

REGIONAL CONVENTIONS (AMERICAS) RELEVANT TO SRHR AND GBV		
American Convention on Human Rights, 1969	Ratified by 6 Caribbean states <sup>1</sup>	<p><b>Articles 5, 7, 17, 19:</b></p> <p>These articles establish an obligation to guarantee respect for the physical, mental and moral integrity of all people and assure that all people can enjoy their right to freedom and personal safety.</p> <p>Art. 17. 3 prohibits forced marriages, and article 19 speaks to the rights of the child for protection by the state.</p>
Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence against Women (the Belém do Pará Convention, 1994).	Ratified by all Caricom states	<p>The Convention provides a broad definition of gender-based violence, covering intimate partner sexual violence and, importantly, includes relationships of the same-sex and cohabiting relationships.</p> <p><b>In 2018 the Committee of Experts approved two General Recommendation No.1 on Self-Defense and Gender-Based Violence:</b> which called attention to the case of many women who have ended the lives or caused an injury to their aggressors as victims of illegitimate aggressions in the sphere of their interpersonal relationships, including the domestic sphere and those defensive acts against aggressions of gender-based violence.</p> <p><b>No.2 on Missing Women and Girls</b> in the Hemisphere, seeking to frame the disappearance of women and girls within the remit of the Convention, and therefore, delineate the obligations of the States Party to prevent, investigate, punish and eradicate this form of violence against women and girls.</p>
Inter-American Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities, 1999	No Caribbean states have ratified	<b>This convention makes NO references to violence, gender-based violence or sexual health</b>
Interamerican Convention on the Rights of older people, 2015*	Ratified by only 1 Caribbean state: Suriname.	<p><b>Article 9: Right to safety and a life free of violence of any kind.</b></p> <p>Older persons have the right to safety and a life without violence of any kind, to be treated with dignity, and to be respected and appreciated regardless of their race, color, sex, language, culture, religion, political or other opinions, social origin, nationality, ethnicity, indigenous and cultural identity, socio-economic status, disability, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, economic contribution, or any other condition</p>

<sup>1</sup> Barbados, Dominica, Granada, Haiti, Jamaica, Suriname, Trinidad.

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