

Annex 5:

Laws and Legal Frameworks (I)

Family laws											
Country and areas	Laws on violence against women and girls							Laws on inheritance		Laws on citizenship	
	Is there a domestic violence legislation?	If there is no legislation specifically protecting against domestic violence, are there aggravating penalties for crimes against a spouse or family member?	Are there clear criminal penalties for domestic violence?	Do protection orders for domestic violence exist?	Is there a specialized court or procedure for cases of domestic violence?	Does legislation explicitly criminalize marital rape?	Has legislation provided for the removal of provisions which exempt perpetrators from facing charges for rape if the perpetrator marries the victim after the crime?	Do sons and daughters have equal rights to inherit assets from their parents?	Do female and male surviving spouses have equal rights to inherit assets?	Can a married woman confer citizenship to her children in the same way as a married man?	
	2018 Yes/No/NA										
Australia and New Zealand											
Australia	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Christmas Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Heard Island and McDonald Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
New Zealand	Yes	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Norfolk Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Central and Southern Asia											
Afghanistan	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Bangladesh	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Bhutan	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
India	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	
Kazakhstan	Yes	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Kyrgyzstan	Yes	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Maldives	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Nepal	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	
Pakistan	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Sri Lanka	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Tajikistan	Yes	N/A	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Turkmenistan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Uzbekistan	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Eastern and South-Eastern Asia											
Brunei Darussalam	Yes	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	
Cambodia	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
China	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
China, Macao Special Administrative Region	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
China, Taiwan Province of China	Yes	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Indonesia	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Japan	Yes	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Malaysia	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	
Mongolia	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Myanmar	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Philippines	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Republic of Korea	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Singapore	Yes	N/A	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Thailand	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Timor-Leste	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Viet Nam	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Europe and Northern America											
Albania	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Andorra	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Austria	Yes	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

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	2018 Yes/No/NA									
Belarus	Yes	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Belgium	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bermuda	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bulgaria	Yes	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Canada	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Channel Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Croatia	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Czechia	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Denmark	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Estonia	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Faroe Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finland	Yes	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
France	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Germany	Yes	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gibraltar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greece	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Greenland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guernsey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Holy See	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hungary	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Iceland	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ireland	Yes	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Isle of Man	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Italy	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jersey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kosovo, under UNSC res 1244	Yes	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Latvia	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Liechtenstein	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lithuania	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Luxembourg	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Malta	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Monaco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Montenegro	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Netherlands	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
North Macedonia	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Norway	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Poland	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Portugal	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Republic of Moldova	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Romania	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Russian Federation	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Saint Pierre and Miquelon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Marino	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Serbia	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Slovakia	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Slovenia	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spain	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Svalbard and Jan Mayen Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sweden	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Switzerland	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Trinidad and Tobago	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Turks and Caicos Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States Virgin Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uruguay	Yes	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Northern Africa and Western Asia										
Algeria	Yes	N/A	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Armenia	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Azerbaijan	Yes	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bahrain	Yes	N/A	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Cyprus	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Egypt	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Georgia	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Iraq	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Israel	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jordan	Yes	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Kuwait	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Lebanon	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Libya	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Morocco	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Oman	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Qatar	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Saudi Arabia	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
State of Palestine	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Sudan	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Syrian Arab Republic	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Tunisia	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Turkey	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
United Arab Emirates	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Western Sahara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yemen	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Oceania excluding Australia and New Zealand										
American Samoa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cook Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fiji	Yes	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
French Polynesia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kiribati	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Marshall Islands	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	-	-	Yes
Micronesia (Federated States of)	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nauru	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Caledonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Niue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Mariana Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Palau	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	-	-	Yes
Papua New Guinea	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pitcairn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Samoa	Yes	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Solomon Islands	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tokelau	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tonga	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes

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2018										
Yes/No/NA										
South Sudan	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	-	Yes
São Tomé and Príncipe	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Togo	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Uganda	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
United Republic of Tanzania	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Zambia	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Zimbabwe	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Australia and New Zealand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central and Southern Asia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern and South-Eastern Asia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Europe and Northern America	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Latin America and the Caribbean	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Africa and Western Asia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oceania excluding Australia and New Zealand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub-Saharan Africa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
World	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Notes:
-Data is current as of 1 June 2017.

-N/A indicates not applicable.
-Hyphen (-) indicates country data are not available or regional/world average is not applicable or cannot be derived.

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