

Antigua & Barbuda

Antigua and Barbuda is a Member State of the Organization of American States (OAS) and of the United Nations (UN), and has human rights obligations at both the regional and universal levels.

Regional: Inter-American System



As a Member of the OAS, Antigua and Barbuda is held to the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man and its human rights policies and practices are monitored by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. The Commission may decide [complaints](#) against the State and may also hold [hearings](#) or issue [reports](#) on the human rights situation there. Antigua and Barbuda has not accepted the jurisdiction of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

Individuals and groups may submit complaints of human rights violations committed by Antigua and Barbuda to the [Inter-American human rights system](#).

The Commission has not issued [precautionary measures](#) to protect people in urgent situations of risk in Antigua and Barbuda.

Antigua and Barbuda has ratified the following **regional human rights treaty**:

- Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence Against Women (“Convention of Belem do Pará”)

United Nations System

As a UN Member State, Antigua and Barbuda is subject to the oversight of various [UN human rights bodies](#), including the [Human Rights Council](#) and its [Universal Periodic Review](#) and thematic [special procedures](#). As a party to specific universal human rights treaties, Antigua and Barbuda's policies and practices are monitored by UN [treaty bodies](#). It has accepted the complaints procedure of one treaty.

Antigua and Barbuda has ratified the following **UN human rights treaties**:

- Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT)
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
- Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)
- International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD)
- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

Antigua and Barbuda has submitted a reservation, declaration or understanding that modifies its obligations under the [CERD](#).

Antigua and Barbuda has also ratified the Optional Protocol to the CRC addressing the sale of children, child prostitution, and child pornography. Antigua and Barbuda has a duty to submit **State reports** to each UN treaty body that is associated with the relevant treaty Antigua and Barbuda has ratified. These reports must be submitted on a periodic basis, and describe the steps Antigua and Barbuda has taken to implement the treaty provisions.

Antigua and Barbuda has ratified the [optional protocol](#) allowing individuals to submit **complaints** against the State alleging violations of CEDAW. Additionally, certain UN treaties include **inquiry procedures**, which allow the UN treaty body to consider allegations of grave or systematic human rights violations. Antigua and Barbuda has accepted the inquiry procedures of the CAT and CEDAW.

Antigua and Barbuda has not extended a **standing invitation** to UN special procedures, which means that any special rapporteurs or working groups must seek specific invitations from Antigua and Barbuda to conduct a visit within the State.

For more information on Antigua and Barbuda's engagement with [UN human rights bodies](#), visit <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/countries/LACRegion/Pages/AGIndex.aspx>.

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