
V – Respect for National Sovereignty

As individual nations join together, through the United Nations and/or other international institutions, their sovereignty should continue to be respected. Just as individual people can become united through working toward common goals and showing respect for one another, the nations of the world can become united through working toward common goals, while continuing to respect the sovereign rights of each nation.

A global government, with mandatory requirements, would eliminate the sovereign rights of individual countries to consider their unique conditions – to consider the cultural and religious values of the country.

Words which indicate **respect for national sovereignty**, and the individual circumstances of a country:

encourage	promote
request	appropriate
recommend	cooperate
facilitate	enable
access to	increasing
helping	assist
support	enabling
contribute to	flexible

“implementation through national laws and development priorities”

“while recognizing the existence of different national laws”

“consistent with national laws”

“respect for national laws and priorities”

“agreement by the sovereign States concerned”

“respecting national legislation and practices, as well as policies and priorities”

“in line with countries’ national legislation”

Mandatory words, which **do not allow for national flexibility**:

Must	Require
Establish	Should
Every effort	Create
Necessary	Entitled
Ensure	Eradicate
Imperative	Monitor

Modifying words, which can be added to the mandatory words, to **allow for consideration of special circumstances** within a specific country:

as appropriate
taking into account
while recognizing
considering
subject to agreement by the sovereign States concerned

PRINCIPLE OF SOVEREIGN EQUALITY

U.N. Charter, Article 2-1.....	31	Information Summit, 49.....	514
“The Organization is based on the principle of the sovereign equality of all its Members.”		“... Policy authority for Internet related public policy issues is the sovereign right of States . They have rights and responsibilities for international Internet related public policy issues;”	
U.N. Charter, Article 78.....	38	Racism, 23.....	486
“The trusteeship system shall not apply to territories which have become Members of the United Nations, relationship among which shall be based on respect for the principle of sovereign equality .”		“We fully recognize the rights of indigenous peoples consistent with the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity of States , . . .”	
2030 Agenda, 18.....	577	Agenda 21, 8.22.....	107
“... We reaffirm that every State has, and shall freely exercise, full permanent sovereignty over all its wealth, natural resources and economic activity. . . .”		“... Contracting parties to international agreements could undertake sample surveys of domestic follow-up action subject to agreement by the sovereign States concerned.”	
World Summit 2005, 22.....	520	Vienna Declaration, 2.....	114
“... We also recognize that national efforts should be complemented by supportive global programmes, measures and policies aimed at expanding the development opportunities of developing countries, while taking into account national conditions and ensuring respect for national ownership, strategies and sovereignty”		“... this shall not be construed as authorizing or encouraging any action which would dismember or impair, totally or in part, the territorial integrity or political unity of sovereign and independent States . . .”	
World Summit 2005, 135.....	532	ICPD, Chapter II, Principles.....	129
“We . . . reaffirm the necessity of due respect for sovereignty and the right of self-determination . We stress that democracy, development and respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms are interdependent and mutually reinforcing.”		“The implementation of the recommendations contained in the Programme of Action is the sovereign right of each country , consistent with national laws and development priorities, with full respect for the various religious and ethical values and cultural backgrounds of its people, and in conformity with universally recognized international human rights.”	
Habitat II, 24.....	277	Social Summit, Declaration, 29.....	178
“Implementation of the Habitat Agenda, including implementation through national laws and development priorities, programmes and policies, is the sovereign right and responsibility of each State in conformity with all human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the right to development, and taking into account the significance of and with full respect for various religious and ethical values, cultural backgrounds, and philosophical convictions of individuals and their communities, . . .”		“... with full respect for national sovereignty and territorial integrity , as well as policy objectives, development priorities and religious and cultural diversity . . .”	
Information Summit, 6.....	511	Cairo +5, 5.....	345
“In keeping with the spirit of this declaration, we rededicate ourselves to upholding the principle of the sovereign equality of all States .”		“... the sovereign right of each country , consistent with national laws and development priorities, with full respect for the various religious and ethical values and cultural backgrounds of its people, and in conformity with universally recognized international human rights.”	
		Beijing +5, 89.....	396
		“... with the respect for the principles of sovereignty , territorial integrity and political independence . . .”	

LEGAL FRAMEWORK OF EACH COUNTRY

Racism, Declaration, 47	487
“We reaffirm the sovereign right of each State to formulate and apply its own legal framework and policies for migration, . . .”	
Habitat II, 35	279
“ . . . The formulation and implementation of strategies for human settlements development are primarily the responsibility of each country at the national and local levels with- in the legal framework of each country , . . . and should take into account the economic, social and environmental diversity of conditions in each country. . . .”	
Istanbul +5, 7.....	401
“ . . . in conformity with the legal framework and national policies of each country. ”	
Istanbul +5, 39.....	403
“ . . . within the legal framework and according to the conditions of each country . . .”	
Agenda 21, 3.8-j.....	80
“ . . . in accordance with country-specific conditions and legal systems . . .”	
Vienna, 22	120
“ . . . with due regard to their respective legal systems . . .”	
Racism, 13.....	493
“Urges States, in accordance with international human rights standards and their respective domestic legal framework , to resolve problems of ownership of ancestral lands . . . to promote the productive utilization of land and the comprehensive development of these communities, respecting their culture and their specific forms of decision-making; ”	
Disabilities, Article 33-2	549
States Parties shall, in accordance with their legal and administrative systems , maintain, strengthen, designate or establish within the State Party, a framework, including one or more independent mechanisms, as appropriate, to promote, protect and monitor implementation of the present Convention. . . . States Parties shall take into account the principles relating to the status and functioning of national institutions for protection and promotion of human rights.”	

NATIONAL LAWS

CRC, Article 7-2	58
Agenda 21, 7.20	96
Social Summit, 55-c.....	200
Beijing, 232-k.....	255
“ . . . in accordance with national laws. . . .”	
ICPD, Chapter II, Principles	129
Social Summit, 3	185
“ . . . consistent with national laws and development priorities . . .”	
Cairo +5: 5	345
“ . . . consistent with national laws and development priorities, . . .”	
Children Summit +10, 59.....	482
“To facilitate the implementation of actions committed to in this document, we will develop . . . specific time-bound and measurable goals and targets based on this Plan of Action, taking into account the best interests of the child, consistent with national laws, religious and ethical values and cultural backgrounds of its people and in conformity with all human rights and fundamental freedoms.”	
Children Summit +10, 37.....	475
“To achieve these goals and targets, taking into account the best interests of the child, consistent with national laws, religious and ethical values and cultural backgrounds of its people, . . .”	
Ageing, 34-f.....	457
“Develop policies and programmes that facilitate, as appropriate, and as consistent with national laws , the integration of older migrants into the social, cultural, political and economic life of countries of destination and encourage respect for those migrants;”	
Racism, 166.....	506
“Urges States to adopt the necessary measures, as provided by national law , to ensure the right of victims . . .”	
2030 Agenda, target 5-a	582
“Undertake reforms to give women equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to ownership and control over land and other forms of property, financial services, inheritance and natural resources, in accordance with national laws ”	

ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

ICPD, 8.25150
 “. . . Any measures or changes related to abortion within the health system can only be determined at the national or local level **according to the national legislative process**. . . .”

Beijing, 106-k.....230
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Cairo +5: 63-i.....353
 “. . . Any measures or changes related to abortion within the health system can only be determined at the national or local level **according to the national legislative process**. . . .”

Beijing +5: 72-o392
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Social Summit, 12-e188
 “Encouraging transnational and national corporations to operate in a framework of respect for the environment while complying with **national laws and legislation** . . .”

2030 Agenda, 79589
 “We also encourage Member States to conduct regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national and sub-national levels which are country-led and country-driven . . . **in line with national circumstances, policies and priorities**. National parliaments as well as other institutions can also support these processes.”

AS APPROPRIATE

Racism, Declaration, 112492
 “. . . We encourage States, **as appropriate**, to establish such institutions and call upon the authorities and society in general . . . **while respecting their independence**.”

Habitat III, 138.....602
 “We will support subnational and local governments . . . **as appropriate**, in support of open and fair tendering processes, . . . as well as preventive anti-corruption measures to promote integrity, accountability, effective management and access to public property and land, **in line with national policies**.”

IN LINE WITH NATIONAL LEGISLATION AND POLICIES

Habitat III, 17593
 “We will work to implement the New Urban Agenda in our own countries and at the regional and global levels, taking into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development, and **respecting national legislation and practices, as well as policies and priorities**.”

Habitat III, 21593
 “We urge all national, subnational and local governments, as well as all relevant stakeholders, **in line with national policies and legislation**, to revitalize, strengthen and create partnerships, . . .”

Habitat III, 31594
 “We commit ourselves to promoting national, subnational and local housing policies . . . supporting the social production of habitat, **according to national legislation and standards**.”

Habitat III, 41594
 “We commit ourselves to promoting institutional, political, legal and financial mechanisms in cities and human settlements to broaden inclusive platforms, **in line with national policies**, . . .”

Habitat III, 90598
 “We will, **in line with countries’ national legislation**, support strengthening the capacity of subnational and local governments to implement effective local and metropolitan multilevel governance . . .”

Habitat III, 91598
 “We will support local governments in determining their own administrative and management structures, **in line with national legislation and policies**, as appropriate, in order to adapt to local needs.”

Habitat III, 134601
 “We will support **appropriate** policies and capacities that enable subnational and local governments to register and expand their potential revenue base, for example, through multipurpose cadastres, local taxes, fees and service charges, **in line with national policies** . . .”

Habitat III, 167604
 “The report will provide a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the progress made in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda . . . The report should avoid duplication and respond to local, subnational and **national circumstances and legislation, capacities, needs and priorities**.”