

## Annexe 1: Summary of significant international, European and domestic agreements relating to cultural rights

Date	Agreement	Relevant article(s)	Summary
1948	<b>United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms</b>	27 (1)	Everyone has the right freely to participate in the cultural life of the community, to enjoy the arts and to share in scientific advancement and its benefits
1950	<b>European Convention on Human Rights</b>	9	Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion
		10	Everyone has the right to freedom of expression
		14	Everyone has the right to freedom from discrimination
1954	<b>Hague Convention: Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict</b>	3	States are required to take measures to ensure cultural property is not damaged during conflict
		4	States are required to ensure that cultural property is respected
		8	If cultural property can be moved, it should be placed in a place of safety to prevent damage
1965	<b>International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination</b>	5(e)(vi)	Everyone has right to equal participation in cultural activities
1966	<b>International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</b>	15	Everyone has the right to take part in cultural life and states have an obligation to conserve, develop and diffuse culture
1972	<b>UNESCO Convention Concerning the Protection of World Cultural and National Heritage</b>	4	States have a duty to identify, protect, conserve, present and transmit to future generations cultural and natural heritage
1989	<b>United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child</b>	17(a)	The mass media is to disseminate information and material of benefit to a child's cultural development
		29(1)(c)	Education of children is to be directed to the development of respect for the cultural identity, language and values of the children, the parents, the state in which they live, that from which they originate and of civilisations different from their own
1992	<b>European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages</b>	7(1)	States are to promote regional or minority languages, facilitate their use and provide for them to be taught and studied
1995	<b>Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities</b>	4(2)	States are to promote equality between majority and minority populations
		5(1)	States are to promote the conditions for national minorities to maintain and develop their culture
		12	Culture, language, history and religion of national minorities are to be fostered through education and research
1998	<b>Belfast Agreement</b>	Economic, Social and Cultural Issues 3 & 4	Respect for Ulster Scots, promotion of the Irish language
1998	<b>Northern Ireland Act</b>	75	Public bodies are to have due regard to promote equality between persons of different religious belief and political opinion
2000	<b>Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union</b>	21	Prohibition of discrimination
		22	The EU shall respect cultural, religious and ethnic diversity

2001	<b>UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity</b>	5	Cultural rights are an integral part of human rights
2003	<b>UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage</b>	1	States are to safeguard non-physical cultural heritage and ensure its mutual appreciation