	National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (USA)
NTUC	National Trades Union Congress (Singapore)
NUM	National Union of Mineworkers (South Africa)
OCASI	Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants (Canada)
OHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
OMCT	Organisation Mondiale Contre la Torture / World Organisation Against Torture
PSI	Public Services International
RESF	Réseau Éducation Sans Frontières
SAA	Social Assistance Act (South Africa)
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SAHRC	South African Human Rights Commission
SAMP	Southern African Migration Project
SAWP	Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program (Canada)
SLBFE	Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment
SRE	Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores (Mexico)
SSHRC	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada)
STPS	Secretaría del Trabajo y Previsión Social (Mexico)
TGWU	Transport and General Workers Union (UK)
THP	The Hague Process on Refugees and Migration
TUC	Trades Union Congress
UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UIF	Unemployment Insurance Fund (South Africa)
UIL	Unione Italiana del Lavoro (Italy)
UN	United Nations
UNA-UK	United Nations Association UK office
UNCTAD	UN Conference on Trade and Development
UN-DESA	United Nations – Department of Economic and Social Affairs
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

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UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNITAR	United Nations Institute for Training and Research
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
WCAR	World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance
WCC	World Council of Churches
WGAD	Working Group on Arbitrary Detention
WTO	World Trade Organization