



Definition of terms used

The Constitution

- This is the highest law of the country
- It sets out how the government is made up, how it should function and how it should relate to the people
- It provides for the rights of the people
- It prohibits conducts that go against its provision
- The obligations imposed by the Constitution must be fulfilled.

The Bill of Rights

This is the list of human rights, which every human being has. It is found in chapter two of the Constitution.

The Bill of Rights applies to all laws and binds the legislature, the executive, the judiciary and all organs of the State. A provision of the Bill of Rights binds the natural and the juristic person to the extent applicable in the Constitution.

International human rights law

These are binding agreements and practices on human rights between States that are mainly passed through the UN in the form of treaties.

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