

Act relating to the strengthening of the status of human rights in Norwegian law

(The Human Rights Act)

Section 1

The purpose of the Act is to strengthen the status of human rights in Norwegian law.

Section 2

The following conventions shall have the force of Norwegian law insofar as they are binding for Norway:

1. The Convention of 4 November 1950 for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, as amended by Protocol no. 11 of 11 May 1994 to the Convention, together with the following protocols:
 - a) Protocol of 20 March 1952,
 - b) Protocol no. 4 of 16 September 1963 on the protection of certain rights and freedoms other than those already included in the Convention and in the First Protocol to the Convention,
 - c) Protocol no. 6 of 28 April 1983 on the abolition of the death penalty,
 - d) Protocol no. 7 of 22 November 1984,
2. The International Covenant of 16 December 1966 on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,
3. The International Covenant of 16 December 1966 on Civil and Political Rights, together with the following protocols:
 - a) Optional Protocol of 16 December 1966,
 - b) Second Optional Protocol of 15 December 1989 on the abolition of the death penalty.

Section 3

The provisions of the conventions and protocols mentioned in section 2 shall take precedence over any other legislative provisions that conflict with them.

Section 4

The conventions and protocols mentioned in section 2 shall be published in the *Norwegian Law Gazette* in one of the original languages and in Norwegian translation.

Section 5

The provisions of this Act shall also apply on Svalbard and Jan Mayen.

Section 6

This Act shall enter into force immediately.