The public policies displayed by the Venezuelan State since 1999 are oriented towards guaranteeing human rights and attaining the full inclusion of Venezuelans, thus bringing about their achieving and enjoying collective economic, social and cultural rights possible in an integral manner.

Title III of the Basic Text develops the articles of rights confirmed for the building of the new model for the nation, based on respect for human rights. Article 19 guarantees respect for human rights according to the principle of progressivity and with no discrimination, being mandatory for the Public Power bodies, according to the Constitution, with the treaties on human rights signed and ratified by the Republic.

In Venezuela, Article 23 of the Constitution establishes: "Treaties, covenants and conventions regarding human rights, signed and ratified by Venezuela, possess constitutional hierarchy and prevail on internal order, in the measure they contain norms on their enjoyment and most favourable exercise as those established in this Constitution and in the laws of the Republic, and they are to be immediately and directly applied by the courts and other Public Power bodies ".

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela takes on the important international commitment of presenting the Universal Periodic Review, mechanism of the Council of Human Rights entrusted by
Resolution 60/251
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International human rights instruments ratified by the Venezuelan State:

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women

Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on Participation of Children in Armed Conflict.