



# UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS – ASKING FOR TOO MUCH?

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# Three established regional human right systems



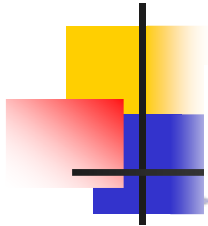
**192 members of the  
United Nations**

**European  
Convention ratified  
by all 47 Council of  
Europe member  
states**

**35 American states  
are part of the  
Inter – American  
System**

**African Charter  
ratified by all 53  
African Union  
members**

# Organisation of American States



American Declaration (^48)  
and American Convention on  
Human Rights (^69/^78)



# Council of Europe

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European Convention on  
Human Rights (^50/^53)

# African Union



African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights ('81/'86)

# Proliferation of human rights systems



# Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)



# East African Community (EAC)



[www.eac.int](http://www.eac.int)

# Southern African Development Community (SADC)





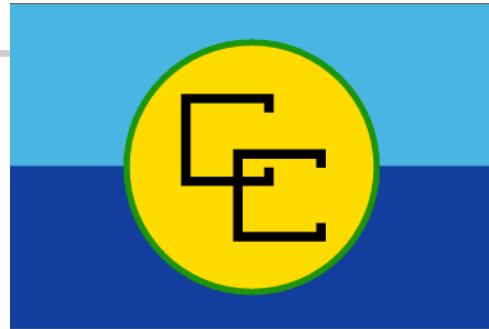
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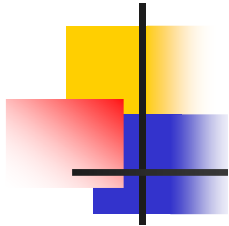


## MERCOSUR



# Caribbean Community (CARICOM)





# European Union

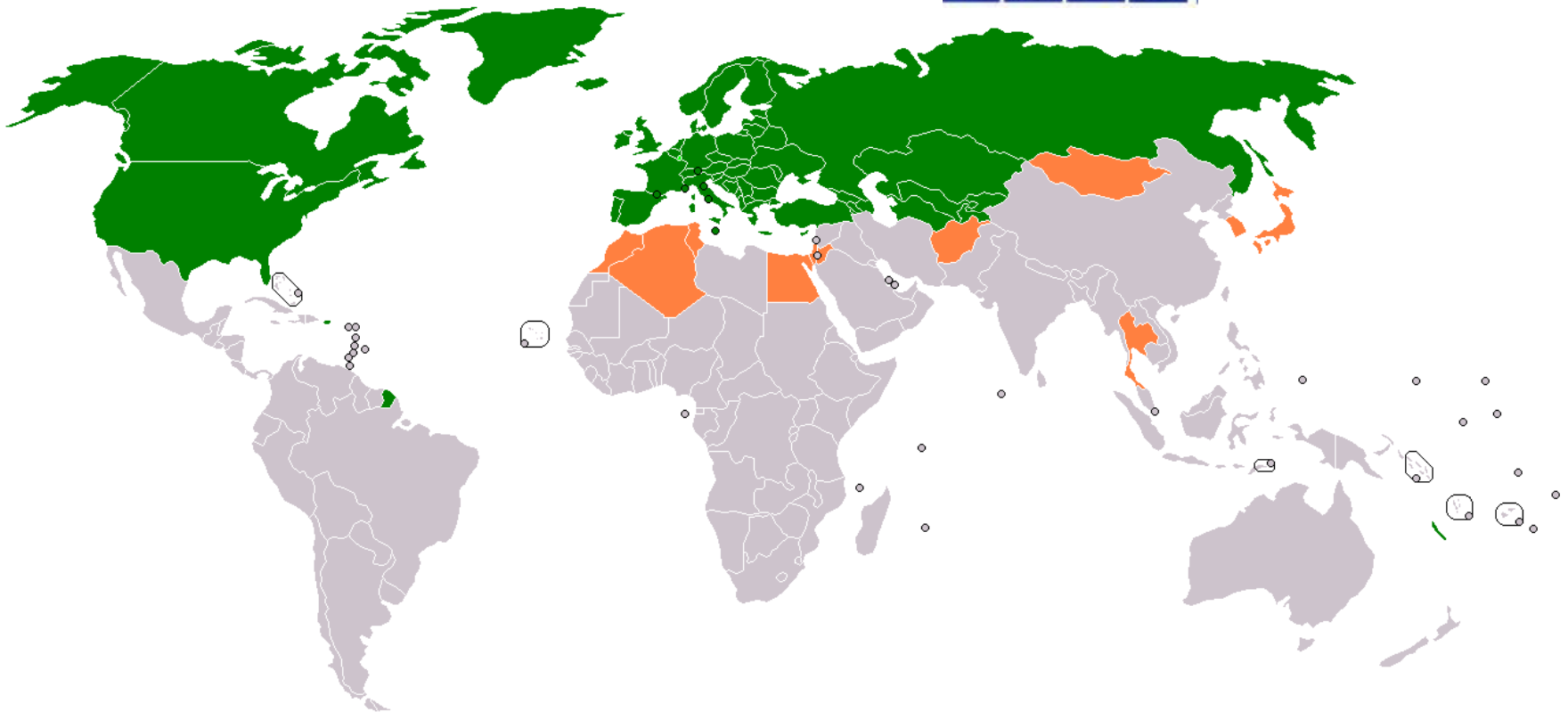




# Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)



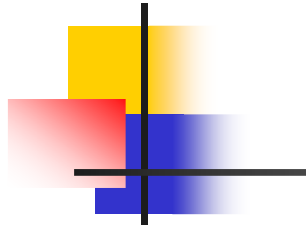
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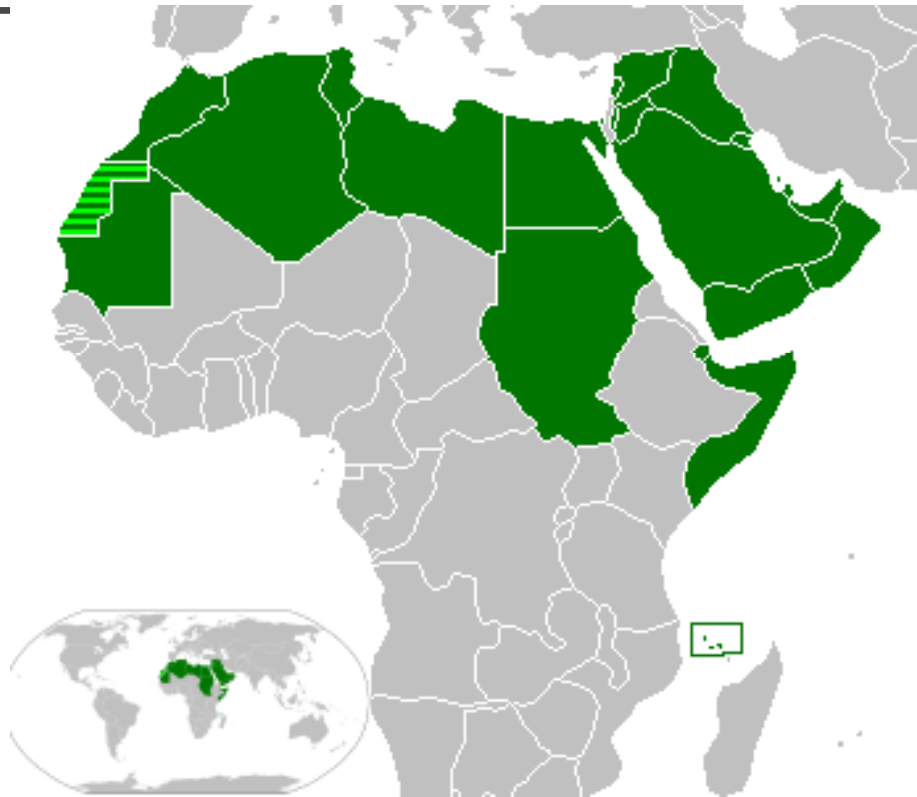
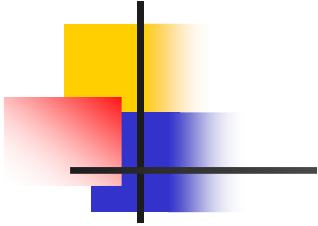
## Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)



## South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)



# Multi-regional initiatives



**League of  
Arab States**



## Organisation of The Islamic Conference





# Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)





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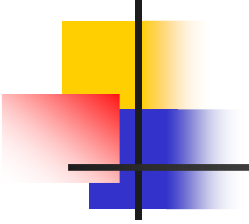
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# Best practices in established systems



	Americas	Europe	Africa
Principles of parent body include human rights	✓	✓	✓
Membership of parent body depends on human rights	x	✓	x
Based on treaty	✓	✓	✓
Mandate of monitoring body (including individual complaints)	✓	✓	✓



## Best practices in established systems

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	Americas	Europe	Africa
Independence of commissioners/ judges	✓	✓	✓
Supervision of execution of decisions	✓	✓	✓
Resources	✓	✓	✓



## Conformity with 'Pretoria principles'

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