

## PREFACE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The international human rights regime consists of a broad range of instruments and monitoring bodies that all contribute to uphold respect for human rights. This book situates the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) in a legal landscape where states are under multiple international, regional and national obligations to respect, protect and fulfil women's civil, political, social and economic rights.

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