

CONVENTIONS ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD



Student Task Force

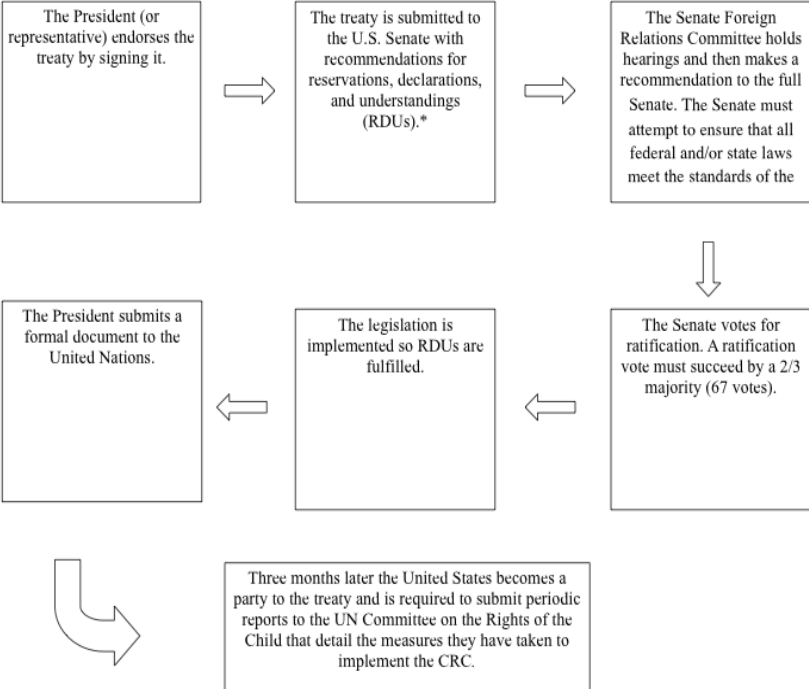
What is the United Nations?



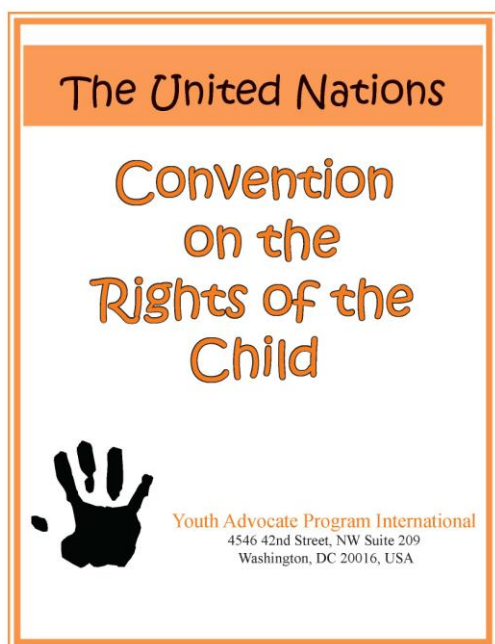
What is an International Treaty?



U.S. Ratification Process for International Treaties



Background



Adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1989, the

Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) is a human rights treaty created specifically to promote and protect children worldwide.

Themes

The CRC sets forth basic standards which individual nations agree to pursue on behalf of children. These norms rest on the following four underlying themes: **Survival, Protection, Development, and Participation.**

Mission Statement- Importance of Family



Why should we ratify the CRC?

1. Because our failure to ratify the CRC is a failure to stand up for all children everywhere and undermines our leadership for protecting children.
2. Failure to ratify is a failure to recognize and address the plight of all children.
3. Ratification would enhance our role as an international leader in human rights, while the lack of ratification undercuts our influence and our international leadership.
4. With US ratification, the most powerful nation on earth, the world could stand united to promote and protect children's rights.
5. With US ratification we would finally be eligible to participate in the Committee on the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and bolster international child advocacy efforts.

Thinking Globally, Acting Locally

where
do
human
rights
begin?

